



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council

22nd January 2024

Present

Cllr C Williams - Chair

Cllr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Cllr P Hall

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

One Resident

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 4th December 2023

Minutes agreed by all Councilors, signed by Chair, passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 4th December 2023

Chair C Williams has an outstanding item to map the drains around the village indicating which are blocked to send to Thames Water.

5. Items for discussion

a. AD Plant

Chair C Williams has received an email response in relation to engaging a Traffic Consultant to provide insight into the Picardy software which has been used by the applicant to calculate future traffic volume. Cllr C Williams will contact them for further information. Cllr P Hall will speak to Latton resident J Price regarding drawing up a contract.

As minuted on the 4th of December, Latton Parish Council are willing to assist and help defray the costs.

A DWG submission which was submitted on 3rd December in response to the latest documents from the applicant hasn't been published on the Planning Portal. Chair C Williams has chased T Buxton on numerous occasions. Chair C Williams will chase again.

Post meeting, this document is now visible on SBC Planning portal

b. Traffic survey

Jon Harris has yet to respond to any communication sent from the Parish Council or provide the promised report regarding the meeting in March 2023. We have also received no response to the invitation to this meeting.

One of the original ideas put forward by Cllr P Hall was to revise the Postcode areas. Currently SN6 6JX covers some houses within the village but also the Business Park in Droveaway. This causes confusion for delivery drivers due to such a large area. Could the Post Codes be revised to have a different one for Droveaway?

Cllr P Hall spoke to The Post Code department, who say that the businesses haven't been registered, however it does look like that they have as they are paying business rates.

Clerk T Whyborn to contact Ward Councillors for assistance on how we could go about this.

c. Parish Charter

The meeting proposed by SBC to ensure all Parishes and Wards are consulted, has been delayed following concerns and further requested details from other Parishes about the content of the Charter. These include the current service level provided by SBC and the costs that would be incurred by the Parishes to provide the services proposed to be devolved.

SBC hope to complete this by the end of January and distribute to all Parishes.

The meeting will now be held remotely on the 19th February 2024 ant 11am.

d. Ward boundaries

A 10-week public consultation inviting proposals for new council ward and ward boundaries for Swindon Borough Council has been launched by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Closing date is the 18th March 2024, following



which a draft recommendation will be published in June 2024. This will then be reviewed ahead of the final recommendations expected December 2024. The new boundaries will come into effect at the local elections in 2026.

The review will encompass the number of wards, number of Councillors per ward, ward boundaries, and the name of wards.

There will be no change in the number of Councillors, 57.

There are three legal criteria which must be met.

- to deliver electoral equality: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough.
- that the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- that the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

Any views expressed should be accompanied with evidence to support the submission.

Due to the complex nature of this, the Parish Council will provide a "Surgery/ advice clinic" for residents. This will be held on the 1st February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Consultation will be publicized on Castle Eaton Facebook page, Websites, Village Newsletter and Noticeboard.

6. Planning Matters

S/LBC/23/1565 Re: Modification of entrance porch to annex, replace and restore the garage floor, enlarge the rear garage door opening, remove internal walls to dining room. Replace the Cotswold stone roof finish with slate to the rear pentice roof (retrospective)

At: Castle Eaton Farm, Mill Lane Castle Eaton Swindon SN6 6JX.

S/LBC/23/1556 Re: Removal of timber garden room, infill opening to garage door, modify rear entrance door, replace a fixed window with new opening casement and installation of aluminium guttering.

At: Castle Eaton Farm, Mill Lane Castle Eaton Swindon SN6 6JX

S/LBC/23/1567 Re: External works to modify inner courtyard wall and improve external surfaces to both the inner and outer courtyards.

At: Castle Eaton Farm, Mill Lane Castle Eaton Swindon SN6 6JX

The Parish Council has no objections to the above applications.



RECESS - Residents may raise any matter related to the work of the Parish Council.

Resident T Archard reiterated his concerns regarding the drain issues. Cllr C Williams apologized for not completing this task agreed to at the previous meeting.

