



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council

19th August 2024

Present

Clr C Williams - Chair

Clr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

Clr N Waddicor

Clr L McVey

Clr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

8 Residents

1. Apologies for absence

None- all present

2. Declarations of Interest

Chair C Williams and Vice Chair S Cooper Caine regarding matters pertaining to the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 24th June 2024

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair, passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 24th June 2024

Castle Eaton Parish Council decided not to proceed with the Signage of Deer along C114. Most of the Road is outside our area.

Item 5b. in the minutes of the 24th of June 2024 – See details below

5. Items for discussion

a. Bridle Path Closure (F/Path 18, continuation of Drove way east from Drove way Kennels)

M Fry (Rights of Way and Highway Information Manager)- updated via email on 12th August 2024,

At the moment I still do not consider that the surface of this public bridleway is safe for horses and bicycles to use. I do not know if you are aware, but the farmer has spread demolition hardcore including broken sanitary ware, bricks and tiles over an approximate 250 metre length of this route. Although he has removed the pieces of metal strengthening bar that were originally also on the surface the other materials are of a suitable size or sharpness to puncture bicycle tyres and bruise horses hooves.

I have requested the farmer to either remove the current material or overlay it with a suitable depth of a finer material to blind the surface but so far without success. If there is no improvement to the surface the Council will be forced to initiate legal action against the farmer to restore the surface to a suitable condition for all users. Therefore at the moment I am unable to provide you with any realistic timetable of when the current temporary closure will be removed.

Cllr N Waddicor and Cllr M Patrick will have a look at the current situation.

b. Village Hall Perimeter

There is a claim that dampness in the Malthouse is caused by gravel between the Village Hall and The Malthouse. The Malthouse will need to prove this to the Village Hall Insurer. The Village Hall is covered if it is proven to be liable.

c. Drain Cleaning and Rubbish Around the Village.

It appears that many drains are blocked within the Village. Chair C Williams has contacted Swindon borough Council, who have said that there is a three-year drainage cycle and Castle Eaton is due this year.

Litter within the Village has increased, resident D. Saunders will organise a Village clean up with the Environmental Group. However, in the meantime litter picking equipment is available from the Village Hall for anyone to use.

d. Assets of Community Value

Item 5b. in the minutes of the 24th of June 2024, it was stated that the Parish Council would apply for an ACV for the Red Lion public house. After further discussions it has now been decided that the Parish Council will not go ahead. Chair C Williams will contact the brewery to inform them of the decision.

e. Green Garden waste Bins – System of use for Residents

The Parish Council currently pay for two Garden waste bins. These are utilised by the church and for Village clean ups. The Parish Council also makes these available to residents who are undertaking large garden projects, and their personal garden waste bin is full. The resident must have a current paid Garden waste subscription to partake in this scheme.

For access to the bins, residents must contact Chair C Williams, resident G Williams, or resident D Saunders (contact details are in the Village Hall).

f. Village dog poo/ rubbish bin

The Village is still waiting for a replacement for the "rubbish/poo" bin despite requests to Swindon Borough Council. Clerk T Whyborn will continue chasing this. It was decided additional bins would not be requested.

g. AD plant update

There have been numerous delays where the applicant has requested extra time to address issues highlighted by The Highways Agency. The Applicant has been granted an extension of determination date to 4th September (ref. document #321, S/20/1685, SBC Planning Portal). The Highways Agency and Swindon Borough Council will not provide any details of the discussions that are ongoing between themselves and the Applicant, because the Applicant has not applied officially to include any alternate route, therefore the discussions are regarded by SBC and NH as private.

6. Planning Matters

S/LBC/24/0831 – Repairs to Walls, Plasterwork and Ancillary work. Castle Eaton farm SN6 6JX.

No objections raised, Clerk T Whyborn to update SBC portal.

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

Resident B Wicks – Chair of the Community Benefit Fund, requested help for an appeal on an application that was refused in Meeting 24th June 2024 (Speaker for Gardening Club). Vice Chair S Cooper Caine will accompany B Wicks to go back to the applicant for further information which may help with their application.

8. Finance

a. Bank statements

Treasurer Account					
Transaction Date	Trans	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit Am	Balance
Opening Balance - 18th June 2024					15,384.47
28/06/2024	SO	T M WHYBORN	753.48		14,630.99
05/07/2024	FPO	Village Hall Hire	20.00		14,610.99
05/07/2024	FPO	Village Hall Grant	2,286.50		12,324.49
09/07/2024		Interest		0.52	12,325.01
16/07/2024	TFR	Defibrillator - Repayment from CBF		972.00	13,297.01
16/07/2024	TFR	Defibrillator - Repayment from CBF		329.40	13,626.41
18/07/2024	DD	Quickbooks	23.16		13,603.25
29/07/2024	SO	T M WHYBORN	753.48		12,849.77
05/08/2024	FPO	PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP Audit	252.00		12,597.77
09/08/2024		Interest		0.49	12,598.26
Closing Balance 13th June 2024			4,088.62	1,302.41	12,598.26
CBF					
Transaction Date	Trans	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit Am	Balance
Opening Balance - 18th June 2024					18,432.11
09/07/2024		INTEREST (GROSS)		19.04	18,451.15
16/07/2024	TFR	Defibrillator - Repayment to Treasu	972.00		17,479.15
16/07/2024	TFR	Defibrillator - Repayment to Treasu	329.40		17,149.75
09/08/2024		INTEREST (GROSS)		17.24	17,166.99
Closing Balance 13th June 2024			1,301.40	36.28	17,166.99

b. Non-Standard Payments

PKF Littlejohn Audit approved.

c. 2024 Financial Regulations

Approved to be adopted by Castle Eaton Parish Council.

9. AOB

T Whyborn Clerk had a meeting with Clerks from Stanton Fitzwarren and Hannington regarding devolution from Swindon Borough Council, still no further information, it is estimated to go to Cabinet in October. There is a possibility of works devolving to Blunsdon and we will contract from there.

Resident R Wilkins brought to the attention of The Parish Council that a couple of residents have been subject to harassment and intimidation from another resident which has escalated over the last 18 months. This has now got to the level of Police involvement.

There are numerous privacy issues especially cameras and recording equipment being pointed directly into the victims' gardens. Utilisation of cameras in this way must be registered with the ICO.

The Parish Council have limited powers but will provide some education to the Village on the legalities of using recording equipment.

Clerk will request attendance from the PCSO at the next meeting.

Clerk to send link of the ICO and Citizens Advice to the people concerned.

Parish Council Newsletter is a possibility with a general communication regarding the use of cameras in the village as this is being violated, using links to ICO and GDPR.

10. Date of next Meeting 14th October 2024

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

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair