

## Gamston with West Drayton and Eaton Parish Council

### Agenda

**7.00pm – on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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- **Funding project in current financial year**

**District and County Councillors Report & Update on points raised at last meeting**

**Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan** - update from meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Eaton** - Response from Environment Agency

Any update on time scale for the safety Reduction Scheme on Main St

**Planning :** a) **Applications:** 21/01300/CAT

b) **Decisions:**

c) **Planning Form** – (How do we use the adopted response form)

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**Declarations of interest:** Update from the Cllr Chandler and update on Members code of Conduct

**Date of next meeting – 7pm on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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Meeting Minutes held on  
**7.00pm – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

at  
Gamston C of E Primary School, Gamston DN22 0PE

**Present:** Cllr. S Chandler (Chair), Cllr. D Ramsden, Cllr. J Worthington, Cllr. T Blagg, Cllr. M Howard, Cllr. M Moakes.

Cllr. T Adams arrived at 19.24 pm

## **Opportunity for members of the public to join the Council for 10 minutes**

No members of the public present.

## **Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest by Councillors**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. D Newman.

Cllr. Chandler read a letter of resignation from Cllr. M Crookes and it was agreed that the Clerk will write and thank her for all her hard work during the past 19 years. Councillors acknowledged the wealth of knowledge that Cllr. Crookes had accrued during her service to the Parish Council and that she and her knowledge will be greatly missed.

## **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 24th June 2021**

The minutes were approved with the correction Cllr. T Blagg was not present, as stated, at the June 2021 meeting of the Parish Council.

It was further noted that the meeting minutes will be circulated earlier in the month for information only and then again with the agenda for the next meeting.

## **Presentation from Mr G Connor, Safety & Safeguarding Manager at Bassetlaw District Council**

Mr Connor sent his apologies as he was not able attend this or future meetings as he was leaving Bassetlaw District Council. Cllr. Chandler reported from communication that he had had with Mr G Connor and that in his opinion

it was not recommended that an Public Space Protection Order should be put in place for Eaton village as it would, for example, push the wild swimmers into more remote areas where rescue services would find it difficult to access, also it does not apply to private land. Cllr. Chandler confirmed that Mr Connor's is to be replaced by Bassetlaw District Council and therefore this issue can be raised at a future meeting when the new post holder is available to attend.

## **Business arising from the meeting of 24th June 2021**

- **Larger bin at Hather Close Gamston**

The Clerk reported that Wendy Turner will inspect the site for suitability and report back. It was noted that there are other sites in the Parish with smaller half bins where larger bins would be a useful replacement and it was agreed to follow through with a list of suggestions to forward to Bassetlaw District Council.

**Action: to raise at next meeting**

- **Drains in Rockley**

As there has been no progression with this issue it was agreed to ask Cllr. Ogle for his assistance.

**Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Ogle.**

- **Promotion of the Parish Council**

Cllr. Moakes presented a draft script to be used to promote the Parish Council which had been circulated before the meeting.

**Action: Cllr. Moakes to update following suggestions from Councillors and present for final approval at the next meeting.**

- **Speed camera Batteries and Speed Watch**

Cllr. Chandler confirmed that he cannot locate a replacement battery as this type of battery is no longer manufactured, however we still have one that works .

Cllr. Chandler explained before we can operate a CSW we need to have notices in position and suggested creating larger notices to advertise the Community Speed Watch scheme.

**Action: Cllr, Chandler to organise the printing of notices.**

- **School management committee meeting minutes**

Cllr. Moakes discussed points from the meeting that she had attended, for example, the plans to make the school hall more attractive to the community.

**Funding project in current financial year**

Cllr. Ramsden reminded Councillors of the ideas discussed previously to hold an Annual meeting where residents will be invited to discuss ideas for potential projects that the PC could support.

**Action: to move this discussion to the January 2022 meeting.**

- **Eaton Village**

Councillors discussed the outstanding Highways issues in Eaton village.

The Clerk confirmed that the bridge is owned by the County Council and any structure erected on the bridge in Eaton has to be approved for action by all the residents in Eaton.

**Action: Clerk to chase the Highways issues in Eaton – Speed strips and traffic calming issues with District Cllr Ogle and Highways,**

It was also noted that the sign at Muttonshire Hill is missing

**Action: Clerk to report to Highways**

**Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan - update from meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Cllr. Chandler and Cllr. Crookes attended extraordinary meeting of Bassetlaw Council raised to suggest delaying the plan to address issues raised - however the proposal was overridden in a vote 26 to 9.

The final consultation plan has now opened and runs from 2nd September until Thursday 21 October 2021. Plans are available for viewing at local libraries.

