



## **CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council**

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### **Present**

Cllr C Williams - Chair

Cllr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

One resident

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Hall

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None Declared

#### **3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair, passed to Clerk.

#### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

Issues were raised in the last meeting by resident T Archard regarding the state of the drains in the area. Chair C Williams has looked at the drains within the village with the following conclusions.

Out of 23 drains, 16 appear to be problematic of which 15 of those are blocked and one is broken.

Chair C Williams has sent his concerns to the SBC CEO Samantha Mowbrey along with other concerns regarding the lack of interest in Castle Eaton from SBC.

## **5. Items for discussion**

### **a. AD Plant**

There has not been any status of the AD plant. The time limit for the applicant to reply to Highways has almost finished so we are awaiting any responses.

### **b. Traffic Survey**

Cllr P Hall was not in attendance for an update.

The contact we had for traffic issues Jon Harris is no longer working for SBC. In the interim Brian Pinchbrook has covered the role, however he has resigned and there is currently no replacement.

### **c. Parish Charter update**

Clerk T Whyborn and Chair C Williams attended meetings regarding the planned devolution of non-obligatory responsibilities of SBC to the Parishes.

It is envisaged that larger Parishes would take over the services and provide these to the smaller Parishes, however in each meeting no SLA's or costs were known by SBC for each service to be passed to the larger parishes to work with. The original deadline was that this would be signed by parishes in February to go to Cabinet in March. The new deadline is to have the new regime in place by Oct 2024 so by April 2025 it will come into effect. If it can demonstrate cost reductions the government will provide £1m payment across the Parishes.

## **6. Planning Matters**

No new planning applications were received. An email from resident I Roberts regarding alleged planning breach on Ref. No: S/23/0743 was sent to SBC planning control and copied into the Parish Council for information.

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

Resident D Sainsbury expressed his concern regarding the recent flooding and suggested that one of the reasons that could be exacerbating this is a blocked pipe under the orchard on his farm.

This has been blocked before and was cleared by Thames Water. D Sainsbury will send over a map and any details to Clerk T Whyborn to chase up with Thames Water for investigation and resolution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Williams', with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

## 7. Finance

### a. Bank Statements

#### CBF Account

Opening Balance 17th January 2024					18,332.00
Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	
09 February 2024	INTEREST (GROSS)	20.24		18,352.24	
Closing Balance 15th February 2024					18,352.24

#### Treasurer Account

Opening Balance 17th January 2024					13,842.47
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	
18 January 2024	Quickbooks	22.80		13,819.67	
29 January 2024	T M WHYBORN	753.48		13,066.19	
09 February 2024	INT (GROSS)		0.55	13,066.74	
Closing Balance 15th February 2024					13,066.74

Agreed by all Councillors.

### b. Ad Hoc Payments

None

## 8. AOB

None

## 9. Date of next Meeting - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chairman

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair