

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 13th Apr 2023 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Simon Chandler Cllr Donna Ramsden Cllr Richard Harding Cllr Richard Vernon Cllr Maria Moakes Cllr Michael Howard Ed Knox 0 Members of the Public	Chairman Cllr Tom Adam Cllr Gregg Davies Cllr Jane Worthington Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer
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Also, Present

Cllr Chandler gave thanks to Cllr Howard who is retiring tonight after approximately 25 years on the parish council.

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

No Comments.

18/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Vernon **Proposed**, Cllr Moakes **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Mee.

19/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Argent-Cook **Proposed**, Cllr Moakes **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

20/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

21/23 To receive Reports from the County Councillor, any updates on Highways Matters Raised with Notts County Council and to escalate outstanding items with the Local Authority via the County Cllr, where necessary

County Cllr Ogle did not attend.

The following outstanding Notts County Council items have been chased by the Clerk in between meetings, and Cllr Ogle copied in to escalate issues where necessary:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
Eaton Speeding Feasibility Study	A request to the County Council Highways Manager for potential solutions for Eaton, including, but not limited to Dragons Teeth, Village Gateways, an Interactive Speed Sign.	Highways Manager has confirmed that Eaton will be assessed by the County Council via a Feasibility Study which is aimed to be completed before 31/03/2023.	14/10/2022 - Highways Manager has confirmed that Eaton will be assessed by the County Council via a Feasibility Study which is aimed to be completed before 31/03/2023. 22/02/2023 Highways Manager advised "I will contact colleagues RE the feasibility study results now, as soon as I have more info, I'll be sure to keep you in the loop." 31/03/2023 Highways Manager advised " <i>the study came through yesterday, I'm unsure if I can share or not so I would suggest speaking to the councillor directly regarding this</i> ". 13/04/2023 The Council asked the Clerk to complain to the County Highways Manager about the lack of action over the release of the report.
West Drayton Road Resurfacing	County Cllr Ogle advised he is working with the County Highways Manager regards road resurfacing priorities and the road towards Eel Pie Farm has been identified as a potential location for this work.	At the July 2022 meeting the Council asked County Cllr Ogle to look into to include this section of road for resurfacing and the team.	14/10/2022 - County Cllr Ogle advised that it is down for attention on Via's to do list. Cllr Adam asked for an estimated lead time for the works. Cllr Ogle advised the Council to ask the Highways Manager. 18/11/2022 no further updates, the Clerk will chase the Highways Manager and Cc in Cllr Ogle. 14/12/2022 no further updates, the Clerk will chase the Highways Manager and Cc in Cllr Ogle. 12/01/2023 – Parish Council complaint sent in to the Complaints Team. 16/01/2023 Complaints Team replied to advise "we don't accept complaints from Parish Councils"

			<p>23/01/2023 – County Highways Manager advised that the area Highways Manager “will now request a full inspection be carried out of the road.” 22/02/2023 – Highways Manager Advised “Members requests will have feedback in March so we will know more then.” 13/03/2023 The Council advised that the road surface is a priority locally because there’s no pavement to Markham Moor from the village and pedestrians walk on the road, cars drive in the middle and wrong side of the road, and wish to escalate this with the Highways Manager.</p>
<p>Gamston Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges & Trees Adj Severn Trent Sewage Works Ref COM-172138-P5M5N2</p>	<p>Trees and hedges adjacent the roadside and pavement overgrown</p>	<p>Severn Trent to cut back hedges and trees as necessary</p>	<p>16/03/2023 – complaint raised to Severn Trent Complaints Dept to undertake hedge and tree cutting.</p>  <p>18/03/2023 – Severn Trent Complaint’s team advised that a response would be sent within 10 working days. 03/04/2023 no response received, today is day 11 further complaint sent to Severn Trent. 04/04/2023 – Severn Trent confirmed the hedgerow and trees are not theirs and belong to the same owner as the Road, Pavement and hedge down near the river on HM Land Register Title NT452284. 05/04/2023 – Reported to Notts CC as the land must be theirs. Response received to say they have passed on the complaint to the Corporate Property and Forestry Team. 11/04/2023 – Highways Manager replied to say “The forestry team are going to reinspect. Once they’ve visited, I’ll get a response sorted.”</p>
<p>Gamston Muttonshire Hill Bend Speed 40mph zone extension</p>	<p>Vehicles going too fast come off the bend into the field.</p>	<p>Notts CC to assess the possibility of extending the 40mph zone to the other side of the bend.</p>	<p>16/03/2023 – Request sent to Highways Manager to assess the Muttonshire Hill bend with a view to alter the 40mph speed limit to before the bend as per below photo.</p>  <p>03/04/2023 – chase sent. Response received same day to say they will investigate the accident pattern frequencies, to decide whether this will be a possibility.</p>

New Items to escalate:

Please note in the 1st instance, Cllrs and members of the public should report all new highways matters (street lights, overgrown hedges/trees, pavement/road problems/drainage etc) via the on-line Notts County Council website or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken by NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation.

