

## Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 Vince Mee
Cllr Jane Worthington	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Richard Vernon	Cllr Gregg Davies
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

**Also Present:**

County Councillor Ogle (in part) and 2 members of public

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Members of public in attendance came only to observe.

1/9/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Maria Moakes.

2/9/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

None.

3/9/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes.

Amendment to 10/7/23 Mosquitoes in Gamston should of read “there were only some areas that could not be treated”. With the addition of the amendment, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. The chairman duly signed the minutes.

4/9/23 Matters arising from minutes.

*a. Village Signs*

Resident queried the cost of the signs, to clarify the cost would not be £30k per sign, it would be upto £32k in total to cover a sign in all 5 villages.

5/9/23 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

6/9/23 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

Cllrs raised the following issues with Cllr Ogle:

Streetlight on Woodyard Lane, further information contained under item 17. Cllr Ogle advised PC to email him with information.

Weeds in gully's on A638, Cllr Ogle advised that contractors from Norfolk were due to come out and spray them. Cllr Ogle also commented on items in section 7, see below.

7/9/23 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><b>A)</b> <b>Gamston</b> Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges &amp; Trees Adj Severn Trent Sewage Works Ref <b>COM- 172138- P5M5N2</b></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 <b>Action</b> 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 <b>Clerk email him</b> to request an update which he will escalate</p>
<p><b>B)</b> <b>Gamston</b> 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>

			<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 <b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up as no information was made available</p> <p>14/07/2023 Cllr Ogle has been told this is not possible <b>Action</b> email Cllr Ogle to request a copy of the formal response</p> <p>31/08/2023 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>14/09/2023 Cllr Ogle asked the <b>Clerk to email</b> him requesting the formal response he has received.</p>
<b>C) All</b>	Winter Salt	Notts CC	5 free bags will be ordered from BDC and delivered directly to the lengthsman. Cllr Argent-Cooke queried if the PC were entitled to a supply to each village rather than the combined villages, <b>Clerk will query</b>
<b>D) Speedwatch</b>	Speeding across all Villages	Set up Speedwatch/ Install speed signs	15/09/2023 PC Dale as yet has not carried out the risk assessment. 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. The speed sign has been removed from Eaton, Clerk was informed by VIA on the 31/08/2023 that the sign was due to be repaired the following week, <b>Clerk to investigate.</b>
<b>E) Footpath Safety</b>	Overgrown footpath at Rockley	Via to cut back	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
	Footpath leading to A1	Closure or gated end to footpath	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 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 <b>Action Clerk</b>

**New Items to escalate:**

Please note in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

8/9/23 Finance:

a. *Payments for Approval*

Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC
02/08/2023	23/015	BACS	Gamston School Hall Hire	210.00	0.00	210.00
02/08/2023	23/016	BACS	J Tisi May/June Salary & Expense	518.34	0.00	518.34
02/08/2023	23/017	BACS	J Tisi July Salary & Expense	422.37	0.00	422.37
17/08/2023	23/018	S/O	Glen Rutherford (lengthsman)	352.50	0.00	352.50
30/08/2023	23/019	BACS	J Tisi August Salary & Expense	416.52	0.00	416.52
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,919.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,919.73</b>

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. Clerk informed the PC that they still did not have access to the Unity Trust account online, however had been successfully added to the Five Villages Trust account.

b. *Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance*

There has been no income received since last meeting.

Bank Balance as of the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is £14,640

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

c. Tommy Statues

A discussion was held as to whether the PC should purchase 4 Tommy statues from the Royal British Legion, the total cost would be £750. It was agreed that while the PC were potentially looking at purchasing an interactive speed sign this year, there would be insufficient funds available. It was suggested and agreed by all to instead purchase £100 worth of lamp post poppies to add to our existing display around all villages. **Action Clerk**

d. Insurance Renewal

The cost to renew the policy this year is £708.48, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Worthington and seconded by Cllr Harding to accept the renewal, all in agreement. **Action Clerk**

10/09/23 Anti-social behaviour in Eaton

No update from Richard Blagg at BDC.

