

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 13th July 2023 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm. **Council Members & Officer Present:**

Cllr Simon Chandler	Chairman
Cllr Donna Ramsden	Cllr Tom Adam
Cllr Richard Harding	Cllr Vince Mee
Cllr Jane Worthington	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Maria Moakes	
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO
Chair Councillor Ogle (in part)	

Also Present

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

No public present.

1/7/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Worthington **Proposed**, Cllr Mee **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Davies and Cllr Vernon.

2/7/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

Cllr Argent-Cook declared an interest in planning application 23/00778/CAT

3/7/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes.

The council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman duly signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

4/7/23 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Anti-social behaviour in Eaton

Response received from Richard Blagg and Chris Harrison which has been circulated to PC, to be discussed at next meeting once Chris Harrison has held meeting. **Action** Clerk to follow up with PC Marsh regarding written response from last meeting.

b. Community Speed Watch

PCSO Dale has agreed to carry out risk assessment of Villages, Cllr Chandler attended the event held by Sutton Parish Council which focused on sharing information about the scheme. To be discussed further once risk assessment has taken place. **Action** agenda for September meeting

c. Notts Bus On Demand

Clerk received a response stating that consideration to request that bus stops in Village would be made when looking at new routes. After discussion it was agreed that Clerk will write back and ask when that discussion was likely to be and to highlight that the bus already passes through the Village, so we are simply asking for it to be able to stop rather than requesting a new route. **Action** Clerk

d. Sharp Boxes

Response received from Environmental Health to say that Sharp Boxes should not be left outside. In first instance Cllr Argent-Cook will speak to residents in person and ask that boxes are not left outside for collection as it poses a safety risk. Cllr Moakes believes there maybe some confusion in the information provided by BDC when booking a collection, will investigate and report back. **Action** Cllr Argent-Cook & Cllr Moakes

5/7/23 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


Cllr Dinsdale not in attendance


6/7/23 Highways and Footpaths

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

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) 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.” 13/03/2023 The Council advised that the road surface is a priority locally because there's no pavement to Markham Moor from the village and pedestrians walk on the road, cars drive in the middle and wrong side of the road, and wish to escalate this with the Highways Manager. 11/05/2023 – Action , Clerk to chase Highways Manager for the outcome of the Cllrs Priority, will NCC be funding this and will the extend this request to include resurfacing Church St at West Drayton. 15/06/2023 Clerk received message from Highways Manager 15/06/2023 stating that he would check to see if the road had been added to resurfacing list. 13/07/2023 Cllr Ogle informed PC that an officer has inspected the road but at present other areas take priority, no vehicle damage has been reported in this area. He will be gathering his priority list for forthcoming year, PC asked that this area could be added to it. Action , Clerk to message Cllr Ogle
B) 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.” 31/03/2023 Highways Manager advised “ <i>the study came through yesterday, I'm unsure if I can share or not so I would suggest speaking to the councillor directly regarding this</i> ”. 13/04/2023 The Council asked the Clerk to complain to the County Highways Manager about the lack of action over the release of the report. 11/05/2023 The Feasibility Study has been received from the Highways Manager. Action , the Council asked the Clerk to ask the Highways Manager which items on the study document will NCC/Via Ltd implement themselves and the timescales involved? And which items they would allow the Parish Council to do, which NCC wont fund, and the PC

