

# **Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton**

## **Parish Council**

Agenda for meeting to be held at  
**7.00pm – on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

at Manor Farm, Gamston DN220PY

Opportunity for members of the public to join the Council for 10 minutes – ***Please contact the Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting to request access to this meeting which will be held in accordance to Government COVID safe guidelines.***

**Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

**Approval of minutes of meeting held on 4th May 2021**

**Business arising from the meeting of 4th May 2021**

- **Rockley Notice Board** - Update from Cllr. Adams
- **New bin Gamston** – Update from Cllr. Howard
- **Mosquitoes in Gamston** – Update from D Watts by the Clerk
- **Drains in Rockley** - Update from Clerk
- **Highways**- Update on improved communication with P Laughton
- **Communication** - Confirmation of new web address and Web development
- **Litter problems in the Parish** – Update from the Clerk

**District and County Councillors Report -**

**Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan** - Consultation period 9th June - 21st July

**Eaton** - Issues arising

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**b) Decisions:**

**Matters raised by village residents :**

**Village warden report** to be given by the Clerk

**Casual Vacancy**

**Account & Audit**

- **Current position on Accounts**
- **Payments**

**Highways :**

**Any other Business:** Consideration of granting the Chair and Clerk permission to make financial decisions up to £500 in the situation of any further lockdowns or cancellation of meetings .

**Date of next meeting – July 2021 .**

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## Parish Council

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**Present: Cllr. S Chandler (Chair), Cllr. M Crookes, Cllr. D Ramsden,**

**Cllr. M Howard, Cllr, D Newman, Cllr. M Moakes**

**Cllr. J Ogle joined the meeting at 8.20pm**

### **Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J Worthington and T Blagg.

### **Declarations of interest**

Cllr D Ramsden declared an interest in items related to the drains in Rockley.

Cllr. Chandler announced the resignation of Cllr R. Ogle and acknowledged the gratitude of all councillors for Cllr. Ogle's dedication to the Council over many years.

### **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 4th May 2021**

Approved

### **Business arising from the meeting of 4th May 2021**

- **Rockley Notice Board** - Cllr Adams was not available to give an update on this.  
**Action: Clerk to send an email to get an update and then remove item from the agenda.**
- **New bin Gamston** – Update from Cllr. Howard who stressed that although the bin was not in the requested location there is a need for the bin to be in a place where it can be emptied safely.
- **Mosquitoes in Gamston** – Update from D. Watts by the Clerk  
D. Watts has replied –extracts from his email to the Clerk:

*The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) granted a Critical Situation Permit for Bassetlaw District Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to spray Bti Vectobac 12AS using a drone.*

*The permit last until the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.*

*The drone company we have appointed have applied for the CAA licence and I am awaiting to see what happens. I have already carried out the 1<sup>st</sup> FWI survey of the river Idle and will forward the results to the EA once we have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey.*

*In the meantime, myself and colleagues have been carrying out weekly larvae surveys for Aedes Vexans in the designated spray areas.*

*This treatment will continue until we can fly a drone.*

*If residents know of areas which may be mosquito breeding sites then please let us know and it shall be investigated.*

- **Drains in Rockley** - Update from Clerk who reported that Pauline Laughton on sick leave and consequently there is a backlog of work and her deputy will pick this up as soon as possible.  
Cllr. Ogle confirmed later in the meeting that Pauline Laughton has now resigned from her post and the Highways department is severely stretched because of vacant posts and sickness. He advised Councillors to only follow up urgent and very outstanding Highway's issues at this stage.
- **Highways**- Update on improved communication with P Laughton  
This will be on hold until the staffing in this office is addressed.
- **Communication** - Confirmation of new web address and Web development  
The Clerk confirmed that the new web address for the Parish Council is:  
***gamstonwithwestdraytonandeatonparishcouncil.com***

- **Litter problems in the Parish** – Update from the Clerk  
Wendy Turner has replied to a request for extra litter collections saying that the Parish Council receive a maintenance grant and therefore this along with the bin collection and verge clearances carried out by the District Council is all that is available.  
**Action: Clerk to request a larger bin at Hather Close, Gamston.**

#### **District and County Councillors Report** - Cllr Ogle joined the meeting at 8.20pm

Cllr. Ogle informed the PC that the Government has reimbursed the County Council for costs incurred due to COVID.

