

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 12th December 2024 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 Harding
Cllr Heather Salmon	Cllr Vince Mee
Cllr Richard Vernon	

Also Present:

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

1/12/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Davies, Cllr Moakes and Cllr Worthington

2/12/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

No declarations made.

3/12/24 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 12th November.

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

4/12/24 Action Plan

Items to remove as now resolved:

Habitat ponds

Items on the action plan but not under discussion this evening:

Bridge at Jacket Mill

Road surface Eel pie farm

Weight limit signs

Culvert on A638 check if been repaired

5/12/24 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Update from survey in West Drayton regarding one way system and how to move it forward
Cllr Davies not in attendance, however prior to the meeting he did provide further information regarding the survey he carried out as requested by the Parish Council, which indicated a percentage of residents would be keen for this to be investigated further. After full discussion it was voted unanimously not to take this item further forwards as it was felt that there is insufficient data/evidence to take back to VIA who have already indicated that this project would not be supported

b. Environment Agency responses to clearing River Idle,

No further comments on response received by the Environment Agency, remove item from agenda

c. River Idle Management Partnership update

No information has been shared with the PC following the meeting, remove item from the agenda.

d. Road verges damaged

Damage to Mill Lane Cllrs to provide Clerk with photographic and exact location, to provide to Notts CC, BDC have already been made aware.

Cllr Davies reported damage and provided photographic evidence, to verges outside of Farthings following delivery from Bidfood, Clerk to write to Bidfood requesting more care is taken.

6/12/24 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 not in attendance no report received

a. *Eaton CCTV & ASB Team*

Notts CC have agreed that cameras will be installed next year, remove from agenda but to remain on action plan until in place.

7/12/24 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.	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. 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. 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. 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. 13/06/24 As yet lengthsman has not begun work on the path, it has however been cut by VIA. 11/07/24 Clerk has asked lengthsman to prioritise work to this footpath. 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. 10/10/24 VIA confirmed to the Clerk that this work should be completed by end of October 12/11/24 work has not yet started, Clerk to follow up with VIA 12/12/24 Is still on the works schedule and should be completed by the spring, however, Cllrs discussed

			asking lengthsmen to start working on the footpath as an alternative
B) A1 Closures	All Villages		<p>Residents to be aware that there are 4 closures over the period of 6th January to 26th May, which will be carried out overnight during the following dates – subject to weather conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 Southbound from 6th January 2025 to 10th February 2025 (<i>A1 Closure from Apleyhead to Newark</i>) • Phase 2 Southbound from 11th February 2025 to 12th March 2025 (<i>A1 Closure from Markham Moor to Newark</i>) • Phase 3 Northbound from 13th March to 20th March 2025 (<i>A1 Closure from Newark to Markham Moor</i>) • Phase 4 Northbound from 24th March to 23rd May 2025 (<i>A1 Closure from Newark to Apleyhead</i>)

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.

8/12/24 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) *Confirmation of a start date for Highways projects at Main Street, Eaton*

VIA have confirmed that work will be completed this financial year, but they do not have a date.

b) *Clarify if works to repair the damage to Eaton bridge has started*

Monitor work due to be completed before winter, work hasn't started yet

The PC would like to thank Cllr Ogle for his assistance this year.

9/12/24 Flooding

a) *Community Flood Signage Scheme update on Training*

The scheme is now active, Cllrs Argent Cook, Ramsden and Vernon to complete the online training which will become available next week. Signage has now been delivered to the resilience store at West Drayton, Cllr Vernon will collect the signage from West Drayton and distribute to Eaton and Rockley.

b) *Resilience Stores and Flood defence items*

Cllr Argent Cook has spoken to Mr Bowness, they do irrigation pumps but only work with vast amounts of water so we don't believe they will be suitable, however he would be happy to mobilise if required.

The PC would like to draw residents' attention to the following information from BDC.

If you require sandbags you should buy them from local builder's merchants, DIY stores or online in advance of flooding. The Council has no legal duty to provide sandbags – it is the resident's responsibility to protect their property as far as possible.

Aqua-Sacs are self-inflating sandbags and are a proven alternative to traditional sand bags for flood defence. These can be purchased online.

