

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Agenda for meeting to be held at **7pm** on Thursday 12th
November 2020 via **Zoom**

7pm Introduction on proposed proposal at Gamston Airport given on behalf of Thatcham Research by Tara Maizinnier of Ridge and Partners LLP

7.15pm Q & A session

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest by councillors**
- 3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2020**
- 4. Business arising from the meeting of 8th October 2020**
 - Hedge in Gamston update by Cllr Howard
 - Eaton Highway and Speeding update by Cllr Chandler
 - Five Villages Trust update and Gamston School
 - Gamston Phone Box update by Cllr Howard/Clerk
- 5. Payments to Churches**
- 6. Future Meetings to be held via Zoom or Teams**
- 7. Planning :** a) Applications
 - b) Decisions
- 8. Matters raised by village residents**
- 9. District and County Councillor**
- 10. Village warden report**
- 11. Accounts & Audit**
 - Current position on Accounts
 - Payments
 - EON
- 12. Highways**
- 13. Any other Business:**
 - PC laptop
 - Website contact details

Date of next meeting – Date to be arranged.

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Minutes of meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 12th November 2020 via Zoom

Present: Cllr. S Chandler (Chair), Cllr. M Crookes, Cllr. D Ramsden, Cllr. T Adam,
Cllr. M Howard, Cllr. D Newman, Cllr. J Worthington, Cllr. T Blagg.
Andrea Wilson (Clerk)

The meeting was preceded by a presentation from Thatcham Research, explaining their proposed planning application for the purchase and development of Gamston Airport. The proposal includes the change of use of 6-11 hangers for the provision of a new Safety and Assurance Centre for “Connected and Automated Mobility Solutions”, including vehicle testing facilities, workshop and vehicle storage, continued use of the Tower Building as office space and the use of the runway for external vehicle testing – whilst facilitating the existing aviation use. Their long-term vision to develop a world class vehicle testing centre; a centre of excellence.

The Company has approximately fifty years’ experience of vehicle repair, safety and security.

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions about access to the site, opportunities for local recruitment and the impact on farming land.

Cllr. S Chandler thanked the company representatives for a very informative overview of the plans.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. M Moakes, Cllr. R Ogle
2. **Declarations of Interest by councillors** - none
3. **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 8th October 2020** –Cllr, M Crookes approved, Cllr. D Newman seconded.
4. **Business arising from the meeting of 8th October 2020**
 - **Hedge in Gamston update by Cllr Howard** -No map from Highways to date. Cllr. M Howard has not been able to take this further.
 - **Eaton Highway and Speeding update by Cllr Chandler**
No response from highways.
Action: Cllr. S Chandler will continue to pursue this.

It was noted that the speed gun needs new batteries however, Cllr. D Newman suggested that the visual/placebo effect is the important thing.

Action: Cllr. S Chandler to identify a date and put this into place and he requested any councillors who were able to be involved forward possible dates asap.

- **Five Villages Trust update and Gamston School**

Cllr. S Chandler referred to the update on the position of the Trust and the payment to the school that had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr. D Newman would lead the Management Committee for the Trust.

Cllr. M Crookes explained that setting up the new bank account has not been without complications as it has been difficult to provide the bank with the specific details that they require.

The Clerk reported that she has been able to access the password for the Charities Commission and updated the contact details for the Trust.

- **Gamston Phone Box update by Cllr Howard/Clerk**

Cllr. M Howard has a list of what we need to repair the phone box and the approx. cost will be £200 all councillors agreed to pay for the cost of replacing glass etc.

Action: Cllr. T Blagg agreed to look at door Of the box.

Clerk to follow up resident in Gamston who volunteered to paint the box.

5. Payments to Churches

Councillors discussed the position of paying grants to churches and it was agreed that this is something the PC will not be able to do in the future. There was some discussion about paying 50% in the next financial year in order to ease the burden for the churches.

Action: A decision on the way forward to be decided at the next meeting and the Clerk will write a letter to church representatives to inform them of the situation.

6. Future Meetings to be held via Zoom or Teams

Councillors decided to trial the Teams platform on the 10th December 2020 at 7.00pm

7. Planning: No planning issues were raised.

8. Matters raised by village residents

Councillors discussed the bin in West Drayton following complaints from a resident as to its siting and the fact that it often isn't emptied frequently enough.

Action: Cllr. T Adam to look at where the bin is and where it could go. Clerk to contact Wendy Turner concerning the emptying of the bin.

9. District and County Councillor

No reports submitted.

10. Village warden report

No report submitted.

11. Accounts & Audit

- **Current position on Accounts**

- **Payments**

Councillors agreed to transfer balance from the Building Society into a reserve account.

- **EON**

Councillors discussed the outstanding EON bill and requested further information as to what the bill covers.

12. Highways

Cllr. J Worthington raised the issue of at Gamston on Rectory Lane and following her enquiries with Highways she has been informed that as this causes obstruction on the pavements it isn't a Highways' problem but a police problem.

13. Any other Business:

- The Clerk reported problems with the PC laptop and it was agreed that she should organise relevant repairs.
- The Clerk reported a complaint that the Website does not hold clear contact details for the PC.
- Councillors noted that G, Mitchell's crime statistics could be broken down into categories.
- Councillors noted that due to high winds some of the lamppost poppies have been damaged and therefore new ones will be needed for next year. Councillors also agreed to donate £30 to the Poppies Appeal this year.
- Cllr. S Chandler told councillors that Cllr. M Moakes has volunteered to ensure the PC are updated on any developments concerning the proposed village development in Ordsall.
- Cllr. M Moakes had requested the submission of a personal statement about her appointment to the PC, to be published in the Idle Times. Councillors agreed that this wasn't desirable as the PC should speak with one voice.

Date of next meeting – :14 01 2021

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