

Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

Agenda for meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday 11th February 2021 via Teams

Opportunity for members of the public to join the Council for 10 minutes.

Invitation to Gamston resident Scott Liversidge re Planning.

- 1. Apologies for absence Declarations of Interest by Councillors**
- 2. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2021**
- 3. Business arising from the meeting of 14th January 2021**
 - **Speed gun** re new Batteries - Update from Cllr. Chandler
 - **Five Villages Trust** - Update
 - **Defib in Gamston** - Update from Clerk following an email received
 - **Rockley Notice Board** - Update from Cllr Adams
 - **Emergency Plan** - Update from Cllr Ramsden
- 4. Payment to churches deferred from December. See information sent from NALC**
- 5. District and County Councillors Report**
- 6. Planning :**
 - a) Applications:**
 - Detached House in Gamston Ref 20/01662/FUL
 - Single Storey side extension at Rockley Ref 21/00081/HSE
 - b) Decisions:**
 - Erect gates and Fence at Markham Moor House - Granted
- 7 Matters raised by village residents**
 - New Bin in Gamston
 - Mosquitoes in Gamston
- 8 Casual Vacancy**
- 9 Village warden report** to be given by the Clerk
- 10 Account & Audit**
 - **Current position on Accounts**
 - **Payments**
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- 11 Budget 2021/22**
- 12 Highways**
- 13 Any other Business:**

Date of next meeting – 11th March 2021

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Minutes of the Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

held at **7pm** on Thursday 11th February 2021 via **Teams**

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

Andrea Wilson – Clerk

The Council were joined by one resident who wished to discuss the planning application for a residential property in Gamston. Councillors were invited to question the planning and it was made clear that the land owner is keen to develop building that is sensitive to the environment and welcomed by residents. Councillors had no objections to what was presented.

- **Apologies for absence Declarations of Interest by councillors**

Apologies: None

No declarations of interest.

- **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 14th January 2021**

Approved.

- **Business arising from the meeting of 14th January 2021**

- **Speed gun**

Cllr. Chandler confirmed that he is still trying to source the correct battery for the gun.

- **Five Villages Trust**

The Clerk confirmed that the bill for rent accrued during 2020 has been sent to the School for payment.

- **Rockley Notice board**

Cllr. Adam confirmed that he had inspected the board and suggested ways of repairing it.

Councillors agreed that it should be repaired in consultation with the property owner on which the board is sited.

- **Emergency Plan**

Cllr. Ramsden reminded Councillors of the remit for the Emergency Plan which was to include the Flood Plan and suggested that the next stage would be to populate the document with relevant details in order for this to become a working document.

Action: Clerk to circulate the draft plan for Councillors to complete where possible in time for the next meeting.

- **Payment to Churches**

The payment of maintenance grants to churches was discussed, alongside guidance from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). This issue had previously been discussed at a meeting in November 2020 and Councillors had requested further clarification of the legal situation before a decision could be reached.

Councillors agreed unanimously that although they would be in favour of financial support for local churches to develop and promote community facilities and activities, under current legislation this is not possible. The guidance from NALC is reiterated by the Nottinghamshire branch advising Parish Councils not to make payments to churches as, if this were contested in a court of law and deemed to be illegal, Councils would incur a large financial penalty.

Councillors duly recognised the importance the Churches have within the community and wished to express their disappointment having this conclusion forced upon them. The councillors expressed a keen desire to explore any other ways of offering their support to the local churches in the future.

Action: Clerk to write to the Church Wardens.

- **District and County Councillors Report**

Cllr. Ogle confirmed that he had nothing to report but invited questions from Councillors. There were no questions and Cllr. Ogle stressed that he is contactable via email at all times.

- **Planning**

No objections were raised with any current planning applications.

- **Matters raised by village residents**

The Clerk raised the request for a new bin in Gamston at the beginning of the river walk.

Action: Clerk to contact Bassetlaw to confirm that this is an appropriate site.

A Gamston resident has enquired about the action to control mosquitoes in the Parish.

Action: Cllr. Worthington to follow this up.

Cllr. Moakes questioned the flow of emails to residents concerning Parish Council issues and the adherence to GDPR. It was discussed and confirmed that the emails had not been sent from the Parish Council.

- **Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk reported that the casual vacancy has now been advertised for the required time and a new councillor can now be co-opted.

- **Village Warden report**

The Clerk reported that the Village Warden has confirmed that the abandoned caravan on or near the China Moon site, Markham Moor has now been removed.

- **Accounts & Audit**

- **Current position on Accounts** – The current balance is £14573.26 at 02.02.2021 including £10,000 to be moved into the reserve account.

- **Payments** – HMRC £44.00

- **Budget 2021/22:** Councillors agreed to keep the Parish Council precept at the same level for 2020/2021

- **Highways**

Action: Clerk to report the dangerous parking at Hather Close, Gamston.

- **Any other Business:**

Cllr. Chandler thanked Cllr. Howard for cutting the hedges by the River in Gamston.

Cllr. Chandler agreed to discuss the use of Facebook at the March 2021 meeting.

Cllr. Chandler proposed the revisiting of the Grant Policy at the April 2021 meeting.

Cllr. Chandler confirmed that representation on the School Management Committee and The Five Villages Trust will be Cllr. Newman as the representative from the Five Villages Trust and Cllr.

Moakes as the representative from the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to contact Lucy Vernon with details.

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