

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 12th October 2023 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm. **Council Members & Officer Present:**

Cllr Simon Chandler	Chairman
Cllr Donna Ramsden	Cllr Tom Adam
Cllr Richard Harding	Cllr Richard Vernon
Cllr Jane Worthington	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Maria Moakes	
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

County Councillor Ogle (in part) and 1 member of public

Also Present:

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Members of public in attendance to request some clarification around planning procedures, particularly in relation to matters that go before full Planning Committee. Chairman confirmed that certain criteria must be met in order for a planning application to go before a Full Committee hearing.

1/10/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Davies and Mee.

2/10/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

None.

3/10/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes.

The council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. The chairman duly signed the minutes.

4/10/23 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Streetlight Woodyard Lane

Cllr Vernon informed the PC that the streetlight had not yet been repaired, he has been in discussion with the National Grid, a further 2 trees on Woodyard Lane have been identified as causing potential interference with power lines. Clerk will also follow this issue up with Notts CC.

b. Snow Warden Update

Cllrs Argent-Cook, Vernon and Harding have registered for the scheme.

c. Poppies

Have been purchased and distributed to the villages.

5/10/23 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

Cllr Dinsdale not in attendance.

6/10/23 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

Chairman thanked Cllr Ogle for his assistance with moving items highlighted at last meeting forwards.

Cllr Ogle informed the PC that VIA needed a decision on the proposal made to the Muttonshire Hill speed limit, further information in section 7b.

Cllr Ogle has asked Cllrs to make a list of areas in the village where road markings are faded so he can send to VIA and have these areas painted.

The Council will soon be running an election for the role of Mayor, likely Conservative candidate will be the current leader for Notts CC Ben Bradley.

7/10/23 Highways and Footpaths

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

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
<p>A) 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 <i>“The forestry team are going to reinspect. Once they’ve visited, I’ll get a response sorted.”</i> 15/06/2023 still awaiting reinspection 14/07/2023 still awaiting inspection from Forestry team Action Clerk to email Cllr Ogle for assistance and cc Aidan O’Connor 15/07/23 Clerk emailed Cllr Ogle 31/08/23 Clerk emailed Cllr Ogle 14/09/23 Cllr Ogle requested Clerk email him to request an update which he will escalate 20/09/23 email received from Suzanne Heydon stating that this section of hedge will be flailed by the end of October and nettles and weeds will be strimmed back. VIA will also write to the owner of the unmaintained section requesting they maintain the hedge. 12/10/23 No action needed, can remove from future agenda once work is completed.</p>
<p>B) Gamston Muttonshire Hill</p>	<p>Vehicles going too fast come</p>	<p>Notts CC to assess the possibility of</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>Bend Speed 40mph zone extension</p>	<p>off the bend into the field.</p>	<p>extending the 40mph zone to the other side of the bend.</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> <p>14/04/2023 – Highways Manager advised ‘we’ve had the accident data back for almost a mile of the road here and there has been no accidents reported since at least Jan 2019. I understand people don’t always report accidents completely but we have to go on the data we have at hand. With this in mind, we would not look to implement a reduction in the speed limit. However, I have asked NCC to look into the possibility of other improvements on the approach to this bend to ensure driver safety is considered. I will have further discussions with them regarding this and as soon as I have any sort of update/news I’ll let you know.’</p> <p>15/06/2023 Action Clerk to follow up as no information was made available</p> <p>14/07/2023 Cllr Ogle has been told this is not possible Action email Cllr Ogle to request a copy of the formal response</p> <p>31/08/23 Follow up email sent to Cllr Ogle</p> <p>14/09/23 Cllr Argent-Cooke has been forwarded accident data and photos by a resident showing 3 accidents on the bend so far this year, this will be forwarded to the Clerk to send to VIA</p> <p>14/09/23 Cllr Ogle asked the Clerk to email him requesting the formal response he has received.</p> <p>19/09/23 email from Aidan O’Connor, Notts CC are proposing to change the speed limit to 40mph just before the entrance to the airport.</p> <p>12/10/23 All agreed that this was an acceptable solution but would like some consideration to be made to also put road markings just before the bend and possible change the speed limit to 30 on reaching the bend as concern that a 40mph limit alone will not be enough. Clerk will write to VIA Action Clerk</p>
<p>C) Speeding Interactive Sign</p>			<p>15/09/23 Cllr Adam has forwarded information regarding a mobile Interactive Speed sign to Cllr Chandler, approx. cost to purchase approx. £4-5K. After a discussion all agreed that it may be prudent of the PC to look into purchasing their own sign, however, further investigation is required as to the suitability/location of mounting the sign in each village. Cllr Adam agreed to investigate this further with other Cllrs proposing suitable locations in each village. Will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting.</p> <p>12/10/23 Cllr Adam informed PC that cost to purchase would be between £3-6K and that the company he obtained quotes from, can assist in identifying suitable locations, he has also</p>

