

# CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT**

Cllr W Hughes (chairman)  
Cllr D Price (vice-chairman)  
Cllr B James  
Cllr L Saunders  
Cllr D Sainsbury  
Borough Cllr Mrs M Penny  
Mr S Wylie (UK Broadband)  
11 residents  
A Gorton (clerk)

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Sainsbury indicated that he may make a declaration later into the agenda.

**3 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

The chairman introduced Steve Wylie of UK Broadband.

Mr Wylie described his Company's services and gave details of the scheme proposed by SBC to give superfast broadband coverage of 95% of Borough households. The Company wished to improve on this number and was aiming to complete their programme by mid-2016. Mr Wylie described the equipment which would be necessary, ie a monopole in the village and an external antenna on each customers' house. A trial in Chisledon with 40 customers had proved successful.

UK Broadband and SBC were in process of identifying a site for erection of the monopole. The most likely would be on a verge near Poplar Dairy employment park. In order to use UK Broadband's services it will be necessary to change from current service provider.

In response to Cllr Sainsbury, Mr Wylie confirmed that planning approval must be obtained for erection of the monopole. The Parish Council will be consulted at this stage. In response to Cllr Saunders, Mr Wylie described

the type of monopole and any effect on mobile phone communications.

Mr Wylie then answered questions from residents relating to costs, relationships between the Company and retail service providers, and contractual details with customers.

Cllr Hughes thanked Mr Wylie for his attendance and presentation and confirmed that the Parish Council would discuss this further.

**4 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MAY 14 AND JUNE 2**

The Minutes were accepted as a fair and accurate record and signed by the chairman and clerk.

**5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 Cllr Sainsbury reported his discussion with Mr Gary Humphries.

5.2 Cllr Hughes reported that the defibrillator was *in situ* and soon to be activated.

**6 PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY**

Cllr James declared a non-financial interest, and described the financial situation facing the parish church. He noted essential work which must be undertaken urgently, and asked if the Parish Council could offer financial assistance towards this.

The chairman gave details of the proscription on any financial aid to the church by the Parish Council. Cllr Penny confirmed this.

**RECESS** Cllr James raised the matter of the collapsing man-hole cover at the junction of The Street and the road to Kempford, before reaching the Thames bridge. The clerk stated that he had informed SBC Highways of this and emphasised its danger. Cllr Penny agreed to see if Locality funding could be obtained to cover the cost of repair.

**7 PLANNING MATTERS**

1 1, Long Row: planning application received and being considered.

2 Application S/15/0958 – construction of access track between Castle Eaton Farm and Lushill Farm – response to SBC Planning Dept sent 20.8.2015

**8 ORTA COMMUNITY BENEFIT: PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF SUGGESTIONS**

The Chairman reported that over 100 suggestions had been received by the Parish Council as a result of the letter distributed to every house. When these have been collated an Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

will be held in October at which they can be discussed in open forum.  
Cllr Sainsbury suggested that all the suggestions should be published so that residents can discuss them informally in advance.

This was AGREED unanimously.

There was discussion of restrictions of expenditure of the money on certain suggestions and Mrs Price raised the prohibition set by the covenant, about which all residents should be informed. Discussion then centred on the possibility of two lists of suggestions being published indicating which were possible within current spending powers and those which were not.

The Chairman stated that a form of communication would be constructed which gave a list of what can be done and what cannot.

It was AGREED unanimously that the money should be transferred to the Julian Hodge Bank 90-day Account.

**9 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b>Bank a/c 01529286 balance as at August 25, 2015</b>	<b>£71,070.39</b>
Cheques for payment	959.20
<b>Bank a/c balance after cheques</b>	<b>70,111.19</b>

**10 CORRESPONDENCE  
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Pre-planning application – 1, Long Row  
Planning application –Castle Eaton Farm

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**  
WALC Newsletters, June, July, August 2015  
Community First News, July 2015  
Local Government News – weekly  
Local Government Executive – weekly  
Public Sector Update – weekly

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on December 10 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

An Extra-ordinary Meeting will be held in October at a date to the agreed.

Signed ..... (chairman)

..... (clerk)

..... (date)

