

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 16th Mar 2023 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Simon Chandler Cllr Donna Ramsden Cllr Richard Harding Cllr Richard Vernon Cllr Maria Moakes Cllr Michael Howard Ed Knox	Chairman Cllr Tom Adam Cllr Vincent Mee Cllr Jane Worthington Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer John Ogle
Also, Present	0 Members of the Public County & District Cllr	

Prior to the meeting, the Council received an email thanking the Council for their efforts to complete the amendment of the lease and dual use document relating to the Five Villages Trust Charity. The Headteacher has advised that the school has now successfully become an academy part of SNMAT.

In February the new Lengthsman service commenced and the first monthly report was received detailing a summary of works so far together with photos.

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

No Comments.

10/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

Cllr Davies did not attend.

11/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Argent-Cook **Proposed**, Cllr Moakes **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

12/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.



13/23 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 provided an update to the Council, which included:



- A discussion regards the outstanding highways items itemised in the grid below.
- Cllr Chandler expressed thanks to Cllr Ogle for the grant of £100 towards the West Drayton Defibrillator out of his 2022/23 budget and Cllr Ogle advised that the Council may wish to ask for further funds before June from his new, but reduced budget for 2023/24.

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
Eaton 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 be completed before 31/03/2023.	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."
Gamston Muttonshire Hill High Friction	The red & cream-coloured surfaces on the bend and entrance to	The Highways Manager has advised that funding for this type of work is now not available and no	16/09/2022 - A onetime exceptional circumstance has been made for this bend and will not be repeated at this site or any other. The surface renewal work is scheduled to be carried out the week commencing 06/02/2023.

	Gamston have worn away.	more replacements of this type of surfacing will be carried out in Nottinghamshire unless a carriageway resurfacing scheme is undertaken.	Item Closed – Completed 6th Feb 2023 
West Drayton 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.”
Gamston Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges & Trees Ref CSC 430607863	Cllr Worthington advised she initially reported these to the County Council on 18/06/2022	Cutting back of the vegetation for safety reasons adjacent the highway, by Notts County Council.	31/07/2022 the Highways Coordinator advised that “the job had been passed on to Corporate Properties who were going to cut the hedges and crown lift the trees and if the work hadn't been carried out within a couple of weeks, chase it with her again.” 17/08/2022 – Work still outstanding the clerk chased the matter with the Highways Coordinator. 05/09/2022 - Highways Liaison Coordinator advised the matter will be dealt with within 6 months (by end of December 2022) 18/11/2022 - no further updates, the Clerk will chase the Highways Liaison Coordinator and Cc in Cllr Ogle. 14/12/2022 - no further updates, the Clerk will chase the Highways Liaison Coordinator 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 “a response is awaited from the Forestry Team and will be updated ASAP” 22/02/2023 2023 Item Closed – Highways Have advised the works completed on 22/02/2023 
Gamston Stanboard Ln Jnc with A638 at School - Ref No 5277780 (6277780)	Member of the public complaint regards poor visibility of drivers leaving the school	Landowner to cut back hedge	Landowner was approached in late 2022, hedge cut still outstanding in Jan 2023. 09.01.2023 County Council Highways Liaison Coordinator have now sent a letter to the land owner requesting the hedge is attended to ASAP. Item Closed – Highways Have assessed it and 1 yrs growth isn't an issue – The

			<p>highways dept took the following photo at the junction:</p>  <p>showing there to be no obstruction of the highway or visibility splays when exiting the school.</p> <p>12/01/2023 – Parish Council complaint sent in to the Complaints Team.</p> <p>16/01/2023 Complaints Team replied to advise “we don’t accept complaints from Parish Councils”</p> <p>23/01/2023 – County Highways Manager advised that “a letter has been sent to the landowner on 9th January. Via must allow a landowner sufficient time to maintain their own hedge. We cannot simply cut back hedges without giving the landowner the opportunity to carry out work on their own property.”</p> <p>22/02/2023 Item Closed – Highways Have assessed it and 1 yrs growth isn’t an issue – The highways dept took the following photo at the junction:</p>  <p>showing there to be no obstruction of the highway or visibility splays when exiting the school.</p>
<p>Rockley Street light on A638 opposite Holme Lane FS-Case-460339618</p>	<p>Street light leaning in a potentially dangerous manner adjacent A638</p>	<p>Notts CC to reinstate the lamppost</p>	<p>17/01/2023 – Item Closed – Lamppost Repaired on 17th Jan.</p>
<p>A638 – Eaton to Retford - CSC465649229 what3words ///mash.grass.grace on the A638</p>	<p>The drainage gullies on the roads side here must be blocked as there are gullies in the curb stones and yet the water from the rain all day today is not clearing away and cars are having to drive onto the other side of the road due to the standing water.</p>	<p>Drainage Team to send the team out with the machine to suck out the gullies/drains and clear them. If the gully/culvert is broken repair it</p>	<p>16/11/2022 response “one of our Inspectors has carried out an inspection and this location now requires a wet weather inspection which will be completed in due course.” 12/01/2023 no further updates received and road has flooded many times since making dangerous driving conditions.</p> <p>12/01/2023 – Parish Council complaint sent in to the Complaints Team.</p> <p>16/01/2023 Complaints Team replied to advise “we don’t accept complaints from Parish Councils”</p> <p>23/01/2023 – County Highways Manager advised that the area Highways Manager “will discuss this matter with the Drainage Manager and update you when there is further news.”</p>

