

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14th Jul 2022 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 7:00pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:

Cllr Simon Chandler	Chairman
Cllr Donna Ramsden	Cllr Tom Adam
Cllr Richard Harding	Cllr Michael Howard
Cllr Gregg Davies	Cllr Vincent Mee
Cllr Maria Moakes	
Ed Knox Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer	
Bassetlaw Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader	
County & District Councillor John Ogle	

Also, Present

➤ Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

None.

63/22 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Ramsden **Proposed**, Cllr Howard **Seconded** the Council resolved to **accept** the apologies of Cllrs Worthington & Vernon.

64/22 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

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

65/22 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

66/22 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist & County Cllr Ogle: provided an update to the Council, which included:

- Attendance at the site meeting in Rockley with the County Council Drainage Manager, a camera is to go down the pipework and the culvert needs attention.

67/22 To receive an update on Highways Matters Raised with Notts County Council/Bassetlaw District Council and to escalate a list of outstanding items with Notts County Council via the County Cllr where necessary

The following outstanding items have been chased by the Clerk with no response and Cllr Ogle was asked if he can assist with escalating these issues with the appropriate departments:

- **Bassetlaw District Council: Muttonshire Hill Street Name Plate** – Missing since 2018, chased 25.04.2022, chasing again 13.05.2022. 14.06.2022 Bassetlaw Street Naming Dept in the process of having a new sign frame made for installation. 14.07.2022 **Item Closed** – The replacement sign has been installed, albeit in the place most likely to be it by another vehicle however, Bassetlaw Council are adamant this is where they wish the sign to be.
- **Notts County Council – Traffic Speed Tubes in Eaton** – 13.05.2022 Cllr Chandler advised these are now down on the road at present. 16.06.2022 Cllr Chandler advised that the County Council officer has stated that they are still compiling the data and hope to be able to share this soon. 14.07.2022. The County Council officer has provided the speed data collected and advised that *“Eaton does not meet the criteria for a permanent interactive sign. To meet the criteria for a permanent interactive speed sign, the 85th percentile speed readings must exceed 35mph in a 30mph limit (10% of speed limit +2) between the hours of 0700-1900 on an average weekday. This best represents the working day when most people are out and about, travelling to work and school etc. For the traffic flow criteria, we take the highest directional peak hour traffic flow between the hours of 0800-0900, 1600-1700 & 1700-1800. The flows should be over 250 vehicles in at least one of these hours, in one direction, to meet criteria. The data shows that Eaton does not qualify, however I have requested that a temporary interactive sign be positioned in the same location as before.”* **Item Closed**. The Council resolved that the speed data and email from the County Highways Manager to be shared around the Council and with the Eaton Group representatives. A new item to be added at end of this agenda item list for liaising with the County Highways Manager over options and ideas for speeding issues in Eaton.
- **Notts County Council – Temporary Interactive Speed-sign** – Cllr Moakes requested the speed sign revisits Eaton and other areas of the Parish Council’s boundary. The clerk requested this from Notts CC on 16.06.2022. 11.07.2022 County Highways Manager advised *“A temporary interactive speed sign has been requested for Eaton. Unfortunately, I can’t be specific about dates but it has been ordered.”*

- **Speed-gun Training** – Details of how members of the public can register for the Police Speedwatch Scheme were shared on last months minutes, any new members of the public wishing to join the scheme should email Gareth.Mitchell@notts.police.uk

After discussion, of the old Speed gun, Cllr Chandler called for a vote and the Council unanimously **resolved** that because the unit is 1/3 owned by Markham Clinton Parish Council, the Clerk is to email Markham Clinton to ask that **1) Either Markham Clinton takes the old gun and it is then agreed to be solely owned by Markham Clinton who can do as they wish with it. 2) If Markham Clinton declines to take it, it is to be disposed of. Item Closed, after the meeting Markham Clinton agreed to dispose of it and members of the public/cllrs alike liaised direct with PC Mitchell regards speed gun training.**

