

# CASTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT** Cllr W Hughes (chairman)  
Cllr D Price (vice-chairman)  
Cllr L Saunders  
Cllr D Sainsbury  
Borough Cllr Mrs M Penny  
Ms Helen Richards, WILD Project  
5 residents  
A Gorton, clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting with a statement outlining the purpose and the way this formal meeting of the Parish Council will be conducted.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr B James, Mrs M Caine and Mrs V Hayward.

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairman gave a statement distinguishing the two major types of 'interest' ie the 'disclosable pecuniary interest' and the 'interest by association'. He described in depth the way in which the latter affects all manner of community life, particularly in a small village or parish because of the inter-connectedness of personnel involved in the various organisations. At least three of the current Parish Councillors are so involved. This must be recognised when dealing with the Community Benefit Fund later in the agenda.

### **3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2015 AND THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The Minutes, previously circulated, were AGREED as a fair and accurate record of proceedings. They were signed by the Chairman and the clerk.

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 The Chairman reported that the defibrillator was now fully operational and that an awareness session had been held the previous evening, at which residents were instructed in its use.

4.2 Cllr Price reported that the chevron safety sign on the road to Kempsford had been struck by a car and damaged. The clerk was instructed to inform Wiltshire CC Highways Dept. and seek immediate re-instatement.

#### **5 WATER & INTEGRATED LOCAL DELIVERY PROJECT – UPDATE**

Ms Helen Richards of the WILD Project outlined the rationale for the work she and her colleagues were doing in a localised 20-year project to improve water quality in the area. They are currently involved on grassland and wetland in Water Eaton and on North Meadow, Cricklade.

Ms Richards distributed the current WILD Newsletter and asked for responses about any water issues, where residents regard ‘pinch points’ in the River Thames and its tributaries, and how the water quality can be improved in Castle Eaton.

Councillors and residents spoke of the changes to the local flood plain over several decades and its effect on farming practises.

The Chairman thanked Ms Richards for her contribution.

#### **6 COMMUNITY BENEFIT DONATION – METHOD OF SELECTION OF ITEMS**

The Chairman gave details of the work carried out since the last Extraordinary meeting and thanked Councillors for the hours and energy they had devoted to it.

6.1 In order to ensure existence of a paper trail for audit, a spread sheet has been developed. (*vide* Addendum 1)

It was AGREED unanimously that this method of formal recording be adopted.

Cllr Sainsbury suggested that this should be subject to continuous monitoring and evaluation.

6.2 An Evaluation Form had been produced to enable monitoring of each suggestion and evaluation against a scoring system.

It was AGREED unanimously that this be adopted. (*vide* Addendum 2)

Cllr Sainsbury suggested that it should be subject to the Parish Council having the over-riding and final decision on any suggestion, in the interests of residents as a whole.

#### **7 COMMUNITY BENEFIT DONATION – RESIDENTS’ SUGGESTIONS**

The Chairman asked for suggestions from the floor.

As no further suggestions were added and the four written responses



Balance after payment

(NB £615 of this balance is remaining from the Sun Edison grant for the defibrillator and £69,366 from ORTA Community Benefit)

**10 CORRESPONDENCE**

**For response**

Waldon Ltd - Streetworks

**General**

Talk about – Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (every two weeks)

WALC Newsletter – October 2015

The Stripling – Newsletter, Upper Thames Protection Society

River Thames Alliance – Newsletter

Public Sector Executive – weekly

Local Government News – weekly

WALC Newsletter – November, 2015

Community First Newsletter – Winter, 2015

Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group Announcements

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2016, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Signed ..... (chairman0

..... (clerk)

..... (date)