			spoken with Notts CC who are not running a similar scheme to the one in Leicester. Cllr Adam has been tasked with getting a definite costing which would include ongoing maintenance costs, this will then be discussed and agreed upon at the November meeting, Cllrs have identified suitable lampposts in Gamston (3, 9 & 10) and Eaton (2,3,8 & 9). To place on November agenda.
E) Footpath Safety	Overgrown footpath at Rockley Footpath leading to A1	Via to cut back Closure or gated end to footpath	14/07/2023 Residents informed Cllr Ramsden that footpath from Rockley to Markham Moor was overgrown. Cllr Ogle advised clerk to write to Aidan O'Connor and ask that soil/debris and grass roots be removed so path was wide enough to accommodate a pushchair as it is believed that this is a maintenance issue. Action Clerk to email Aidan O'Connor and cc Cllr Ogle 15/09/2023 Footpath was cut back very quickly but further work now required to widen the footpath. Clerk advised by VIA that this is now on the scheduled programme of works 12/10/2023 works have not been carried out yet, Clerk to contact VIA to request a proposed timescale 15/09/2023 Cllr Davies raised the safety of footpath from West Drayton that ends at the A1, PROW show it as an active footpath but questioned the safety of this. Clerk to write to the PROW team and ask if something can be done to improve the safety of this, or remove it entirely from footpath route Action Clerk 12/10/2023 email from Jane Baines who informs the PC that this is in fact a Bridleway and that they are only permitted to erect gates for stock control purposes or to protect from danger, she has forwarded the information to Neil Lewis of the Countryside Alliance team, we will await a response and discuss at the November meeting.

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 <http://forms.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>, should no action have been taken by NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation.

8/10/23 Finance:

a. Payments for Approval

Schedule of Payments - September 2023

Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
15/09/2023	23/020	S/O	Glen Rutherford (lengthsman)	352.50	0.00	352.50	
19/09/2023	23/021	BACS	AJFIBL Insurance	708.48	0.00	708.48	
19/09/2023	23/022	BACS	Royal British Legion Poppies	99.58	0.00	99.58	
21/09/2023	23/023	DD	GoCardless Website hosting	11.99	0.00	11.99	
25/09/2023		Credit	BDC Precept	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,263.50
27/09/2023	23/024	BACS	J Tisi September Salary/expenses	422.37	0.00	422.37	
30/09/2023	23/025	Fee	Bank Service Charge	18.00	0.00	18.00	
			Total	1,612.92	0.00	1,612.92	7,263.50

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. Cllr Chandler signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

b. *Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance*

Precept received on the 25/09/2023 £7263.50

Bank Balance as of the 30th September 2023 is £20,291

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

09/10/23 Anti-social behaviour in Eaton

No update from Richard Blagg or Chris Harrison, clerk will write to both parties.

10/11/23 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:

A. Apple Barn Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PY

Ref. No: 23/00854/FUL & 23/00754/FUL Received: Tue 20 Jun 2023 | Validated: Tue 11 Jul 2023 | Status:

Awaiting decision **These applications have now been resubmitted to the website, residents are able to comment on both applications which need to be treat independently.**

B. Proposed Stable Building (to replace unauthorised storage container) Land Off Mill Lane Rockley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/01127/FUL | Received: Tue 12 Sep 2023 | Validated: Tue 12 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision. **The Parish Council reviewed this application and all in agreed to object to the application due to issues surrounding Highways and Heritage impact.**

11/10/23 Defibrillator Grant Funding

Cllr Davies has applied for Government funding and is awaiting the outcome of the application.

12/10/23 Correspondence Received

The PC acknowledge letters of correspondence regarding planning applications at Apple Tree Barn, resident has been informed that they need to deal directly with BDC Planning Officer Richard Greig.

13/10/23 Lengthsman

Timesheets have been received and circulated. PC would like to thank the lengthsman for his work on the hedge at Eaton Bog Wood. Cllr Vernon raised that the Bus Shelter on the A638 southbound had some loose timber boards which may or may not fall under lengthsman's duties, Clerk will clarify.

14/10/23 Website/email address update

Cllr Ramsden has been investing the cost of getting gov.uk email addresses for the Cllrs, lowest cost quoted was £262 for first year rising upto £603 for the 2nd year, with the option of a 3 year deal that worked out at £303 per year. Cllrs agreed that until further notice from NALC Cllrs without current dedicated email address will set these up immediately. Will revisit the situation should the need arise.

15/10/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Cllr Argent-Cook presented brief overview of discussions held at the South East Forum.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

Next meeting date: 12th October, 6.30pm at Gamston School