- **Holme Lane Dykes @ Rockley** – The Notts CC Drainage Manager has advised that there had been some misunderstanding of the correct dyke/location at Rockley that was affected which has caused the delay in action by the County Council. The Drainage Manager has advised that he's due a 1-2-1 with the Officer that will be handling drainage enquiries for Bassetlaw, next week and will go through it with him and then he can carry out a site visit to familiarise himself with the issue and ascertain a course of action from there. The Drainage Manager added that we can contact him direct to chase this matter as it progresses. The Drainage Manager visited Rockley today and has advised *"From what I could see of the downstream side ditch from the junction area of Holme Lane, it isn't too bad. It wouldn't hurt if some minor clearance was carried out but I don't think, at least from my initial inspection, that the ditch level is causing the problem. That said, it may be that it is obstructed further downstream. We'll need to get the vegetation strimmed back to be able to get a good look at it. In the first instance I want to get the culvert under Holme Lane checked. Please see the plan below:*



Ditches are in blue, the highway culvert in orange. The outlet of the highway culvert is partially collapsed. It's directly adjacent to a large tree and there is a possibility that it may have been damaged by roots from the tree. I'll get a job raised for my colleagues in the Drainage Maintenance team to attend to jet and cctv the culvert. I can't give you a timescale for this at present, but it will hopefully be sometime next month. I'll feedback further once the investigation of the culvert is completed.

Cllr Harding and the Drainage Manager met on Tues 5th July who emailed the PC to advise: *"Our jetting and cctv unit attended Holme Lane this morning, they have checked the following culverts:*

- *From Absolute Koi down to its outfall on Holme Lane*
- *under Holme Lane*
- *under the A638*

*All were running. There was minor silt build up, which was cleared, but nothing to block up the system and hold water back. The ditch that is the main cause of concern appears clear between the outfall of the culvert under Holme Lane to the inlet under the A638. Our team have recommended that I get the levels checked, as it may be that the culvert under the A638 is set marginally higher than the one under Holme Lane. If that is the case then it would explain why water stands upstream. A member of the public provided video footage of the historic issues and our team mentioned the minor build-up of wood and debris at the inlet to the culvert under the A638. They cleared it whilst they were there. Aside from that, the video only really shows that, at the time it was taken, the ditch was clear with only minor leaf build up at a few points. Did anyone experience any flooding at the time that the video was taken? I think that one of the problems is that for water from the ditch near Absolute Koi access to get under Holme Lane, it has to meet the ditch alongside Holme Lane head on. That is as likely to be a cause of water back up in the ditch near to your business as anything else. **I'll get the invert levels of the culverts checked, I'll contact the riparian owner of the ditch to recommend that they regularly inspect and clear the inlet of the culvert under the A638.**"* 14.07.2022 The Clerk has written back to the Drainage Manager to ask when the items in bold above will be undertaken.

- **ASB @ Eaton Bridge** –The ASB Team Leader advised the Council by email that “We have had only one report to come into our department since my attendance that being the 17th. I myself have driven through on a few evenings on my drive home and have noticed groups but nothing excessive or rowdy. The biggest limitation at this time is receiving reports from the community of the issues and/or receiving identifying evidence such as vehicle regs or photos of offenders. If we get regular reports form a number of residents of issues happening outside our working hours, I can justify offering staff Toil to attend Eaton on late evenings and/or weekends.”

Cllr Moakes advised that local residents have recently sent in footage of ASB to both the local Police and to the ASB Team at Bassetlaw DC. The Eaton Residents Group have emailed the Clerk to advise “the ASB issues we have put in place methods of recording and reporting that gives the ASB evidence good enough to start home and school visits and have started investigating some funding streams that have become available via Notts PCC to enable a permanent CCTV camera.”

The ASB Team Leader advised that Cllrs and members of the public can reach his team on 01909 533253 or via the online reporting tool at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/community-and-living/anti-social-behaviour/report-anti-social-behaviour/ or asb.mail@bassetlaw.gov.uk

New Items to report:

Please note – As per County Cllr Ogle’s comments, 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) on the on-line Notts County Council website or MyNotts App, themselves, then, should no action have been taken NCC, bring it to the Parish Council meeting for escalation.