			28/02/2023 – Highways Manager “all assets cleaned but the ditch at the rear of the layby requires clearance. I believe that this ditch is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, as riparian owner. My colleagues in the Highways Management Team will contact the landowner to request clearance. The situation should be improved due to the assets being cleansed but the ditch clearance would definitely help.” Item Closed.
Gamston Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges & Trees Adj Severn Trent Sewage Works Ref COM-172138-P5M5N2	Trees and hedges adjacent the roadside and pavement overgrown	Severn Trent to cut back hedges and trees as necessary	16/03/2023 – complaint raised to Severn Trent Complaints Dept to undertake hedge and tree cutting. 
Gamston Muttonshire Hill Bend Speed 40mph zone extension	Vehicles going too fast come off the bend into the field.	Notts CC to assess the possibility of extending the 40mph zone to the other side of the bend.	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 

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 or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken by NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation.

- The Council **resolved** to raise two items to escalate, the hedge at the Sewage Works in Gamston and the 40mph zone at Muttonshire Hill.

14/23 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

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

District Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
None			

New Items to escalate:

Please note in the 1st 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.

- None.

15/23 Finance:
Monthly Income & Expenditure

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. Cllrs signed the bank statement and bank reconciliation.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Idle Times	S137 Donation 2022	£400.00
LM Tree Services	Tree Surgery at Parish Land	£650.00
NALC	Membership 2023	£155.56
Clerk	Expenses 2022/23 Mileage, Stationery/Ink/Postage etc	£127.14
Total Payments		£1,332.70

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Notts County Council	Lengthsman Grant 2022/22	£2,775
Total Receipts		£2,775
<u>Bank Balance</u>		
The Current Account Balance		£12,714.86#

Direct Debits, and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE, already **approved** unanimously.

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

16/23 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:

- **23/00018/HSE Erection of Domestic Garage/Garden Store Gamston Manor** - Council **resolved** to support to the application as follows: "the proposals can only be seen by one neighbouring property and it is next to the wall that has already been approved."
- **23/00064/COU Eel Pie Farm Change of Use for the Conversion of an Existing Outbuilding to Holiday Accommodation** - Council **resolved** that there were no objections to the application.
- **23/00067/VOC Ballards Removals Variation of Conditions 7 and 8 to P.A 12/01317/OUT** - Council **resolved** that there were no objections to the application.
- **23/00069/VOC Ballards Removals Holdings Ltd - Variation of Conditions 1 4 6 7 and 9 of PA 16/00467/RES Condition 1 Amend Block Plan Site Layout Drawing from 16/1714REV 1E to UKSD-SA-08-0001 A00, Condition 4 Parking Spaces, Condition 6 Pedestrian Route, Condition 7 Cycle Facilities, and Condition 9 Landscaping-** - Council **resolved** that there were no objections to the application.
- **23/00010/ENF Land Off Mill Lane Rockley Sep 2022 - Alleged Breach - Unauthorised Change of Use of Land to Retrospective Retention of the siting of a Storage Container with a Hardcore Standing Area** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.
- **22/00148/ENF Land at the Old Watermill Mill Lane Rockley Dec 2022 - Alleged Breach - Alleged Breach Unauthorised Building Works** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.
- **23/00049/ENF Ballards Removals holdings Ltd – Erection of flood lighting without planning permission** - The Parish Council has been advised that the Planning Enforcement Team are carrying out an investigation, there are no other publicly known details until the investigation is concluded.

The Council also discussed the Ordsall South housing development with District Cllr Ogle.

17/23 To consider items for a future agenda raised by residents in the parishes

- For the May meeting – Five Villages Trust potential expenditure and to consider to move to Bi-Monthly meetings.

The Council discussed changing the start time of meetings to 6:30pm all year around. Cllr Chandler called for a vote, 9 in favour, 1 against, **resolved** all meetings be 6:30pm.

The Clerk also discussed how parishes across the district have become more efficient through use of online technology, banking and schemes of delegation, and that at least 13 other parish councils in Bassetlaw now meet bi-monthly. The Clerk asked the Council to consider this as an option for a future meeting to decide.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be on 13th Apr 2023.