During times of flooding, Nottinghamshire County Council may have limited supplies of sandbags for responding to emergency requests only from vulnerable residents who are unable to provide their own. A vulnerable resident is classed as someone who is at risk of their property being flooded and is less able to help themselves in the circumstances of an emergency.

The County Council cannot guarantee the delivery of sandbags as roads may be impassable due to flooding and requests may not meet the sandbag prioritisation criteria that the Council follow. In addition, Bassetlaw District Council provide Public Flood Resilience Stores in the following locations.

Retford - Chapelgate Car Park, Retford.

Retford - Cobwell Road Car Park, Retford.

Worksop - Priorswell Road car park, Worksop.

Worksop - Central Avenue Car Park, Worksop

Further information is available on BDC website:
<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/flooding/sandbags-and-community-resilience-stores/>

10/12/24 Finance:

a - Payments for Approval

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Schedule of Payments - November 2024							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
18/11/2024	24/033		C Fox Lengthsman	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
21/11/2024	24/034		Website fees (go Cardless)	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
28/11/2024	24/035		HMRC Cumbernauld	35.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
28/11/2024	24/036		J Tisi November wage/expense and backdated	602.65	0.00	602.65	0.00
28/11/2024	24/037		C Fox Lengthsman	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
30/11/2024	24/038		Unity Trust Account Service Charge	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
			Total	895.64	0.00	895.64	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:

No income received

Bank Balance as of the 30th November 2024 £25,112.19

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

C - Midyear budget review

Clerk met with Cllrs Argent Cook and Davies, proposed budget and precept request presented to the PC. It was proposed by Cllr Argent Cook and seconded by Cllr Salmon to accept the proposal which

will be to increase the precept by 3% in-line with cost of living, the Cllrs voted with 6 members in favour and 2 members abstaining from voting to accept the proposal.

-S137 payments, this item will now be moved to the February agenda when more Cllrs are available to join the discussion.

d- To agree Idle Times Annual Donation

The PC agreed to continue with the annual donation of £400 to the Idle Times, proposed by Cllr Ramsden, seconded by Cllr Hardy, all members in agreement

11/12/24 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.

Installation of Ancillary Freestanding Photovoltaic Panel Arrays Houghton Park Farm Gamston Road Bothamsall Nottinghamshire DN22 8DB Ref. No: 24/01225/FUL | Received: Thu 24 Oct 2024 | Validated: Wed 30 Oct 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

The PC reviewed this application and all agreed to remain neutral

Convert Existing Building to Create One Dwelling The Old House Gamston Wood Farm Gamston Wood Upton Nottinghamshire DN22 0RB Ref. No: 24/01121/FUL | Received: Tue 01 Oct 2024 | Validated: Thu 03 Oct 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision – application sits outside the Parish and has been incorrectly assigned.**

12/12/24 Correspondence Received

Further letter from regarding free range chickens on Church Lane causing dogs to pull on leads. Residents are aware and no action will be taken by the PC.

13/12/24 Website and Police Stats Update

Council Logo

Cllr Argent Cook shared a digital image of proposed logo ahead of the meeting, all members agreed to the use of the logo on the website which Cllr Ramsden has now added.

Cllr Ramsden shared Crime stats with the Cllrs prior to the meeting

14/12/24 Councillor Meet and Greet Sessions

Unfortunately, no residents attended the meet and greet session. The majority of Cllrs agreed that we would not look to hosting another session. The PC will however look at other ways to promote the PC within the community.

15/12/24 Lengthsman

Worksheet and evidence of works completed shared with the PC ahead of the meeting. Clerk has asked lengthsman to submit evidence and invoices only monthly. The PC would like the lengthsman to work on the following areas:

- litter picking needs to be addressed in all villages
- Siding up of footpaths outside of Eaton College and Rockley to Markham Moor

16/12/24 Five Villages Trust

Meeting to be held in January and representatives have been invited to attend. please note that this is not a public meeting, information will however be shared at the PC meeting in February.

17/12/24 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Church Lane, overgrown hedge West Drayton Farm, has been reported to Notts CC

Land near the junction of the B6387 and the A1, large quantities of soil have been moved to site.

Meeting Closed: 8.30

Next meeting date (Gamston School): 6th February 2024 at 6.30pm.

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!