- **High Friction Surfaces** – The Clerk reported that the County Council Highways Manager has advised that the red and cream coloured high friction surfaces which were installed often on road bends won’t be replaced in future. The Highways Manager advised “the funding for this type of work is now not available and no more replacements of this type of surfacing will be carried out in Nottinghamshire unless a carriageway resurfacing scheme is undertaken.” However, we will look to renew the high friction surfacing at Muttonshire Hill, Gamston, you recently reported (image below) but **please be aware that this is an exceptional instance and isn’t something we can repeat elsewhere.**



- **County Council Highways Solutions for Eaton Speeding** – After discussing the speed tube data and potential ways forward with County Cllr Ogle, the Council resolved that the Clerk shall email the County Highways Manager to request their guidance and ideas for what potential ideas there could be for Eaton, including but not limited to Dragons Teeth, Village Gateways, an Interactive Speed Sign. The Council understands there might not be funding at County to pay for these, or Central Govt Criteria met for funding, but if the Highways Manager can give guidance to what may be physically possible and the actual costs of these, the PC can discuss potential grant funding options. Cllr Moakes offered to meet on site with the Highways Manager together with any other interested Cllrs.
- **Replacement Markham Moor Sign** – The Council **Noted** that County Cllr Ogle is arranging for the County Council Markham Moor sign to be replaced.
- **West Drayton Road Resurfacing and Verge Grips Issue** – County Cllr Ogle 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, Cllr Adam to provide a photo looking eastward towards Eel Pie Farm, Markham Moor showing the grass verge to the right which needs grips cutting into it by the County Council, this is because it floods here in winter due to a local resident who has dug out the dyke on the right and covered the grips so the water can't get away. Additionally, the state of the road with potholes has caused it so the water cannot get away. The Council **resolved** that County Cllr Ogle looks to include this section of road for resurfacing and the team at the same time comes to install the drainage grips.

- **Dog Fouling** – Cllr Moakes advised there is persistent dog fouling. **Action**, Clerk to contact Bassetlaw Environment Services to ask for signs/leaflets/literature that can be provided to the parish council for distribution. The Clerk mentioned that Cllrs and members of the public are encouraged to keep reporting dog fouling incidents on the Bassetlaw website reporting tool. <https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/environmental-health/animal-welfare/dog-fouling/what-can-be-done/>

68/22 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. Cllr Chandler 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>
Gamston Primary School	Hire of Room for Oct to Mar Meetings	£105.00
Gamston Primary School	Hire of Room for Neighbourhood Watch Event Aug	£21.00
Total Payments		<u>£126.00</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None	None	£0
Total Receipts		<u>£0</u>

Bank Balance

The Current Account Balance **£15,277.77**

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

69/22 To progress organising a Parishes in Bloom

- **West Drayton Lawson Close Wildflower Meadows** – Cllr Davies requested that the Council approaches the County Council to see about the possibility of stopping grass cutting at Lawsons Close. The local residents would like to see the area converted into wildflower meadows. **Action**, Clerk to contact the County Council regards the possibility and practicalities of this.
- **Planters & other Wildflower Verges** – Cllr Ramsden advised she had not heard from Cllr Vernon, item deferred to September meeting. **Action**, Cllr Vernon is to finalise the locations and numbers of planters to be able to obtain a final quote for Amberol water reservoir planters and for wooden barrel type planters. Cllr Vernon will also look into the possibility of wildflower meadow verges. Cllr Vernon would need to approach the Highways Officer at the County Council to arrange a site visit to see where the County Council would be happy for either planters or wildflower areas to be situated. They would then need to issue the Council with a licence for the planters before installation. MeadowMakers.Co.uk are a company who can professionally prepare and maintain wildflower verges/meadows. Cllr Davies has emailed the Council to volunteer to make planters.

70/22 To Progress a Neighbourhood Hood Watch Scheme - Cllr Ramsden

The open day for the launch event has been booked for 4th Aug at 6pm at Gamston School. Signage for the scheme is to be installed at the following locations:

- 2x Eaton (turning into Eaton from A638 x turning into Eaton from Ollerton Road)
- 4x Gamston (going into Gamston from A1 x going into Gamston from Eaton x coming into Gamston from airport side x leaving A638 turning into Rectory Lane opposite Manor Farm)
- 2 x West Drayton (going into West Drayton from A638 x coming in from A1)
- 4 x Rockley (coming in from A1 x coming in from Gamston x turning up Holme Lane x coming towards Holme Lane from Askham)
- 2 x Markham Moor (coming in from A1 x heading towards markham)

Cllr Ramsden is currently compiling a list of volunteers so that at the open day the roles of Walk and Village Coordinators can hopefully be discussed and allocated.