**Eaton - Response from Environment Agency**

The Clerk confirmed that the land owner is responsible for the river.

See above for further action concerning the issues in Eaton.

- Planning:**
- a) **Applications:** No objections were raised by Councillors.
  - b) **Decisions:** 21/00808/FUL
  - c) **Planning Form** – (How do we use the adopted response form)
- **Action: Clerk to send the form again and check the links to planning site from Bassetlaw communication e-mails.**

Cllr. Chandler reported on the meeting on the development of Gamston Airport. There are still a number of issues that need finalising prior to full planning permission to be approved before this can go ahead.

**Matters raised by village residents:**

Councillors discussed at length the email received from The Eaton Village Independent Action group – it was noted that no detail of the membership of this group was included in the communication.

The content of the email was overtly critical of the Parish Council and suggested this group would find their own solutions to village issues and problems.

The communication was deemed to be inaccurate in its criticism and implicitly unpleasant in tone.

Cllr. Blagg developed this discussion further by explaining to Councillors the communication between the Chair, himself and eventually the Monitoring Officer.

The issue concerned a declaration of interest on land used by Cllr. Blagg that lies alongside the river in Eaton.

Cllr. Blagg expressed deep concern that correspondence about this issue has not been shared with the Parish Council.

Cllr. Blagg suggested an untenable situation has been created for the Parish Council caused by a rift between some residents of Eaton Village and the Parish Council.

Cllr. Moakes confirmed that her husband was a member of The Eaton Village Independent Action Group and Councillors discussed that even if this does not constitute a conflict of interest then it certainly creates a very difficult situation for Councillors. Cllr. Blagg suggested a complete break in the constitution of the Parish Council and Cllr. Howard agreed that this would be a sensible and reasonable solution. Councillors did not vote on this issue but agreed to respond to the communication in the first instance,

**Action: Chair and Clerk to respond by email to The Eaton Village Independent Action Group. The Clerk will explore the process of re-constitution of the Parish Council.**

**Village warden report** to be given by the Clerk –

The Clerk confirmed that there was no response from the Village Warden.

**Action: Clerk to contact the Village Warden and insist that he responds to the Council at least once a month.**

**Casual Vacancies: No responses.**

**Account & Audit**

- **Current position on Accounts**      £15,559.62 including the following payments:
- £337.49    David Bailey
- 47.00      HMRC
- £564      Clerk's salary (July-Sep 2021)
- Receipts none

**Action: New signatories will be organised for the Current account to include Cllr. Ramsden and Cllr. Blagg. Cllr. Howard will remain as signatory.**

**Highways:** Update on who has taken over P Laughton  
No update available.

Update on interactive sign rota  
No update available – see above for action to contact Cllr. Ogle.

It was noted the interactive school sign at Gamston has been reported as out of order – Clerk has reported this to Highways.

**Declarations of interest:** Update from the Cllr Chandler and update on Members code of conduct.

Cllr. Chandler explained to Councillors that he had been asked by Cllr. Moakes if Cllr. Blagg should declare a declaration of interest in PC business because of his use of land in Eaton. Cllr. Chandler took this issue to the Monitoring Officer for him to answer the question and it was subsequently declared that Cllr. Blagg does not have a conflict of interest due to his use of the land in question which allows him access to his land via the land of another landowner in the village of Eaton. Cllr. Chandler has described this arrangement as a “Gentleman’s agreement” which has existed and worked well for over 20 years.

Cllr. Chandler further explained that If the PC discusses, for example, the development of calming measures on the bridge (traffic lights) in Eaton then Cllr. Blagg would have to decide if he himself felt there was a need for him to declare an interest in any discussion.

Cllr. Chandler expressed the difficulty of resolving this conflict that had arisen and as he had tried to keep the discussion amicable between Councillors, the full communication from Cllr. Moakes to himself had not been shared with the whole Parish Council.

Councillors supported Cllr. Chandler’s actions and decisions in these circumstances, noting the situation was difficult however, it was acknowledged that all communication should have been circulated to Councillors.

**Action: Cllr. Moakes to circulate all communication relating to this issue to Councillors.**

- **A.O.B**

West Drayton and Gamston telephone box - it was agreed to move this to the next agenda  
Cllr. Moakes raised the using of notice boards and the PC website to inform residents of important issues and events and she suggested promoting the access to flu vaccinations as we move into the winter months.

**Action: Cllr. Moakes to research available public information regarding flu vaccinations.**

The resignation of Cllr. Crookes requires a Councillor to take responsibility for the PC website and this will be taken by Cllr. Ramsden.

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