			<p>could then consider grant funding. Lastly the PC asked the Clerk to find out from the Highways Manager ‘what is the NCC’s 20mph policy and what are they reviewing about the policy?’</p> <p>15/06/2023 Clerk emailed questions to Highways Manager on 01/06/2023, due to holiday has not received a response. 21/06/2023 Response from VIA received and circulated. Proposal to make improvements to the signing and markings on the approach to the 30 mph terminal signs and installing “Pedestrians in carriageway” signing, this was approved by Cllr Ogle, no timescale given.</p> <p>13/07/2023 Cllr Mee has been working on a response to VIA, general feeling is that only 2 out of the 5 points raised have been taken into consideration. Action Clerk will forward response to Paul Hillier, Aidan O’Connor and Cllr Ogle in short term focus will be placed on having another traffic survey carried out as previous one was done during COVID when traffic was limited. The PC are considering the benefits of having a permanent interactive speed camera installed and feel that the normal traffic conditions would assist in meeting the CC criteria.</p>
<p>C) Gamston Rectory Lane Overgrown Hedges & Trees Adj Severn Trent Sewage Works Ref COM- 172138- P5M5N2</p>	<p>Trees and hedges adjacent the roadside and pavement overgrown+</p>	<p>Severn Trent to cut back hedges and trees as necessary</p>	<p>16/03/2023 – complaint raised to Severn Trent Complaints Dept to undertake hedge and tree cutting.</p>  <p>18/03/2023 – Severn Trent Complaint’s team advised that a response would be sent within 10 working days.</p> <p>03/04/2023 no response received, today is day 11 further complaint sent to Severn Trent.</p> <p>04/04/2023 – Severn Trent confirmed the hedgerow and trees are not theirs and belong to the same owner as the Road, Pavement and hedge down near the river on HM Land Register Title NT452284.</p> <p>05/04/2023 – Reported to Notts CC as the land must be theirs. Response received to say they have passed on the complaint to the Corporate Property and Forestry Team.</p> <p>11/04/2023 – Highways Manager replied to say “<i>The forestry team are going to reinspect. Once they’ve visited, I’ll get a response sorted.</i>”</p> <p>15/06/2023 still awaiting reinspection</p> <p>14/07/2023 still awaiting inspection from Forestry team</p> <p>Action Clerk to email Cllr Ogle for assistance and cc Aidan O’Connor</p>

<p>D) Gamston Muttonshire Hill Bend Speed 40mph zone extension</p>	<p>Vehicles going too fast come off the bend into the field.</p>	<p>Notts CC to assess the possibility of extending the 40mph zone to the other side of the bend.</p>	<p>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.</p>  <p>03/04/2023 – chase sent. Response received same day to say they will investigate the accident pattern frequencies, to decide whether this will be a possibility. 14/04/2023 – Highways Manager advised ‘we’ve had the accident data back for almost a mile of the road here and there has been no accidents reported since at least Jan 2019. I understand people don’t always report accidents completely but we have to go on the data we have at hand. With this in mind, we would not look to implement a reduction in the speed limit. However, I have asked NCC to look into the possibility of other improvements on the approach to this bend to ensure driver safety is considered. I will have further discussions with them regarding this and as soon as I have any sort of update/news I’ll let you know.’ 15/06/2023 Action Clerk to follow up as no information was made available 14/07/2023 Cllr Ogle has been told this is not possible Action email Cllr Ogle to request a copy of the formal response</p>
<p>E) Rockley</p>	<p>Overgrown footpaths</p>	<p>Notts CC</p>	<p>14/07/2023 Residents informed Cllr Ramsden that footpath from Rockley to Markham Moor was overgrown. Cllr Ogle advised clerk to write to Aidan O’Connor and ask that soil/debris and grass roots be removed so path was wide enough to accommodate a pushchair as it is believed that this is a maintenance issue Action Clerk to email Aidan O’Connor and cc Cllr Ogle</p>
<p>F) Overgrown Hedges at West Drayton</p>	<p>Overgrown Hedge</p>	<p>Privately owned</p>	<p>14/07/2023 Cllr Ogle informed PC that the best approach was to contact the landowner, as this is privately owned land. Reporting via the Notts CC could prove to be very time consuming (upto 2 years) as they council would have to go down enforcement route unless the situation was dangerous. Action Clerk to write to Land owner</p>

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.

7/7/23 Finance:

a. *Payments for Approval*

Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC
15/05/2023	23/011	S/O	Glen Rutherford (lengthsman)	352.50	0.00	352.50
30/06/2023	23/012	S/O	Unity Bank Service Charge	18.00	0.00	18.00
			Total	370.50	0.00	370.50

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. Clerk informed the PC that they still did not have access to the Unity Trust account online, however had been successfully added to the Five Villages Trust account.

b. *Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance*

There has been no income received since last meeting.