71/22 To discuss any new planning applications received and approve a scheme of delegation

The Clerk advised that when a planning application comes from Bassetlaw either in a month with no meeting or soon after a council meeting, the Council cannot send in a potential response (Parish Councils don't have to respond but may do if they wish to) as the decision for the response has to be made at a meeting or via a scheme of delegation. At present no scheme of delegation is in place. Delegation cannot be to an individual Councillor only to an Officer (Clerk or RFO) of the Council. After discussion, Cllr Adam **Proposed**, Cllr Mee **Seconded** and it was **resolved** that the scheme of delegation as follows:

“Any planning applications received to the Council from Bassetlaw will be emailed around the Council, should 3 or more Cllrs wish to make a response based upon Material Considerations, after consultation with a minimum of 3 councillors, a summary response will be drafted by the Councillors, checked by the Clerk and circulated to all councillors for comment prior to submission to Bassetlaw District Council by the Clerk before the deadline date. At the next Parish Council meeting, an item will be placed on the agenda to note the contents of the submission to Bassetlaw Council Planning authority for the minutes.

If a very contentious planning application was submitted it may be necessary to call a full Council meeting. Should it be felt that a site visit, by a Cllr is required in determining the response, a Cllr will volunteer to go, but the Cllr will be from a different village to where they live.”

22/00858/FUL - Demolition and Re-construction of Boundary Wall, Gamston Manor Great North Road Gamston

After discussion, the Council **resolved** to support the application.

72/22 To discuss the possibility of a defibrillator for West Drayton

The Council considered the costs of purchasing 2 (one for Rockley & one for West Drayton) further Mindray Defibs - Mindray C1A Fully or Semi-Automatic in stock – Child/Adult Switch no separate pads - £815+VAT with Insulated Right Hand Opening cabinet - £425+VAT. After discussion, the Council **resolved** that in the first instance the Islamic Charity are to be approached for potential funding, depending on the outcome of this, the Council will discuss further funding options.

73/22 To approve annual inspections of trees beside the highway at the parish council land to the east of 19 Eaton.

The cost for the County Council Forestry Advisor annual survey to include inspecting and plotting trees on the NCC system which are next to or within falling distance of the road and producing a report with work requirements and recommendations is £350+VAT. After discussion, Council **resolved** to accept the quote and proceed with the inspection.

74/22 To discuss the restoration of Gamston Red Phone Box

Parts for Red Phone Boxes can be purchased from X2Connect at Newark, the official supplier of parts and paints for Red Phone Boxes. Cllrs Howard, Davies and Adam agreed to level up the phone box and ascertain the required parts to restore the box.

75/22 To discuss the number of lamppost poppies to order

NALC have confirmed that the RBL poppies are now back in stock. Several nearby parish councils are ordering enough poppies for 1 per lamppost. To do this in this Council’s area, for all lampposts excluding the A638 & Markham Moor Roundabout would be:

- Eaton 12
- Gamston 19
- Rockley 13
- W Drayton 10
- M Moor 8
- **Sub-Total 62**

The Lampposts on the A638 & roundabout would need an additional:

- Eaton 28
- Gamston 20
- M Moor 22
- Sub-Total 70

Grand total for all 132

Other parishes in the area have agreed to all put up poppies each year, on or around 31st Oct and take them down no later than 20th Nov.

The cost is £3 each for 62 would be £186 for 131 would be £396. After discussion, Cllr Chandler **Proposed** and the Council **resolved** those 25 additional poppies be purchased and delivered to Cllr Chandler for distribution.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda item was closed the members of the public due so that the Council can discuss information which is relating to an individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

76/22 To discuss correspondence from a member of the public about the parish council land to the east of 19 Eaton

A member of the public has emailed again asking a further series of questions relating to the Jun meeting agenda item where the land was discussed. The emails from the member of the public, and their responses had been circulated previously to all members of the Council. The Corporate body of the Council **noted** the contents of the member of the

public's emails and the responses sent. After discussion, the Council **resolved** that because all the questions have been answered fully, the Council will not enter into or respond to any further communications with the member of the public on this matter and should the member of the public continue to ask questions on this subject, they will be informed that 'no further communication on this subject will be responded or acknowledged to'.

77/22 To consider items for a future agenda raised by residents in the parishes

- Pride in the Parishes to be added to the October agenda so that Council can consider the idea that would then potentially be held each year at the May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9pm.