



CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Eaton Parish Council

20th July 2026

Present

CLlr C Williams - Chair

CLlr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chair

CLlr L McVey

CLlr M Patrick

CLlr N Waddicor

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

CLlr N Gardiner (Cabinet Member Highways and Transport and Borough Councillor Blunsdon Ward)

1. Apologies for absence

None received

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 – 11th May 2026

Minutes agreed and signed by Chair passed to Clerk.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting – 11th May 2026

Nothing raised

5. Items for discussion

a. Speeding and Overweight HGV traffic

Concerns amongst residents in the Village are ongoing regarding the number of speeding vehicles through the village and the volume of HGV's flouting the 7.5t limit.

The following email was sent by Chair C Williams as part of the Parish Council's ongoing activity to find options to resolve these issues.



Colin Williams <cepc.chair.2022@gmail.com>
To: Councillor Nick Gardiner
Cc: You; moragpatrick; Lynne McVey; Nichola Waddicor; Sheila Cooper Caine

Good Afternoon Nick

The Parish Council wishes to instigate measures to

- a) control vehicle speeds within the village and
- b) to effect greater adherence to the 7.5 ton limit applicable to The Street, Long Row and the apparently unnamed road that crosses Castle Eaton bridge heading north then east up to the C124, the road to Kempsford, and vice versa. We have already consulted with the Police and understand
- i) the installation of cameras observing HGV traffic, contravenes GDP law and is therefore not an option and
- ii) that for any actions against unauthorised HGVs, it has to be a Police Officer that observes such illegalities.

We would like to explore Speed Indicator signs adjacent to the three entrances to our village (from Hannington, Kempsford and Water Eaton), plus the possibility of rumble strips being installed on the approaches to the 30mph signs already installed.

There is also the anomaly caused by the boundary of Wiltshire CC and Swindon BC on the C114, Water Eaton Lane. This boundary is about 170 metres from the 30mph sign on entry to the village when heading north east along Water Eaton Lane. Wiltshire CC have set a 40mph speed limit. At the point their authority passes to Swindon, the speed limit is reset to No Limit. However after 170 metres, the Castle Eaton entrance 30mph signage is set. We think there is a risk to life here as non-locals mostly accelerate from the No Limit sign into a narrow area with no pavements and a left turn into Droveaway, from which traffic seeking to exit is blinded by high hedge growth. Ideally we would like the No Limit sign replaced by a 40mph sign, effectively continuing the Wiltshire CC limit up to the Castle Eaton boundary.

Please let me know what is possible, along with costs (if any possible remedy would not be funded by SBC).

We have a Parish Council meeting on Monday 20th July in the village hall, starting at 7pm. You would be most welcome.

Regards
Colin

The Parish Council would like to explore installing SIDs at the three village entrances, and possibly on School Lane.

Highworth Town Council recently installed SIDs and has found them effective. The approximate cost is £2,000 per camera. Cllr N Gardiner will contact Clerk Deanna Rose, copying us in, to request supplier details and any useful information, including costs, company details and any Swindon Borough Council approvals needed for camera pole locations.

The units are solar powered, and the cameras record vehicle numbers and speeds, and the data can be downloaded and submitted to the Borough Council as evidence. Funding may be available through the CBF.

At the village entrance on the C114, the speed limit changes from 40 mph to the national speed limit for approximately 170 metres before the 30-mph village limit. This encourages drivers to speed up briefly before braking sharply at the village entrance. Cllr N Gardiner will investigate how this can be addressed.

The road markings outside the playpark warning that children may be nearby have faded. How can these markings be renewed?

b. Bridleway

No change or update received from Swindon Borough Council. The Bridleway is still unusable due to the nature of the debris dumped there, it contains demolition material such as sharp broken tiles, thus making it unusable for horse riders or walkers.

Cllr N Gardiner will progress this.

6. Planning Applications

None received

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

7. General Finance

a. Approval of ad hoc payments

No ad hoc payments

b. Bank Statements

Treasurer Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amc	Credit Am	Balance
7th May Opening balance				20,185.85
11/05/2026	Internal Audit	150.00		20,035.85
11/05/2026	Interest		0.22	20,036.07
19/05/2026	Quickbooks	27.00		20,009.07
27/05/2026	Community 1st Insurance	181.47		19,827.60
28/05/2026	T M WHYBORN	817.18		19,010.42
29/05/2026	Bank Charges	4.25		19,006.17
09/06/2026	Interest		0.20	19,006.37
18/06/2026	Quickbooks	27.00		18,979.37
29/06/2026	T M WHYBORN	817.18		18,162.19
29/06/2026	Bank Charges	4.25		18,157.94
07/07/2026	Village Hall Room Hire	12.00		18,145.94
09/07/2026	Interest		0.21	18,146.15
13th July Closing Balance		2,040.33	0.63	18,146.15
CBF Account				
Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amc	Credit Am	Balance
7th May Opening balance				17,392.16
11/05/2026	INTEREST (GROSS)		7.62	17,399.78
09/06/2026	INTEREST (GROSS)		6.91	17,406.69
09/07/2026	INTEREST (GROSS)		7.15	17,413.84
13th July Closing Balance			21.68	17,413.84

Agreed by all Councillors.

8. AOB

There is a Party planned at North Farm over the August bank holiday, this has been described as a gathering of friends and family which has been sent as a letter to the close neighbours of the farm.

Although described as a gathering of friends and family, the event has been advertised on several sites as a ticketed public paid event.

Residents have raised concerns about fire safety, traffic, parking, noise and emergency exits.

Castle Eaton Parish Council are liaising with Latton Parish Council as this could cause a lot of disturbance in the local area.

From the advertised event online.

DETAILS:	• A festival for mates made by mates • 2 nights in the stunning south West Countryside with the music to come with it. • A majestic lineup • All the way from Hounslow to Scunthorpe. YOU DONT WANT TO MISS THIS!! • 2 stages so there is something for everyone • Turn up and pitch up the tent. Think park and ride but you ain't going anywhere. • Tickets include two nights camping • 5 person glamping is also available. Please check tickets below. • 5 a side football Tournament on the Saturday. Get your team ready. Charity Donation to play. Prizes to be Won.
SECURITY:	• Security and bag checks will be required • A maximum of 24 cans is permitted at the festival. • NO GLASS ALOUD • There is a no drug and no dickhead policy • Respect the land

Water from the stand pump in Long Row is being used to wash Solar Panels at the far end of Droveaway, do they have a licence to do this? Chair C Williams to email Sean Smith at Swindon Borough Council to confirm details if permission is needed and/ or granted.

This usage is being shown on the interactive map (see one.network) as a leak. Chair C Williams has also reported it as caused by water offtake to wash solar panels.

Cllr N Gardiner would like to mention that the Veterans breakfast at the Red Lion has been very successful. Cllr N Gardiner has invited several Highworth Royal British Legion to the next event. The breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month.

9. Date of next Meeting

7th September 2026

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

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chair

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