CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Castle Eaton Parish Council 3rd April 2023

Present

Cllr C Williams - Chairman

Cllr S Cooper Caine – Vice Chairman

Cllr L McVey

Cllr M Patrick

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

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1. **Apologies for absence**

   Cllr P Hall

2. **Declarations of Interest**

   None Declared

3. **Minutes of previous Meeting – 20th February 2023**

   Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk.

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 20th February 2023**

   QR Code for logging onto Swindon Borough Council website has been put in the Notice Board and on the Parish Council Website.

   Issues have been raised again regarding the people carrier bus parked on the road which obstructs the view of people leaving the village hall.

   Options include parking on the Village Hall carpark, or moving further away up the road when activities in the Village Hall are taking place. Chair C. Williams will talk to the owner of the vehicle. Cllr S. Cooper Caine will talk to Village Hall Chairman, resident D. Price regarding the possible parking of the people carrier bus on the Village Hall carpark.

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5. Items for Discussion

a. Traffic Survey

Cllrs P. Hall and S Cooper Caine met with John Harris (SBC Highways), Cllr S Weisinger and Cllr V Munroe on 10th March 2023.

Cllr P Hall gave his traffic survey presentation to the attendees and his analysis of the current and potential future options for improvement.

In response Cllr S Weisinger warned that SBC funds are limited.

Within the meeting various issues the village is facing were discussed.

The current solar sign on the C114 entrance to the village is old technology so cannot be fixed and a new one should be requested.

Any infringement of the 7.5ton limit by heavier vehicles can only be enforced by the Police.

If 20mph signage is sought by the village, it should be noted this is a long and expensive process that includes public enquiry.

Graffiti will only be removed by SBC if the content is either sexual or racist.

A good case was made for extra signage, but John Harris advises taking a phased approach.

John Harris said he would forward a copy of his report of the meeting to one of the Councillors. This has yet to be received.

b. AD Plant Update

Biggest event is National Highways issuing an effective veto on 14th March on any decision regarding the expansion of the CE plant until 14th September. This is because they wish to conduct a full traffic survey over six months as they are alarmed by the RSK-admitted number of HGV movements at the C114/A419 junction, and the lack of swept path analyses to cover ingress/access from all directions.

There was some concern before the last PC meeting that the Planning Committee was going to decide on the AD at its March 2023 meeting. This did not happen.

Applicant has continued to submit documents regarding landscaping and planting.

Outside the Castle Eaton PC area, the ‘A417 Missing Link’ project has been given Ministerial go-ahead. This involves remodelling the Air Balloon junction near Gloucester. Proposed timeframe is 2023 to 2027 at a cost of £250 to £500 million. It is conceivable that this project could delay a decision on the AD further as once the new junction is built, traffic volumes will probably be greater as the M4/M5 would then connect via complete dual carriageway.

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6. Planning Matters

Received today 3rd April 2023 - S/HOU/23/0278

Re: Enclosure of existing covered terrace area to form new internal breakfast terrace with oak frame.

At: Longbourne, 4 Ettone Barns Castle Eaton Swindon SN6 6JJ.

Councillors to review and email Clerk by 20th April 2023 for input to Planning.

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

No issues raised by residents present at the meeting.

7. Finance

a. Approve payments.

Treasurer Account					
Transaction Date	**Transaction Type**	**Transaction Description**	**Debit Amount**	**Credit Amount**	**Balance**
Opening Balance 10/2/23					11,588.20
20/02/2023	DD	Quickbooks	22.80		11,565.40
21/02/2023	FPO	VILLAGE HALL CHAIRS PAYMENT TO VHC	2,003.40		11,565.40
21/02/2023	TFR	TFR FROM CBF FOR VILLAGE HALL CHAIRS		2,003.40	13,568.80
28/02/2023	SO	T M WHYBORN	692.81		10,872.59
09/03/2023		Interest		0.24	10,872.83
20/03/2023	DD	Quickbooks	22.80		10,850.03
28/03/2023	SO	T M WHYBORN	692.81		10,157.22
			3,434.62	**2,003.64**	
CBF Account					
Transaction Date	**Transaction Type**	**Transaction Description**	**Debit Amount**	**Credit Amount**	**Balance**
Opening Balance 10/2/23					31,922.95
21/02/2023	TFR	TFR TO TREASURER ACC FOR VILLAGE HALL CHAIRS	2,003.40		29,919.55
09/03/2023		INTEREST (GROSS)		14.46	29,934.01
			2,003.40	**14.46**	

Payments and Bank Statements approved.

8. AOB

We have been notified by the Annual White Horse cycle race that it will pass through the village on the 23rd of April. Clerk T Whyborn will alert residents via Facebook.

The Red Lion expressed a concern that many people are turning around the carpark causing damage. The Red Lion suggested moving The Fairford sign further into the village.

It was discussed that this is likely to be due to the diversion and highly unlikely that the volume currently observed is indicative of the normal traffic flow.

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9. Requirements for Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

An assurance that all Councillors will be present at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 22nd May was requested and all present confirmed their attendance, for the signing of the Annual Accounts.

The meeting will begin with the various village groups giving a presentation of their year's activities, this will be followed by the Annual parish Council meeting. Clerk T Whyborn will send out invitations to the village groups.

10. Date of next Meeting

22nd May 2023

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

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Cllr Colin Williams - Chairman

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