



## CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### 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

None

#### 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2026

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair passed to Clerk.

#### 4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2026

Nothing raised

## 5. Items for discussion

### a. Elections

The next elections are to be held May 2026. A period of purdah will be in effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> May. Training for Parish Clerks will be scheduled in February.

### b. Lorries through the Village

Several residents have recently observed an increase in the number of lorries traveling through the village, particularly those exceeding the 7.5-ton weight limit on The Street and the bridge leading out of the village.

When it's possible to identify the companies responsible for these lorries, the respective companies have been contacted and made aware of the violations. In response, these companies have assured us that they will address the matter directly with their drivers and will make efforts to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

### c. AD Plant

Since the last meeting held on October 13th, there have been no significant updates regarding the AD Plant application. Chair C Williams has continued to engage in email correspondence with Councillor S Weisinger to move the application process forward. However, little progress has been made, and the application remains unresolved. This application has now been active for over five years, despite numerous refusals and objections from consultees, including the Highways department.

The most recent version of the proposal from the applicant was submitted in August. Following this submission, residents were given the opportunity to provide their comments and feedback, with a three-week window for responses extending until the middle of September. The applicant continues to have an open-ended timeframe to provide their own response. At present, there have been no further developments, and the situation remains unchanged.

### d. Bridleway

No further updates, Cllr Waddicor to provide photographs of current state to Clerk T Whyborn to send to Swindon Borough Council.

## 6. Planning Applications

None received



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

No residents present

**7. General Finance**

**a. Approval of ad hoc payments**

All Councillors approved WIX payments

**b. Bank Statements**

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit Am	Balance
<b>Opening Balance 25th November 2025</b>				<b>18,367.43</b>
25/11/2025	WIX DOMAIN CE Website	57.48		18,309.95
28/11/2025	T M WHYBORN	919.10		17,386.60
28/11/2025	Bank Charges	4.25		17,390.85
08/12/2025	WIX 3 YEAR ACCOUNT CE Website	259.20		17,127.40
09/12/2025	Interest		0.24	17,127.64
18/12/2025	Christmas Hospitality	46.45		17,081.19
19/12/2025	Quickbooks	25.56		17,055.63
22/12/2025	Village Hall Room Hire	20.00		17,035.63
29/12/2025	T M WHYBORN	893.62		16,137.76
29/12/2025	Bank Charges	4.25		16,142.01
09/01/2026	Interest		0.25	16,138.01
<b>Closing Balances 13th January 2026</b>		<b>2,229.91</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>16,138.01</b>

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Am	Credit Am	Balance
<b>Opening Balance 25th November 2025</b>				<b>17,353.14</b>
09/12/2025	INTEREST (GROSS)		8.27	17,361.41
09/01/2026	INTEREST (GROSS)		8.85	17,370.26
<b>Closing Balances 13th January 2026</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>17.12</b>	<b>17,370.26</b>

Agreed by all Councillors.



## 8. AOB

**Resident R Wilkins requested two items to be added to AOB.**

### 1. Cars blocking pavements.

Resident R Wilkins raised an issue regarding vehicles parking on pavements in the village. This can impede access for those walking, particularly for individuals with mobility difficulties, and could cause an accident.

The Parish Council acknowledged that the design and width of the village roads are contributing factors to this issue. In some cases, drivers park partially on the pavement to provide enough space for larger vehicles, such as industrial or emergency service vehicles, to pass through narrow streets safely.

Discussions with the local police have clarified that, under current regulations, there is no specific legal action that the Parish Council can take against vehicles parked in this manner. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

### 2. Purchase of Poppies

Resident R. Wilkins proposed the purchase of poppies in preparation for the next Armistice Day. The suggestion included placing approximately two poppies on each lamp post. Chair C. Williams has sent the CBF form to R. Wilkins for completion. As of this meeting, the Parish Council has not yet received a formal request from the CBF regarding this initiative.

During the meeting, the Parish Council considered an alternative approach to annual poppy displays. An option was put forward to purchase "Lest We Forget" figures, which could be placed at the entrances to the village. Councillors felt that these figures would provide a more poignant and lasting tribute, eliminating the need to install and remove poppies each year. Chair C. Williams agreed to discuss this idea with resident R. Wilkins for feedback and further consideration.

## 9. Date of next Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm by Cllr Colin Williams – Chair

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

