

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council
Agenda

Meeting to be held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 8th October 2020
held with Covid 19 guidelines Via Zoom

- 1. Mrs Moakes introduction followed by Co-opting Mrs Maria Moakes as representative of Gamston onto the Council**
- 2. Suspension of Council Procedure Rules for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow questions from members of the public.**
- 3. Apologies for absence**
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
- 5. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2020**
- 6. Business arising from the meeting of 10th September 2020**
 - **Hedge in Gamston update by Cllr Howard**
 - **Eaton Highway and Speeding update by Cllr Chandler**
 - **Five Villages Trust / rent update by Cllr R Ogle and Clerk**
 - **Chairman's meeting with the Head.**
 - **Grant awards Policy and Reserves Policy update by Clerk and Cllr Ramsden**
 - **Drains/ potholes A638**
 - **Gamston Phone Box update by Cllr Howard**
 - **Mosquitoes update by Cllr Worthington**
- 7 . Planning : a) Applications**
 - b) Decisions
- 8 . Matters raised by village residents : antisocial behaviour update request**
- 9. District and County Councillor**
- 10. Village warden report**
- 11. Accounts & Audit**
 - **Nottingham Buildings Society update**
 - **Eon**
- 12. Highways**
- 13. Any other Business: Payments to Churches by Clerk**

Date of next meeting – Date to be arranged.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 8th October 2020.

Present: Cllr. S Chandler (Chair), Cllr. D Ramsden, Cllr. M Crookes, Cllr. M Howard, Cllr. D Newman, Cllr. R Ogle, Cllr. J Worthington.

Also present: District Cllr. J Ogle, Andrea Wilson - Clerk, Mrs M Moakes

1. New member Mrs Maria Moakes was welcomed to the meeting and was asked to brief the Council on her background and her reasons for joining the Council. She has lived in Eaton for 11 years and hopes to make a difference by her work in the local Community. She was subsequently co-opted onto the Council as a representative of Gamston village.

2. Suspension of Council Procedure Rules for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow questions from members of the public – No members of the public present.

3. Apologies: Cllr. T Adam, Cllr. T Blagg

4. Declarations of Interest – None

5. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 10 September 2020 – approved by Cllr. M Crookes and seconded by Cllr. M Howard but not signed.

6. Business arising from the meeting of 10 September 2020

- **Hedge in Gamston – Update by Cllr. Howard**

Cllr. M Howard had checked deeds and maps of the area and it was still unclear regarding the ownership – Notts CC/Severn Trent/Barmcote. Notts Highways may take out an enforcement order to Severn Trent to cut the hedge

Action: Cllr. M Howard agreed to look up previous correspondence and then email County Councillor Ogle -.

- **Eaton Highway and Speeding update –** The Chair reported on the following: Two spots for the use of the Parish Council speed gun have been identified by the local police and so any monitoring by a parish councillor with any volunteers would be covered by our Insurance.

Cllr. M Howard agreed to produce any paperwork relating to the speed gun and the ways of operating. It was noted that 2/3 people needed to operate the gun. Cllr. M Moakes asked if Cllrs. M Howard and T Blagg are the only people able to deliver the training for using the gun. Cllr Newman offered to assist in training any new volunteers however it was suggested that it may be necessary to ask the police to be involved in addition on the first use in Eaton. Cllr S Chandler agreed to follow this up with Gareth Mitchell.

Cllr Howard also indicated that the gun may need to be recalibrated as it had not been used recently and the batteries would need checking prior to use.

It was noted that fluorescent jackets would be needed for anyone involved.

Cllr. S Chandler requested Cllr. M Howard if he could provide possible dates for actioning the use of the speed gun in Eaton once his workload had reduced.

Action: Clerk to check to see if members of the general public would be covered too.

It was also noted that the speed counting strips have been removed by the Highways Dept and the data would be sent back to the Eaton representatives in due course.

