

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

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 Richard Vernon	Cllr Jane Worthington
Cllr Maria Moakes	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

### **Also Present**

PC Hollie Marsh and District Councillor Dinsdale

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting and welcomed the new Clerk.

### Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

No public present.

#### 35/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Ramsden **Proposed**, Cllr Adam **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Davies.

#### 36/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

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

#### 37/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None

#### 38/23 Matters arising from minutes

##### *a. Inspector Crawford invitation to respond to Rural Policing and Cameras*

PC Hollie Marsh attended on behalf of Inspector Crawford. Cllr Ramsden and Harding outlined the issues and concerns surrounding the number of Burglaries/Attempted Burglaries that were carried out over a 6 week period in Rockley, West Drayton and Eaton and the Polices lack of response/convictions. The PC have previously dealt with PC Mitchell who provided conflicting information to that given by Inspector Crawford and PC Marsh. Despite CCTV evidence being submitted to the Police, it is PC Marsh's understanding that the decision made by PC Mitchell not to prosecute would have been due to lack of evidence to put forward to the CPS and that they would not be able to secure a conviction. PC Marsh confirmed that the Police would use ANPR evidence where it was sufficiently strong to put forward to the CPS but that in most cases that would not be likely, she also confirmed that the Police do not own the speed cameras. Cllr Chandler did point out that he has seen an improvement in Police response with issues relating to Eaton but does feel that Rural Policing in general is not sufficiently supported. Cllr Worthington asked about police working patterns and PC Marsh stated that the Neighbourhood team were generally on shift up until 10pm and at times until 5am, but there was a 24/7 response team. PC Marsh informed the PC that due to ongoing issues at Eaton a Dispersal order had been placed by the Police, and in her opinion a Speed Camera should be installed at Eaton Bridge. PC Marsh will send a written report of the discussion confirming her actions to the Clerk

##### *b. Eaton Bridge CCTV*

Cllr Chandler informed PC of an email received from Richard Blagg stating that Via conclude that the lighting column proposed to mount the CCTV would not be suitable due to height and strength and felt it would be at risk of vandalism. It is understood that the Local Action Group have found an alternative site and are awaiting a meeting to discuss with Richard Blagg. Cllr Chandler stated that it was important for the PC to support this action, but assistance was needed from all parties involved to pull everything together. **Action** Clerk to contact Richard Blagg and ask what the alternatives are and how to move this forward. **Action** Clerk to write to Chris Harrison with the intention of arranging a meeting to discuss the whole antisocial behaviour problem.

c. *Community Speed Watch*

Clerk met with PCSO Dale and fed information back to the Cllrs, in the first instance the PC need to look at the viability of the scheme and where volunteers would be able to operate from. **Action** Clerk to contact PCSO Dale and ask if a risk assessment can be undertaken across all villages within the parish prior to the July meeting so a decision can be made.

39/23 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, apologies received.

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
<b>A)</b> <b>West Drayton</b> 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” 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. 11/05/2023 – <b>Action</b> , Clerk to chase Highways Manager for the outcome of the Cllrs Priority, will NCC be funding this and will the extend this request to include resurfacing Church St at West Drayton. 15/06/2023 Clerk received message from Highways Manager 15/06/2023 stating that he would check to see if the road had been added to resurfacing list. <b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up
<b>B)</b> <b>Eaton</b> 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	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 “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”.

		be completed before 31/03/2023.	<p>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.</p> <p>11/05/2023 The Feasibility Study has been received from the Highways Manager. <b>Action</b>, the Council asked the Clerk to ask the Highways Manager which items on the study document will NCC/Via Ltd implement themselves and the timescales involved? And which items they would allow the Parish Council to do, which NCC wont fund, and the PC could then consider grant funding. Lastly the PC asked the Clerk to find out from the Highways Manager ‘what is the NCC’s 20mph policy and what are they reviewing about the policy?’</p> <p>15/06/2023 Clerk emailed questions to Highways Manager on 01/06/2023, due to holiday has not received a response <b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up</p>
<b>C) All</b>	Petition regarding poor state of roads	Highways	<p>15/06/2023 Cllr Moakes informed the PC of a petition regarding the general state of the roads in the area <b>Action</b> Clerk to raise as a meeting point with Cllr Ogle</p>
<b>D) West Drayton Church Lane</b>	Potholes/streetlights	Notts CC	<p>15/06/23 Cllr Adam informed the PC that potholes had been temporarily filled and that he has reported a streetlight that has been on for the last 4 weeks. This item can now be removed from the agenda with a follow up in due course. Residents encouraged to report any issues regarding roads/lighting directly to Notts CC via the website <a href="http://forms.nottinghamshire.gov.uk">http://forms.nottinghamshire.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>E) Gamston Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges &amp; Trees Adj Severn Trent Sewage Works Ref COM-172138-P5M5N2</b>	Trees and hedges adjacent the roadside and pavement overgrown+	Severn Trent to cut back hedges and trees as necessary	<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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>”</p> <p>15/06/2023 still awaiting reinspection, Clerk to follow up</p>

<p><b>F)</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. 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.’ 15/06/2023 <b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up as no information was made available</p>
<p><b>G)</b> <b>Gamston and Eaton</b></p>	<p>Nottsbus on Demand not available</p>	<p>Nottsbus</p>	<p>Cllr Argent-Cook informed PC that despite coming through the village, there is currently no facility for residents to use the bus. <b>Action</b> Clerk to contact and ask if they can stop in both Gamston and Eaton as would be a very useful service</p>

**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.

40/23 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 informed the PC that a full council meeting would be held next week, at which point he would have information to feedback to the Council. He did raise that BDC are currently looking at the possibility of providing glass recycling collection from houses, however, there is no definite timescale attached to this at present. He is also still awaiting IT to issue him with a new email address so at present his duties are limited.