Cllr. Ogle reported on the staffing problems within the Highways Department and urged members to only contact the department with emergencies or if issues are sticking.  
The PC was informed that the Government have awarded £4 million pounds to address the problem of pot holes in the County. Cllr Ogle explained that identifying marks around potholes are indicative of the amount of time that the department have to repair them according to severity e.g. a white circle around the site indicates the need to repair within 24 hours and a yellow circle indicates 28 days.

The PC was further informed that drains have been improved at Sibthorpe Hill and the highway chambers are being dealt with.  
The County Council Drains Officer is Matt Duckworth.

Cllr. Ramsden raised the issues of the drainage problems in Rockley and Cllr. Ogle acknowledged he was aware of the issue and asked her to follow up the situation in a couple of months before the winter weather exacerbates the situation.

Councillors raised the issues of tourists using the river at Eaton during the fine weather and stressed their concern of the danger caused to people jumping off the bridge there into the river.  
**ACTION: Cllr. Ogle suggested an email from the PC to himself to request the possibility of a structure to erect on the bridge.**

Cllr. Moakes requested the use of the temporary interactive speed sign again.  
**Action: Clerk to contact Highways.**

Finally Cllr. Ogle stressed the need for individuals and the PC to respond to Draft Bassetlaw plan by 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan** - Consultation period 9th June - 21st July  
Cllr. Chandler raised the need to engage with the on-line consultations.  
**Action: Mail drop to Parish residents via the Idle Times.**  
Cllr, Crookes agreed to write an insert for the Idle Times.

#### **Eaton** - Issues arising

Cllr. Chandler re-capped the anti-social issues that arise in the village exacerbated by the good weather, attracting visitors.

Cllr. Chandler explained the measures that have been taken in the past to address the individual issues of litter, parking, noise, dangerous use of the river etc.

**Action: Cllr. Chandler will invite a representative from Bassetlaw District Council to the next meeting to discuss any measures that could be formally put in place.**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Highways, The Environmental Agency and the Rivers Trust to establish ownership and a solution to the problem of people jumping off the bridge into the river. It appears that the river is privately owned and therefore a matter for the land owner. There was some discussion about the ramp allowing access to the river and if there is a risk assessment for this.

**Action: Clerk to contact the Environment Agency again.**

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## **No objections**

## **Matters raised by village residents: None**

**Village warden report** to be given by the Clerk

No report.

**Casual Vacancy** – It was noted that the PC now has 2 vacancies that can be co-opted.

## **Account & Audit**

- **Current position on Accounts £16595.71**
- **Payments David Bailey £337.49**
- **Clerk £564.60**
- **HMRC £44**

## **Highways: Covered elsewhere**

## **Any other Business:**

Consideration of granting the Chair and Clerk permission to make financial decisions up to £500 in the situation of any further lockdowns or cancellation of meetings was discussed but it was decided that a specific list of potential payments should be drawn up for this eventuality.

Councillors agreed to adopt the planning document circulated for this meeting.

Cllr. Moakes had attended a recent School meeting as a representative of the Five Villages Trust.

**Action: Cllr. Moakes to send the minutes of the meeting to the Clerk for circulation to Councillors,**

Cllr. Moakes asked about re-visiting funding to Churches however, it was agreed that this would not be possible. Councillors agreed to consider funding projects in the Parish.

Cllr. Chandler informed Councillors that the battery for the speed camera hasn't arrived yet.

Cllr. Moakes agreed to look at an insert for a future edition of the IDLE Times, promoting the work of the PC and asking for new Councillors to come forward.

**Date of next meeting – July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 7pm at Gamston Primary School**

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