7. Finance

a. Bank Statements

CBF

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amo	Credit Amo	Balance
Opening Balance 30th November 2023				14,295.65
04/12/2023	Playground Donation from VCC Transferred to CBF		4,000.00	18,295.65
11/12/2023	INTEREST (GROSS)		17.43	18,313.08
09/01/2024	INTEREST (GROSS)		18.92	18,332.00
Closing Balance 17th January 2024				18,332.00

Treasurer Account

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit Am	Balance
Opening Balance 30th November 2023				14,819.67
01/12/2023	VCC Donation for Playground		3,997.77	18,819.67
01/12/2023	VCC Donation for Playground		2.23	14,821.90
04/12/2023	Playground Donation from VCC Transferred to CBF	4,000.00		14,819.67
11/12/2023	Interest		0.57	14,820.24
19/12/2023	Quickbooks	22.80		14,797.44
28/12/2023	T M WHYBORN	935.49		13,861.95
08/01/2024	Village Hall Hire	20.00		13,841.95
09/01/2024	Interest		0.52	13,842.47
Closing Balance 17th January 2024				13,842.47

All Councillors approved Bank Statements

b. Ad hoc Payments

No Ad hoc payments



8. AOB

Chair C Williams distributed a breakdown of SBC spending over the year.

SBC Budget 2023/24

Funding sources

Council Tax	£124.4m	21.2%
Business Rates	£ 35.8m	6.1%
HMG Rev Sup Grant	£ 5.2m	0.9%
Sub-Total	£166.4m	
Fees, Charges & Others *	£424.1m	71.8%
Total	£590.5m	

*These include:

- car parking
- planning applications
- fines
- client contributions for care packages grants and contributions for specific projects and services including education, public health, and social care.

Spending Plans

Service area	Total amount of money we will spend (£000)	Income (from rent, fees & charges, specific grants etc.) (£000)	Amount of money we will spend minus income (£000)
Education (Dedicated School Grant and pupil premium)	236,253	(236,253)	0
Resources - Enabling	22,872	(4,445)	18,427
Resources - Finance and assets	86,978	(98,555)	(11,577)
Resources - Operations	27,732	(11,219)	16,513
Children Services	66,077	(9,306)	56,771
Adult Services and Public Health	133,875	(53,902)	79,973
Economy and development	16,712	(10,393)	6,319
TOTAL	590,499	(424,073)	166,426



This highlights that only 21% of the revenue is collected via Council Tax, other revenues are raised in other ways.

Cllr P Hall believes that we are still receiving a low level of benefit from SBC, such as transport and drainage.

Cllr P Hall has received feedback on his leaflet and will request for it to be distributed in the next Parish Magazine. Cllr P Hall will request resident A. Hill to print it, should the Parish Council or Cllr P Hall pay for this?

Cllr M Patrick highlighted that there are concerns regarding some new residents parking on the pavement and grass verge in Church View. There is parking behind, however it does appear to be very overgrown, maybe this could be putting the residents off from parking there. Chair C Williams/ Cllr M Patrick to have a look at this and contact SBC.

Clerk T Whyborn read out a concern from Mark Stone at The Red Lion regarding the demise of village life, such as attendance to The Village Pub, The Church, The Village Groups, and the Village Hall. Mark Stone will write a letter to the Parish Council with more details, it is unclear how the Parish Council can help.

A concern was raised by Cllr L McVey on behalf of residents regarding the parking of the new larger school bus in the village. It is blocking sightlines when people pull out onto the road by the Old Post Office. No viable solution was found in the meeting.

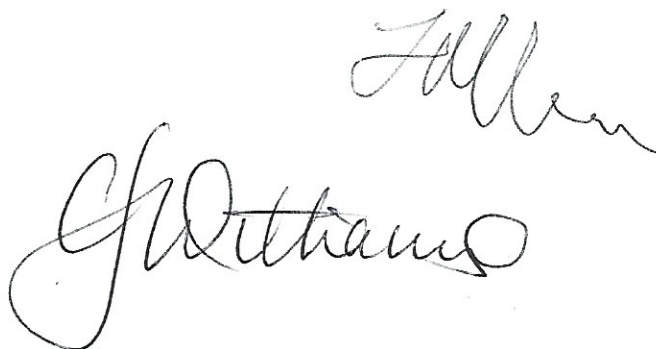
9. Date of next Meeting

Date of next meeting – 19th February 2024, 7pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chairman

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The top signature is in cursive and appears to read 'Teresa Whyborn'. The bottom signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Colin Williams'.