- None.

14/23 To receive Reports from the District Councillor, any updates on District Council Matters Raised with Bassetlaw and to escalate outstanding items with the Local Authority via the District Cllr, where necessary

The following outstanding Bassetlaw District Council items have been chased by the Clerk in between meetings, and Cllr Ogle copied in to escalate issues where necessary:

District Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
None			

New Items to escalate:

Please note in the 1st instance, cllrs and members of the public should report all new district council matters (Fly-Tipping, Broken/Missing Street Nameplates, Dog Fouling etc) on-line via the District Council website, themselves, then, should no action have been taken by BDC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation.

- Cllr Chandler agreed to contact the Bassetlaw ASB Team leader and the Police about the costs and practicalities of CCTV around the Eaton Bridge area and to obtain estimations on costs of provision, monitoring and maintenance of the equipment.

15/23 Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record. Cllrs signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None	None	£0
Total Payments		£0

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		£0.00
Total Receipts		£0.00

Bank Balance

The Current Account Balance **£11,962#**

Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, already **approved** unanimously.

#£10,000 ringfenced as the Council's reserve fund and £100 ringfenced for West Drayton Defibrillator.

16/23 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows and also discussed the following at today's meeting:

- **23/00010/ENF Land Off Mill Lane Rockley Sep 2022 - Alleged Breach - Unauthorised Change of Use of Land to Retrospective Retention of the siting of a Storage Container with a Hardcore Standing Area** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.
- **22/00148/ENF Land at the Old Watermill Mill Lane Rockley Dec 2022 - Alleged Breach - Alleged Breach Unauthorised Building Works** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.
- **23/00049/ENF Ballards Removals holdings Ltd – Erection of flood lighting without planning permission** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.
- **21/01834/FUL Eel Pie Farm Great North Road Markham Moor Eco Holiday Accommodation Comprising of Nine Holiday Cottages and Associated Access, Parking and Landscaping** – The Parish Council discussed this planning application which has been granted, the owner has a large area of the site full of scrap metal, scrap vehicles, gas canisters, bricks, rubble, waste and junk. The Council resolved that the clerk contacts Bassetlaw Planning and Environmental Health to ask if this is safe, allowed and how long, this can remain on site, is it

compliant with the planning application and is the planning officer aware, lastly do they require a waste licence for this.

- The Council had a general discussion regards planning applications and that Cllrs need to be aware of all plans passed in case further plans/Changes of Use are then submitted at a later date.
- Cllr Chandler agreed to talk with Thatcham about the 46 lights on the building at Gamston Airport.

17/23 To discuss the online Police Meeting

Cllr Worthington attended the online meeting; 10 parish councillor representatives were present from across Bassetlaw. Cllr Worthington gave a report from the meeting which included:

- Complaints across the district that PC Mitchell doesn't attend PC meetings, however, the Council understands that he works full time in the day and doesn't work evenings, and is conducting daytime surgeries when he can locally at various coffee mornings and events in the district.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner talked about the community speed-watch programme the Police are keen to train local people upon.

The Council discussed the ANPR cameras at Markham Moor and the average speed cameras on the A638, were they working, offline or working part-time, and how many people in the past 12 months have been fined for speeding by the average speed cameras, the Clerk was asked to email Inspector Hayley Crawford for the information.

18/22 To agree that the Parish Council meets the criteria for eligibility (two thirds elected members and CiLCA qualified Clerk) & to agree to adopt the General Power of Competence

Sections 1 to 8 of the Localism Act 2011 provides statutory power to local councils the general power of competence (GPC) 'to do anything that individuals generally may do', described as a 'power of first resort'. The generality of the power is not limited by the existence of any other powers of the authority, as long as it does not break other laws (for instance it doesn't overrule S.8 of the 1894 Local Govt Act, therefore GPC doesn't allow payments to churches). Once adopted GPC, council cannot also incur section 137 Local Government Act 1972 expenditure.

The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 lays down the criteria for eligibility:

- When a resolution is passed that the council meets the criteria, the number of councillors declared elected at the last ordinary election or subsequent by-election, must equal to or be greater than two-thirds of the total number of members of the council.
 - The clerk must hold either CiLCA 2012 or a higher education (Level 4) qualification in Local Council Administration
- More than 2 thirds (8), 10 seats on the Parish Council were elected in 2023 and the Clerk obtained the CiLCA qualification in 2020. Therefore, after discussion, Cllr Chander **Proposed**, calling for a vote and the Council **resolved** to adopt the General Power of Competence with effect from 9th May 2023.

19/23 To consider items for a future agenda raised by residents in the parishes

- For the May meeting:
 - Five Villages Trust potential expenditure
 - To consider to move to Bi-Monthly meetings.

The Clerk was asked to check with the Lengthsman about reporting the litter picking bags to BDC for collection as many are still around, including down the bridge at West Drayton near the A1, and need collection.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be on 11th May 2023.