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

District Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
<b>Gamston</b> -Sharp's bin being left on roadside outside Dog Groomers in Gamston.	Cllr Worthington advised that she believes the national central govt policy is to have them collected from the home not the street.	Cllr Moakes googled the Bassetlaw DC policy on sharp's bin collections which says that people have to leave them out from 6am to 4pm for roadside collection.	11/05/2023 The PC asked Dist Cllr Dinsdale to investigate and challenge the BDC sharps bin procedure and report back to the parish council. 16/05/23 Cllr Dinsdale has raised the query but as yet has not received a response

**New Items to escalate:**

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

41/23 Finance:

a. *Payments for Approval*

02/05/2023 23/004	D/D	N Power	86.10	0.00	86.10
03/05/2023 23/005	BACS	Martin Cree (Audit	60.00	0.00	60.00
15/05/2023 23/006	S/O	Lengthsman	352.50	0.00	352.50
15/05/2023 23/007	S/O	April Salary	307.70	0.00	307.70
15/05/2023 23/008	S/O	HMRC PAYE	187.60	0.00	187.60
15/05/2023 23/009	BACS	Expense Memory Stick and Mileage	10.50	1.00	10.50
22/05/2023 23/010	BACS	Dale Robinson IT	55.00	0.00	55.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,059.40</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1,059.40</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.

Cllr Ramsden raised that she was able to maintain the website going forwards and request Clerk obtain password information from Dale Robinson, this action will give the PC an annual cost saving. **Action** on Clerk

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> May 2023 is £17,318

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

42/23 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:

**Yew Tree Close Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0PZ Ref. No: 23/00622/CAT** | Received: Tue 16 May 2023 | Validated: Tue 16 May 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

**Council unanimously neutral on this application**

**Starbucks A1 Markham Moor Retford DN22 0QU Ref. No: 23/00620/FUL** | Received: Mon 15 May 2023 | Validated: Thu 18 May 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

**Council unanimously neutral on this application**

**Installation of a Solar Farm with an Output of Approximately 45.4MW and Ancillary Works Open for comment icon Development Site To The North Of Brick Yard Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/00656/FUL | Received: Tue 23 May 2023 | Validated: Thu 25 May 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision**  
**Council unanimously neutral on this application**

**Replace Existing Windows and Door to the Front Elevation Property Open for comment icon Brewery House 36 Muttonshire Hill Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0QH Ref. No: 23/00521/LBA | Received: Tue 25 Apr 2023 | Validated: Tue 06 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision**  
**Council unanimously neutral on this application**

**Outline Application With Some Matters Reserved (Approval Being Sought for Access) For Residential Development, a Local Centre, School, Community Hub, Sports Pitches, Extra Care Facility, Community Park, Landscaping, Supporting Infrastructure and Means of Access | Land To The South Of Ordsall Ollerton Road Retford Nottinghamshire**

Received Mon 05 Dec 2022

**Cllr Mee will look into the application amendments and compare against previous comments made**

43/23 Other Planning Matter

a. Planning Log

Unanimously agree that the log is useful, Cllr Ramsden will continue to maintain it.

b. Land for Sale at Markham Moor

Cllr Ramsden informed PC of a 46 acre site available for sale at Markham Moor, will enter onto Planning Log so it can be monitored.

44/23 Defibrillator Grant Funding

Quote received excessively high. Cllr Davies to feed back any information he has gathered at next meeting.

45/23 Correspondence Received

a. Dumped Koi Carp

Cllr Ramsden informed the PC that several dead Koi Carp were dumped recently in a farmers field, they appeared to be large fish in specialist Koi bags.

46/23 Lengthsman

Prior to the meeting Clerk circulated timesheet and photo evidence. Clerk to arrange to meet with Lengthsman. All Cllrs to contact the Clerk with suggestions of work they would like to see him carry out. It was raised that used needles have been found twice at the Bus Stop at Gamston, Clerk to ask in the Lengthmans has also found anything similar as may need to supply him with a sharp bin.

47/23 Closed session to ratify decision on replacement Clerk/RFO

PC agreed unanimously to the employment of Julie Tisi. Contract to be signed and returned

48/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Airport lights are no longer on at night. Item closed.

Five Villages Trust a meeting is required to discuss expenditure and to investigate reinstatement of grant scheme.

49/23 Set Meeting Dates for 2023/2024

Meeting Dates are as follows: 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March. **Action** Clerk to provide school and both County and District Councillors with revised dates.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

*Next meeting date: 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30pm at Gamston School*