



## CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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

18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### Present

Cllr D Naidu (Chairman)

Cllr D Sainsbury (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr A Keate

Cllr L Saunders

Cllr M Penny

T. Whyborn (Clerk)

Approx. 20 residents

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr R Wilkins

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None Declared

#### 3. Alan Gorton

DS paid tribute to PC's late Clerk, Alan Gorton.

Alan had been the Clerk for the Parish Council for 12 years.

Alan had an interesting background. This included a Senior manager at Cheshire Borough Council, a Pig Farmer, and a Criminal Psychologist. Alan had four doctorates and had published several books.

He was known as being very hardworking and played an important role in securing the funding for the Parish from the Solar Farm. Alan was also known for his kindness and goodwill which he showed to the village in many ways, including his excellent bacon rolls at the Macmillan events at the Village Hall.

I was with great sadness DS also informed the group that Margaret, Alan's wife, had passed away on Tuesday.

#### **4. Minutes of previous Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Minutes agreed and signed by Chairman, passed to Clerk.

#### **5. Matters arising from the Minutes of Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

##### **a. Quarry at Blackburr Farm**

DN attended a zoom meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 with other local Parish Councils. During the meeting concerns were raised regarding the proposal. These included the fact that other similar developments had not been completed as expected. Other sites had not been backfilled to create agricultural land but left as a 'lake' or backfilled with clay, thus causing the potential issue of flooding.

The County Councils and Licensing committee are also not appearing take into account the effect of the accumulated traffic flows from the other sites of this nature. There are also issues of increased Wildfowl on RAF Fairford with the potential for 'bird strikes'.

Local Parish Councils are working together to draw-up a comprehensive list of areas of concern, in anticipation of the formal application being made.

Further details are available on the development are on the applicant's website until the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, details can be found on the Parish Council website.

##### **b. Update on Anaerobic Digester**

Responses have been submitted by the Parish Council, other local Parish Councils and many residents. The main theme appeared to be on the issue of transport, especially the inadequacy of the C114 from A419 to Drove way for the increased volume of HGVs.

Cllr Maureen Penny asked whether the Parish Council had requested that the application should go to Committee, DN confirmed that it had.

#### **6. Items for discussion**

##### **a. Dates of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting. (May)**

The current legislation that allows meetings to take place via Zoom ceases on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should therefore take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May via Zoom at 7pm.

##### **b. Complaints Procedure sign off.**

The Complaints procedure has been in draft format on Parish Council website. It was unanimously agreed to be finalised, signed off and dated as it stands.

## 7. Planning Matters

### **S/PAOTH/21/0398**

Re: Prior Approval notification for the erection of a technical building for containing plant and machinery.  
At: Castle Eaton Anaerobic Digester Plant, Droveway Castle Eaton Swindon SN6 6JX.

The Parish Council has requested that this is considered in conjunction with the previous application for the AD plant.

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

Resident JK asked when the village hall would be reopened to allow Pilates classes.

DP - Chair of the Trustee of the Village hall responded via email due to technical issues.

*"I will check, but at present the hall can only open (if allowed) after the 17th of May.  
This will be subject to the rule of 6 which may be of no use to you.  
I will review this against the guidelines and will try to advise you of the earliest practical date.  
It will be important to see what the possible numbers within the hall and with regard to social distancing.  
We are all watching the guidelines with interest.....!!!*

*I will confirm my assessment of the situation, when I have trawled through the guidance from various sources.*

*I am aware how keen you must be to start up again."*

## 8. Updates from Village Groups

### **a. Castle Eaton Environmental Group – Amy Oliver**

AO – The CE group are entering "The Best Kept Village" competition in the category of 'Newcomer, Small village population with population under 300'. The judging takes place between mid-May and mid-June. The CE group are having a briefing with organisers soon and will be distributing leaflets in the village with further details.

### **b. Community Benefit Fund – Barry Wicks**

BW confirmed that the two applications which had been submitted since the meeting on the 18th of February from the AD group and the EG have both been approved.

The CBF will be distributing a new flyer later this month to encourage fresh applications.

## 9. Finance

### a. Approve Payments

Payments distributed and ratified by all Councillors.

### b. Bank Reconciliation

<b>Treasurers Account</b>				
<b>Transactions</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Memo/Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 16/02/21</b>				<b>£7,659.87</b>
18/02/2021	Expenditure	Intuit Quickbooks	-£11.76	£7,648.11
01/03/2021	Expenditure	Mrs Teresa Whyborn	-£621.23	£7,026.88
		<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>-£632.99</b>	
<b>Closing Balance 15/03/21</b>				<b>£7,026.88</b>
<b>CBF Account</b>				
<b>Transactions</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Type</b>	<b>Memo/Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Beginning Balance 16/02/21</b>				<b>£40,309.79</b>
09/03/2021	Deposit	INTEREST (GROSS)	£0.31	£40,310.10
		<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>£0.31</b>	
<b>Closing Balance 15/03/21</b>				<b>£40,310.10</b>

## 10. AOB

In light of the retirement of Cllr MP, DN thanked Cllr MP for the support and help that she had given over the years with many issues – the Parish Council and wished her well.

### Date of next Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm via zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm by Dinesh Naidu – Chairman

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Whyborn - Parish Clerk

Approved by: Dinesh Naidu - Chairman