

CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council 23rd June 2025

Present

Cllr C Williams - Chair

Cllr S Cooper Caine - Vice Chair

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

Cllr N Waddicor

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

No residents

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr S Weisinger

2. Declarations of Interest

Vice Chair, S Cooper Caine declared an interest as Trustees of the Village Hall, for any issues pertaining to the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 19th May 2025

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 19th May 2025

None raised.

5. Items for discussion

a. AD Plant

Since the meeting on the 11^{th of} February 2025, which was called by the Applicant. There have been no updates from any of the interested parties, Swindon Borough Council, or the Applicant.

Advice is being taken as to our various options for steps to bring this matter to a close.

b. Bridle Path Update

No updates since this email from Cllr N Gardiner dated 22nd May 2025 -

I do though have a slight update on the bridle path to share. The SBC team have reinspected and agree something needs to happen still. My suggestion of dropping off road plannings was rejected due to Highways reallocating them, though it has been passed to Legal at SBC to draw up a legal request to the farmer to take appropriate action that will see the surface returned to a usable finish that will not endanger animals using the path.

Clerk T Whyborn to contact Cllr N Gardiner, for any updates.

c. Village Speed Limit Reduction to 20mph

A discussion was had regarding introducing a 20mph limit within the village.

The process involved includes a comprehensive and early consultation of all those who may be affected by the introduction of a 20mph scheme. This needs to include residents, all tiers of local government, the police and emergency services, public transport providers and any other relevant local groups (including, for example, groups representing pedestrians, cyclists, drivers or equestrians). It was decided that the process involved would be too onerous therefore other options were discussed.

Cllr Mc Vey suggested that a good start would be to get the speed sign on the entrance to the village fixed and maybe more signs added, such as entry into the Village from Lush Hill and over the bridge.

d. Village Speedwatch

It has been decided to follow through on a suggestion by PC Ben Lambert to create a Community SpeedWatch in the village.

There are several processes that need to happen prior to the set up.

Initially the need of CSW is established by monitoring traffic speed using rubber strips on the road surface.

Once it has been established that the criteria for a CSW has been met, an expression of wish form is sent to the area coordinator.

The CSW Co-ordinator based at Wiltshire Police will make contact and advise on the next steps. Volunteers are first vetted via the PNC. Assuming acceptance, volunteers must compete a training course and pass a subsequent test to qualify. One volunteer must act as local Co-ordinator.

Volunteers operate in teams of two for agreed 1-hour duties. The duties schedule is maintained by the local Co-ordinator. The local Co-ordinator is also responsible for submitting results of all duties to Wiltshire police.

Clerk T Whyborn will put a notice on Facebook, house calls will be made by Councillors.

6. Planning Applications

None received.

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

Nothing raised.

7. General Finance

a. Bank Statements

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening Balance 16/5/25				20,116.41
19/05/2025	Insurance	173.25		19,943.16
20/05/2025	Quickbooks	25.56		19,917.60
28/05/2025	T M WHYBORN	791.70		19,125.90
30/05/2025	Bank Charges	4.25		19,121.65
02/06/2025	VHall Grant 1	3,258.50		15,863.15
09/06/2025	Interest		0.33	15,863.48
18/06/2025	Quickbooks	25.56		15,837.92
Closing Balance 18/5/25		4,278.82	0.33	15,837.92
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening Balance	16/5/25			17,293.45
09/06/2025 INTEREST (GROSS)			11.51	17,304.96
Closing Balance 18/5/25		0	11.51	17,304.96

Agreed by all Councillors.

b. Ad Hoc Payments

No adhoc payments

8. AOB

Chair C Williams to contact resident B Wicks regarding a list of the residents who are trained on the defibrillator.

9. Date of next Meeting

1st September 2025

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