Bank Balance as of the 30th 2023 is £ 16,947

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

8/7/23 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:

- a. Change of Use for the Conversion of an Existing Barn Building to Holiday Accommodation Gamston Wood Farm Gamston Wood Upton Nottinghamshire DN22 0RB Ref. No: 23/00704/COU | Received: Mon 05 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 21 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **No Comment**
- b. Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1 - Silver Birch - Crown Lift to 2.5m from Ground Level (currently 1.8m). Reduce in Height by 3m (Current Overall Height is Approx. 9m) 3 Manor Close Gamston Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0RP Ref. No: 23/00778/CAT | Received: Mon 26 Jun 2023 | Validated: Mon 26 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **All agreed that the work needed to be carried out**
- c. Variation of Condition 2 on P.A 23/00018/HSE for the Alteration to the Design to Include an Internal WC with External Entrance Door Replace Drawing No RDS 11694/12H with No RDS 11694/12(L) Gamston Manor And Land Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/00768/VOC | Received: Thu 22 Jun 2023 | Validated: Wed 05 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **No Comment**
- d. Erect First Floor and Two Storey Side Extension, Single Storey Side Extension and Boundary Wall and Entrance Gates (Resubmission of 22/01512/HSE) North House Woodyard Lane Eaton Nottinghamshire DN22 0FY Ref. No: 23/00700/HSE | Received: Fri 02 Jun 2023 | Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **No Comment**
- e. Construct Private Helicopter Landing Pad Open for comment icon Apple Barn Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PY Ref. No: 23/00754/FUL | Received: Tue 20 Jun 2023 | Validated: Tue 11 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision **Cllr Mee** will investigate CA regulations. Cllr Chandler recommended clarification was required from BDC as to why planning is required for a landing pad as helicopter was already on site and taking off/landing in the field.

9/7/23 Other Planning Matter

Cllr Chandler suggested simplifying agenda now that planning log is in place, only newly listed applications to appear on agenda. Overall concern over lack of enforcement response **Action** Clerk to follow up on current enforcement case and seek assistance from Cllr Dinsdale. Clerk informed Parish Council that enforcement had been a problem area across district for sometime.

10/7/23 Mosquitos in Gamston

Written correspondence received from two residents and several others have highlighted the concern, the issue is much greater than it has been in the last 3 years. Cllr Worthington has been in contact with Julian Proudman from Environmental Health who states that 3 treatments have been carried out so far but not all areas area accessible, current weather conditions and wet ground would also make cutting back vegetation impossible and therefore they are unable to treat. A meeting has been set for the 23rd July at 2pm in St Peter's Church, Gamston, to share information and education residents, as well as to look at what action is needed to get the situation under control. Cllr Ramsden has put notice on website and leaflets distributed to promote the event.

11/7/23 Defibrillator Grant Funding

Cllr Chandler has shared with Cllr Davies a quote he has received along with information about a DHSC fund. To revisit at next meeting **Action** Clerk to add to September agenda.

12/7/23 Correspondence Received

Addressed in item 10/7/23

13/7/23 Lengthsman

PC is very happy with work being carried out in the Villages, some confusion as to what areas the Lengthsman was originally asked to cover, Clerk to clarify with him. The PC would like to request that all signs in the Parish are cleaned. The grass on both sides of the road going into Gamston needs to be cut. **Action** Clerk to discuss with Lengthsman

14/7/23 Village Signs

Residents of Rockley have requested Village Signs. Cllr Ramsden and Cllr Chandler have investigated. The cost of installing 15 village signs would be between £60-£65K, if the PC were only to purchase one sign per Village the cost would be around £32k. There is insufficient funds in the budget for this, even with match funding. Cllr Ramsden will publish an article in the Newsletter to make residents aware. Should individuals wish to fundraise for signs then this would be supported by the PC.

15/7/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

A resident has asked if there are currently any seats available on the PC, it is believed there maybe one vacant seat available. **Action** Clerk to confirm.

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

Next meeting date: 15th September, 6.30pm at Gamston School