11/09/23 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. Raise Height of Current Fencing at the Front of the Property from 3 Foot to 5 Foot Orchard Lodge Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PZ  
Ref. No: 23/01019/HSE | Received: Wed 16 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 16 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **It was agreed that raising the height of the fence would obscure view of road when exiting a junction, due to concern over safety the PC agreed to object to this application – Action Clerk**

b. To Install Solar Panels on the South Facing Roof of Garage The Brambles 15 Rectory Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0QD Ref. No: 23/00972/HSE | Received: Fri 04 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **The PC discussed the application and remained neutral, no comments**

c. Single Storey Infill Extension to Form Orangery (**new application since agenda was printed**)  
Brewery House Cottage Muttonshire Hill Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0QH

Ref. No: 23/01042/HSE | Received: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Validated: Wed 06 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision  
**The PC discussed the application and remained neutral, no comments**

d Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Works to Trees T1, G1, T2, T3 and H1 - **(new application since agenda was printed)** Tranby Rectory Lane Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0QD Ref. No: 23/01033/CAT | Received: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **Not all Cllrs have seen this application, any comments to Clerk by 18<sup>th</sup> September**

e 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 were due to go to the Planning Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, however, following a site survey which was carried out by Richard Greig they are now pending whilst Planning awaiting further information from the applicants agent.**

#### 12/09/23 Other Planning Matters

a BDC Local Plan

The PC have reviewed the Plan, the only relevant impact on the village is the increase to the Ordsall development from 890 new homes to 960 new homes.

b Notts Waste Local Plan

Reviewed and no comments to make.

c Vision 2040

reviewed and no comments to make.

#### 13/9/23 Defibrillator Grant Funding

Cllr Davies does not have an update. **Action Clerk to add to October agenda.**

#### 14/9/23 Correspondence Received

a Snow Warden BDC have contacted the PC about a new scheme where residents can keep them update on current situations when snowing. Cllrs Harding, Argent-Cooke and Vernon have volunteered to be snow wardens and will update BDC when necessary.

b National Grid contacted the PC regarding tree works on roadside in front of Eaton Barn, Eaton. This is essential work and is scheduled to go ahead.

c 80 years D-Day 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024, all agreed that something would be done to commemorate the date. **Action Clerk agenda for later in year**

#### 15/9/23 Lengthsman

PC remain very happy with work being carried out in the Villages, Cllr Chandler requested that the hedge alongside the wood be cut back. A review of workload needs to be carried out prior to contract renewal, schedule for January 2024. **Action Clerk**

#### 16/9/23 Website Fees and Update

Cllr Ramsden informed the PC that going forwards there would be an annual charge by the current website provider Hugo Fox, this will be £120+VAT annually. Cllr Ramsden has compared costings to other providers and well as reviewed PC websites created by other companies and has suggested that the PC remain with Hugo Fox, proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Vernon and agreed by all to remain with Hugo Fox. It was further discussed whether to transfer to a gov.uk website, Cllr Ramsden has secured suitable domains which she will forward to the PC for consideration, it was also suggested that Cllrs email addresses would be changed to gov.uk Further investigation is required which Cllr Ramsden will follow up on. Cllr Chandler thanks Cllr Ramsden for all of her efforts.

17/9/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Cllr Vernon raised a streetlight on Woodyard Lane that has not been working for 3 months, to date the Council have been unable to repair due to an overgrown tree preventing access. With nights drawing in, this needs to be rectified, **Clerk to follow up.**

Cllr Worthington shared with the PC that the fire service will carry out free property inspections and install 2 fire alarms to residents, it was suggested to share the information with residents via the Idle Times – all agreed.

Cllr Harding has been approached by a resident who asked if it was possible to plant a growing Christmas tree. This matter was discussed at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and the extract from the minutes states:

*After contacting the County Council, a licence is required and insurance cover for the any Christmas trees/lights erected on County Council land. To be covered under the Parish Council's insurance, the Council would need to purchase the tree(s), this can be supported by donations from the public, which a Cllr can then pay into the Parish Council bank account.*

It was agreed that this information would be relayed back to the resident and that we would not be in support of planting a tree.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.27pm.

*Next meeting date: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30pm at Gamston School*