



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Eaton Parish Council

9th March 2026

Present

CLlr C Williams - Chair

CLlr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

CLlr L McVey

CLlr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

CLlr S Weisinger, CLlr D Newman- Latton, R Collier- Clerk Latton, two Officers from Wiltshire Police, D Saunders- resident.

1. Apologies for absence

CLlr N Waddicor

2. Declarations of Interest

Vice Chair, S Cooper Caine, declared an interest as Trustee of the Village Hall, for any issues about the Village Hall.

Chair C Williams is the representative for the Parish Council to the Village Hall.

3. Minutes of previous Meeting – 19th January 2026

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 19th January 2026

Nothing raised

5. Items for discussion

Items different from Agenda for convenience of PC and PCSO

a. Lorries and Speed

Following a request from Chair C Williams, two officers from Wiltshire Police attended to discuss ideas for discouraging lorries over 7.5 tonnes from illegally using the village as a cut-through and an increase in the frequency of lorries down the C114 to Droveaway Business Park

To address the issue of lorries coming through the Village, several options were discussed.

One proposal was to install cameras at each entrance and exit to the village to log times and monitor traffic. However, this was found to be unfeasible due to legal constraints. Any action would need to be witnessed in person by an officer, although statistics could still be collected.

Improving signage for the weight restriction 7.5t, locating it on the entrance to the C114 from the A419, was considered. However, it was noted that the C114 is not restricted for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes until turning into "The Street" in Castle Eaton Village.

Latton has experienced a significant increase in lorries coming down the C114 and entering Droveaway, an example of ten vehicles entering and exiting within an hour and a half was logged.

Problems have been exacerbated by the apparent expansion of Timports. Latton Parish Council and Castle Eaton Parish Council to collaborate on how to go forward with this, as it affects both parishes.

The option of SID's, Speed Indicator Devices was put forward as a traffic calming method.

Latton Parish Council are installing them on the C114. They have been successful in Latton village, gathering speed data. It was suggested that Castle Eaton PC should consider purchasing additional SIDs and moving the current camera which is obscured.

An option of making the speed limit on exiting the Village to tie into the Wiltshire limit would be logical, rather than departing the 30mph zone within the village to the national speed limit, which subsequently changes to either 40mph or 50mph upon entering Wiltshire.

b. Elections

Local elections are due on the 7th of May. Publication will be on the 23rd of March which will be the start of Purdah. Nominations must be in by 9th April 4pm.

There are numerous criteria that each candidate must possess, these and all other information can be found by clicking the following links.

<https://elearning.easygenerator.com/7b134693-4beb-4ccc-9b70-72cb026e84f9/#/login>

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england>

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20073/elections_and_voting/937/forthcoming_elections

c. AD Plant

Chair C Williams presented the following report.

Final Report

Castle Eaton Digester Working Group (CEDWG)

March 2026

CEDWG was formed in March 2021 in response to application S/20/1685, which sought to expand the Anaerobic Digester in Droveaway to industrial scale.

I happened to be the Chair of the CEDWG on 14th February 2026 when the application was Withdrawn. I was not the first Chair, nor has my tenure been a solo effort, so on behalf of all past and present members of the CEDWG, we wish to register our grateful thanks to all contributors to the demise of what threatened to become a massive blight on our peaceful village and those living around it.

First to Robin Bailey and Dinesh Naidu, without whose initial vigilance the CEDWG might not have existed.

Then, in no particular order.

to Louise Kennington and Keith Symington for their expertise on roads in general and the C114 in particular, and again to Louise for her massive efforts and assistance helping to research and write the many-paged CEDWG responses to the multiple iterations of the application,

to Keith Mills for his financial skills and business acumen in researching the companies behind the application and their *modus operandi*,

to Jason Prior and his employee Thomas Corbin for their expertise and advice in all things Planning, especially '*planning speak*',

to National Highways for their repeated refusals to allow the applicant use of the C114/A419 junction, and their eventual recommendations to Swindon Planning of Refusal,

to Teresa Whyborn for her expertise in guiding me when I unexpectedly found myself appointed CEDWG Chair at a time when my ignorance of rural matters and Castle Eaton was near total,

to Sheila Cooper Caine for her detailed inspection of application plans and restraining me from issuing my more unseemly responses,

to Steve Weisinger, our Ward Councillor, for his largely hidden work within SBC advocating our cause with the SBC Planning department,

to Lexi Tysler for her Town Planning expertise and *tour de force* letters to Swindon Planning,

to all residents of Castle Eaton and surrounding Parishes for their 160+ objections and attendance at the Community Engagement meeting in February 2025, which the applicant had assumed (I believe) would have been sparsely attended by smock-wearing/straw chewing yokels. (Oh, how I enjoyed their embarrassment),

to my fellow Councillors and Clerk on the CE Parish Council who stoically endured my rants of frustration as I regularly reported progress – often zero – to our meetings,

and finally, to those other persons who freely gave advice, support and assistance, but prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you.

Colin Williams

Chair (Resigned)

Castle Eaton Digester Working Group

5th March, 2026

d. Bridleway

No further updates

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. Approval of ad hoc payments

No adhoc payments

b. Bank Statements

Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening Balance 13th January 2026					16,138.01
19/01/2026	DD	Quickbooks	25.56		16,112.45
23/01/2026	FPO	EMPLOYERS NI 404452	203.00		15,909.45
28/01/2026	SO	T M WHYBORN	817.18		15,092.27
30/01/2026	PAY	Bank Charges	4.25		15,088.02
09/02/2026		Interest		0.23	15,088.25
18/02/2026	DD	Quickbooks	26.76		15,061.49
Closing Balance 27th February 2026			1,076.75	0.23	15,061.49
Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
Opening Balance 13th January 2026					17,370.26
09/02/2026		INTEREST (GROSS)		7.85	17,378.11
Closing Balance 27th February 2026			-	7.85	17,378.11

Agreed by all Councillors.

8. AOB

It was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase two green (Garden waste) bins on behalf of the Village at a cost of £68.50 each, Clerk T Whyborn to organise.

9. Date of next Meeting

13th April 2026

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

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair