

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 10th April 2025 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:

Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO
Cllr Simon Chandler	Chairman
Cllr Donna Ramsden	Cllr Tom Adam
Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook	Cllr Richard Vernon
Cllr Heather Salmon	Cllr Vince Mee
Cllr Maria Moakes	Cllr Jane Worthington
Cllr Gregg Davies	

Also Present: 0

Members of public: 0

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

1/4/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence

It was proposed by Cllr Adam and seconded by Cllr Worthington that the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Harding

2/4/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

Cllr Davies declared an interest in item 13c

Cllr Adam declared an interest in item 13a

3/4/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 11th March 2025.

The council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. The chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Adam Argent Cook seconded Cllr Argent Cook

4/4/25 Action Plan

Footbridge at Jacket Mill still awaiting a timescale for repair

5/4/25 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Missing Bin – Eaton

Clerk advised the PC that BDC have agreed to replace the bin, this is now on order and should be on site in May

b. Dog Fouling

Clerk awaiting update from the dog warden

c. Replies from MP's

Following the April meeting clerk wrote to MP's Jo White, Robert Jenrick and the Chief Executive of BDC requesting clarity over planning breaches, no response has been received. Clerk to lodge a complaint.

6/4/25 **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**

No report received

7/4/25 **Highways and Footpaths**

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
A) Footpath Safety	Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor	Path to be widened.	<p>01/02/24 The scheduled works to widen the footpath have not been completed yet. Clerk will contact VIA and ask for a timescale for this work to be carried out.</p> <p>15/03/24 No updates received, Clerk will ask lengthsman to carry out some work on the footpath and to identify any Health and Safety issues found whilst scraping vegetation back.</p> <p>11/04/24 Work has not been carried out yet, Clerk will contact Aidan O'Connor directly to ask for a timescale for works to be completed.</p> <p>09/05/24 Email from Aidan O'Connor stating that he would contact us when work was scheduled. In the meantime, we will ask lengthsman to continue work to clear the path.</p> <p>13/06/24 As yet lengthsman has not begun work on the path, it has however been cut by VIA.</p> <p>11/07/24 Clerk has asked lengthsman to prioritise work to this footpath.</p> <p>13/09/24 No progress has been made, as a result of footbridge closure at Jacket Mill the footpath is now being used more regularly and requires maintenance. Cllr Ogle suggested writing to him to ask for assistance in getting this matter resolved.</p> <p>10/10/24 VIA confirmed to the Clerk that this work should be completed by end of October</p> <p>12/11/24 work has not yet started, Clerk to follow up with VIA</p> <p>12/12/24 Is still on the works schedule and should be completed by the spring, however, Cllrs discussed asking lengthsman to start working on the footpath as an alternative</p> <p>07/02/25 Lengthsman has attempted to side up the path only to find that this is not possible as the tarmac strip is very narrow, he has strimmed and cut back vegetation to make it more accessible and will maintain at this level. However, the PC have requested that the Clerk ask VIA if they are able to widen the surface of the tarmac to make the footpath more suitable for all users.</p>

			11/03/05 VIA have stated that work should have been completed in October, has now been placed on the priority list 10/04/25 Still awaiting repair, Clerk to request update
B) Reduced Speed Initiatives	Muttonshire Hill		06/02/25 Work has still not been completed, Clerk to request updated 11/03/25 works are expected to be completed by end of financial year 10/04/25 Works have not been carried out, Clerk to request update
C) Eel Pie Road Surface			11/03/25 work was scheduled for the 4 th March, however has now been put back to the 13/14 th March 10/4/25 Work completed to an unsatisfactory standard, Clerk request inspection from Cllr Ogle and VIA – no response received
d) Speed Reduction camera on A638			11/04/25 Clerk has been informed that no issues have been reported, camera has been inspected by VIA, remove from next agenda

New Items to escalate:

Please note in the 1st 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.

8/4/25 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

a) Clarify if works to repair the damage to Eaton bridge has started, Works have not started, and Cllr Vernon has informed the PC of further damage, Clerk to ask VIA for a reinspection and date for repair

9/4/25 Flooding

a) Signage

Cllr Ramsden has taken delivery of flood signage for Rockley and has completed the online Flood Warden training, Cllr Vernon to complete the training. Eaton now also have a store for signage equipment

b) Update from Notts CC

Scott Stone responded to Cllr Ramsden following inspection of the culverts

No actions to be taken but item to remain on the agenda

10/4/25 To discuss new play equipment for the Community Playing Field

Clerk has spoken with the school who would be happy to have further play equipment installed in the Community Playing Field. The PC have agreed to arrange for insurance of the equipment and carry out any maintenance work. Cllr Vernon has agreed to meet with Chris Edwards to discuss in further detail and to look at a suitable location. The PC will be looking to apply for funding from the National Lottery, if the application is successful the play equipment cost will be covered in full by the grant received.

