



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council

25th March 2024

Present

Clr C Williams - Chair

Clr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Clr P Hall

Clr L McVey

Clr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

One resident

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Chair C Williams with any issues in respect of the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 19th February 2024

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair, passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 19th February 2024

None

5. Items for Discussion

a. AD Plant

Highways still have queries outstanding to the applicant and requested that they respond by the 13th of April 2024.

A consultant traffic Officer (David Kemp) has provided a quote to report on the two software packages used by the Applicant, Picady and TEMPro, the proposal has been sent to Latton for their approval. The Picady software gives a skewed favourable result to the applicant, therefore unacceptable to Highways. TEMPro is confirmed by the consultant to be a standard package.

Chair C Williams to contact Latton PC to get an update on their decision.

Chair C Williams, on behalf of the DWG, said that the DWG had decided that it would be pertinent to wait until after the deadline that the application must respond to the Highways report (13th April). This is because National Highways have already stated that due to the biased results the Picady software results would not be used for their decision process.

Cllr P Hall asked the question of whether we need to have the report from the traffic officer David Kemp as an extra back-up to deter Swindon Borough Council from still approving the application. Cllr P Hall is of the opinion that it would be good idea.

Cllr S Cooper Caine asked whether there would be time for the Consultant to produce the report.

The funding from the CBF will bypass the standard procedure due to the timescales involved. This was approved by all Councillors.

The company running the AD plant is in severe debt and it appears that it is unviable, this has led to the question of their future plans for the AD plant.

Chair C Williams has been in contact with Hannington Parish Council regarding the possibility that the applicant could plan to use Hannington as one of their transport options. Chair C Williams will have a meeting with the Hannington PC Chair in April.



b. Roads/ Flooding

Resident D Sainsbury has engaged with Thames Water to investigate the drainage on his property which affects the Village drainage system.

Cllr P Hall suggested that we should still be in contact with SBC regarding the drainage, Chair C Williams to contact SBC.

The speed sign into the village has now been fixed. However there are many issues that were brought to Jon Harris's attention which are still left unanswered.

6. Planning Matters

None received.

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

Resident C O'nions addressed the issue of her special needs people carrier which had been discussed in previous meetings regarding the perceived problem.

The Village Hall car park appears to be the best available option available Chair C Williams will address this in the AGM Village Hall Committee meeting on the 23rd of April 2024.

The Parish Council / Village Hall committee will ensure that the Village is aware of the outcome.

In the interim, as it is Easter school holidays the bus will be stored at the depot.



7. Finance

a. Ad hoc Payments

None

b. Bank Statement

Treasurer Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amt	Credit Am	Balance
Opening Balance 15th February 2024				13,066.74
19/02/2024	Quickbooks	22.80		13,043.94
27/02/2024	T M WHYBORN TRAVEL COSTS	23.40		13,020.54
28/02/2024	T M WHYBORN	753.48		12,267.06
11/03/2024	Interest		0.55	12,267.61
18/03/2024	WALC Subscription	15.00		12,252.61
18/03/2024	Quickbooks	23.16		12,229.45
Closing Balance 18th March 2024				12,229.45
CBF Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit An	Balance
Opening Balance 15th February 2024				18,352.24
11/03/2024	INTEREST (GROSS)		20.26	18,372.50
Closing Balance 18th March 2024				18,372.50

Approved by all Councillors.

8. AOB

Chair C. Williams confirmed that the Garden Waste bins are now chargeable however it would be appropriate to keep the bins for village clean ups. The final decision will be confirmed at the Village Hall AGM on the 23rd of April 2024.

After favourable feedback, Councillor P. Hall will be producing his Newsletter Annually, unless there is any significant news in the village.



9. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting and Annual parish Council meeting, on the 29th of April 2024.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chairman

Minutes submitted by:

Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk



Approved by:

Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