- **Five Villages Trust**

It was noted that relevant documents held by the Charities Commission relating to the Trust had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Charities Commission still identifies David Landon as the contact for the Trust.

Cllr. M Crookes reported that she has applied for an on-line bank account for the Five Villages Trust.

Action: Clerk to contact David Landon to establish password and access to the site.

The meeting was temporarily halted due to Zoom access at 19.45pm

Cllr. S Chandler gave Councillors feedback on the meeting that he had attended at Gamston C of E Primary School, where he met with the new Head and one Governor - they had a positive meeting and discussed the future relationship between the School, Parish Council and residents of the Parish. The Head stressed the financial problems that the School experienced this year and would be willing to attend the next meeting to explain in more detail her position on the situation at the school. He made the suggestion that could this year's rent owed to the Five Villages Trust be waived due to the additional financial costs experienced during the pandemic. The council discussed the situation in details, and it was decided more information was needed to be able to make a more informed decision as to how best to go forward with the situation. The council accepted that the school should meet their rental obligation, however, as these were unprecedented times all avenues should be considered to ensure any action complies with the legalities of the charity's objectives.

Cllr. D suggested that the Parish Council ask the School to pay the rent this year in order to create a precedent however, this year the rent would be returned to the School to enable them to ensure there were no further financial pressures on this year's budget.

Action: Clerk to contact the School.

Action: Cllr S Chandler to draw up an appraisee clarifying the legalities of the trust, the position on the recommendation put forward and what steps need to be taken to ensure everything is in place for the school's financial year and circulate to all Councillors for them to read and comment on prior to the next meeting.

Cllr. M Moakes asked if there had been a decision as to how the funds raised by the rent would be spent. Cllr. S Chandler confirmed that in accordance with requirements this could not be decided by the Parish Council therefore a Management Committee would need be established to decide how this money could be used.

Cllr. M Howard left the meeting at 20.03pm

Cllr. S Chandler also noted that the School's Head had requested that a representative from the Parish Council would visit the School in order to talk about the work of a council with pupils who will be involved in setting up their own School's Council.

Action: Cllr. M Moakes volunteered to clarify / discuss this visit with the Head.

A638

The Clerk confirmed that the drains on A638 road have been reported to Highways.

Phone Box in Gamston

It was noted that Cllr. M Howard has sourced where replacement glass panels for the phone box in Gamston could be purchased from.

Mosquitoes

Cllr. J Worthington confirmed that she has no further information about the mosquito problem in the villages.

Action: Cllr. M Moakes agreed to circulate Facebook communication about this issue which would be of interest to Councillors.

7. Planning: No issues

8. Matters raised by residents:

Anti-social behaviour – Cllr. S Chandler confirmed that he has spoken to Bassetlaw District Council about the problems with litter in the villages and he informed Councillors that Marshalls have been working in the Parish and that they have been made aware of this problem. The Clerk reported that the manager of the MacDonald's takeaway restaurant at Markham Moor is keen to help control the problem of litter from this business.

Cllr Newman and Cllr Worthington both mentioned the issue raised about the amount of vans and vehicles parked on the pavement on Rectory Lane from the building site at the Old Elms Rectory Walk.

Action: Clerk to report litter at Hather Close.

Cllr. D Newman requested that the Parish Council note a very positive response to the replacement of the pavements at Hather Close.

9. Report from County/District Councillor – none

10. Report from Village Warden – none

Action: Clerk agreed to contact the Village Warden and suggest the use of a pro-forma for him to complete for each meeting.

11. Finances:

Total expenditure to date: £2810.20

Balance: £17,299.34

Payments to make:

HMRC £44.00

Bassetlaw DC £11.00

Came and Co £364.96

David Bailey £340.08

EON – this account needs to be investigated further.

The meeting ended before all items were covered due to Zoom access at 20.30pm

The Clerk confirmed the following with the Chair via telephone:

Highways – no issues

Deferred: Payments to churches, Insurance renewal, Nottingham Building Society

DONM: 12.11.2020 at 7pm