11/4/25 To appoint tree warden and approve training costs:

North Notts Training Group are running a Tree Inspection Training course at an approximate cost (subject to attendees) of £135 + VAT. Cllr Harding is happy to complete the training on behalf of the PC and carry out future inspections. It was proposed by Cllr Mee, seconded by Cllr Vernon with all members in agreement that Cllr Harding attend the course.

12/4/25 Finance:

a - Payments for Approval

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Schedule of Payments - March 2025							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
21/03/2025	24/056		Website fees (go Cardless)	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
24/03/2025	24/057		Defib Store Battery Gamston	258.00	41.00	217.00	0.00
28/03/2025	24/058		HMRC Cumbernauld	52.60	0.00	52.60	0.00
28/03/2025	24/059		J Tisi March Salary/Expense	419.43	0.00	419.43	0.00
31/03/2025	24/060		Unity Trust Account Service Charge	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
			Total	748.02	41.00	707.02	0.00

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.

b - Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance:

None Received

Bank Balance as of the 31st March 2025 £23,738.13

#£10,000 ringfenced as the Council's reserve fund

C – S137 Payments

The budget for this year's payments has been set at £950, £400 of which will be donated to the Idle Times which leaves £550 for future community events/projects.

d. Year End/AGAR

Accounts for year ending 2025 have now been finalised and will be internally audited next week. AGAR to be presented and agreed at the May meeting

Closing accounts listed below:

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Summary of Receipts & Payments for the Year Ending 31st March 2025

Receipts	2024/25
Precept	14,403.00
Concurreant Grant	44.00
BDC Street Cleaning Grant	630.00
Lengthsman	2,775.00
Total	17,852.00

Payments	2024/25
Clerk Costs	5,321.54
Lengthsman	3,322.50
Trees/Hedge Maintenance	0.00
Defib Maintenance	357.00
S137 Payments	483.30
Clerical Expenses	1,146.90
Insurance	716.53
Village Maintenance	137.80
Parish Projects	0.00
Contingency Fund	0.00
VAT	88.07
Total	11,573.64

Balance b/f from 1st April 2024	17,459.77
Receipts	17,852.00
	35,311.77
Payments	11,573.64
	<u>£23,738.13</u>
Balance to be carried forward as 31st March 2025	
Current Account	23,738.13
	<u>£23,738.13</u>

Chairman

R.F.O.

Date

13/4/25 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.

- a. *To discuss response received to PC objection to Proposed Double Garage, Lyndale Church Lane West Drayton Nottinghamshire DN22 8EB Ref. No: 25/00082/HSE | Received: Tue 28 Jan 2025 | Validated: Mon 03 Feb 2025 |*

The Parish Council have no further comments on this development

- b. *Cancellation of Planning Committee Meetings*

Error to agenda the Planning Meeting on the 4th April was not cancelled

- c. *Erect Agricultural Building with Solar Panels and the Retention of Existing Agricultural Building Land Opposite 1 Old London Road West Drayton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 25/00321/FUL | Received: Thu 20 Mar 2025 | Validated: Thu 27 Mar 2025 | **Status: Awaiting decision***

No comments

- d. *Closed section – to discuss planning departments responses and enforcement action*

No update received, no discussion held

14/4/25 Correspondence Received

None

15/4/25 Website and Police Stats Update

Cllr Ramsden shared stats ahead of the meeting, Cllr Chandler thanked Cllr Ramsden for the new format which has been produced.

The PC have been made aware that it will become mandatory to move to Gov.UK emails and web domains, to be discussed at the May meeting after Clerk has sourced quotes.

16/4/25 Mosquitos

Pest Control have stated that at present there are no larvae due to dry weather conditions, will carry out first treatment when the situation changes. Current pest controller is retiring at the end of the month, no replacement in post yet. Clerk to continue to liaise with Corina Mosu in the short term. Cllr Worthington informed the PC that the nature ponds created for water voles are beginning to fill from the water table, it is hoped that the creation of the ponds will help with mosquito control.

17/4/25 Lengthsman

Worksheet and evidence of works completed shared with the PC ahead of the meeting. PC are concerned over the level of litter in the area. It was also agreed that as we head into summer, we need to provide the lengthsman with a list of clear duties for each village. Cllr Chandler has agreed to meet with the lengthsman to discuss expectations.

Clerk asked to speak with BDC and ask if they can assist with litter picking, it is understood that this has increased due to current volume of traffic.

28/4/25 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Cllr Davies informed the PC that a small parcel of land in West Drayton has taken delivery of large quantities of hardcore and soil, PC to monitor situation

Cllr Vernon requested a feasibility study for road crossing safety in Eaton on the A638. There was previously a central crossing installed, which was removed shortly after installation. Concern over school children and pedestrians not having a safe place to cross was raised, Clerk to speak to VIA.

Cllr Vernon asked in we could request a larger bin at Markham Moor to help tackle the issue of litter in the area, Clerk to request from Environmental Services.

Meeting Closed: 8.01pm

Next meeting date (Gamston School):

Annual Parish Meeting 6pm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Thursday 8th May 2025 at 6.30pm.