

## Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 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 Richard Vernon
Cllr Jane Worthington	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Maria Moakes	Cllr Gregg Davies
Cllr Vince Mee	
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

**Also Present:**

3 members of public.

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

### Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Residents of Church Lane attended the meeting to discuss Flooding and Road Conditions on Church Lane.

**Flooding** – Following heavy rainfall on the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October residents believe that a decision may have been made to open sluice gates further up the river to protect Edwinstowe and Ollerton from further flooding, this caused a very sudden surge of water to enter the villages. Residents were not provided with any forewarning and felt very unprepared. They have asked for the Parish Council to contact appropriate agencies to find out what happened, who was responsible for the decision and to ask why residents were not given any notice.

**Road Conditions, Church Lane** – reported that the potholes are getting bigger and that patching work is ineffective as there is little tarmac remaining. They have requested the Parish Council pursue the issue vigorously. The recent flooding has further worsened the conditions and the road now poses a serious health and safety risk, especially when it is dark.

On the points raised the Cllrs agreed that the Clerk will contact the Environment Agency and request information regarding the flooding event and that the road surface issue will be followed up with Highways and involvement from Cllr Ogle – Clerk requested that residents forwarded photos of the road surface to strengthen the case for resurfacing.

Owner of Apple Barn in attendance, he informed the PC that the stable had been removed for repair, it will be returning to Apple Barn and subject to the outcome of current planning proposals will either be put back on current concrete pad or will be repurposed as a summer house elsewhere in the property grounds. Applicant made the PC aware that there is currently no room at either Gamston or Treswell to store the helicopter and that the helicopter is currently stored outdoors within the grounds of Apple Barn. Planning for the Helipad has been removed as applicant has been made aware that Planning Permission is not required.

### 1/11/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs Dinsdale.

### 2/11/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

Cllr Argent-Cooke declared interest in item 10 (Works to Trees with TPO).

### 3/11/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes.

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

### 4/11/23 Matters arising from minutes.

#### *a. Streetlight Woodyard Lane*

The Streetlight is still awaiting repair, Clerk will send a follow up email to Cllr Ogle, Cllrs believe that this now poses a serious Health and Safety Risk as the road is in very poor state of repair and with the dark evenings people are unable to see the surface they are walking on.

*b. Road Markings*

CLRs asked to inform the Clerk of any roads that require attention so that she can forward onto Cllr Ogle as requested.

*c. Eaton Anti-social Behaviour*

Clerk has still not received a response from Richard Blagg or Chris Harrison. CLRs asked that this now be escalated to Cllr Dinsdale.

*d. Community Speed Watch*

Still awaiting survey to be carried out by PCSO Dale.

*e. Bus Shelter Repairs*

CLRs informed the PC that work had now been completed, item to be removed from future agendas.

*f. Councillor Email Addresses*

Chair reminded all CLRs to set up a dedicated email address and forward onto the Clerk.

5/11/23 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,


There is a general feeling that the PC are not aware of what is happening at District level and asked that a report be provided from Cllr Dinsdale when he is unable to attend.

6/11/23 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


Cllr Ogle not in attendance. Chair asked the Clerk to request an update on development at Eaton (entrance from the West/Speed calming measures) CLRs requested that the Clerk seek information from Highways regarding dyke clearance and riparian ownership. Once notice is served by Notts CC, what action is taken when landowners fail to act?

7/11/23 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
<b>A)</b> <b>Gamston</b> 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.  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

			<p>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.'</p> <p>15/06/2023 <b>Action</b> Clerk to follow up as no information was made available</p> <p>14/07/2023 Cllr Ogle has been told this is not possible <b>Action</b> email Cllr Ogle to request a copy of the formal response</p> <p>31/08/23 Follow up email sent to Cllr Ogle</p> <p>14/09/23 Cllr Argent-Cooke has been forwarded accident data and photos by a resident showing 3 accidents on the bend so far this year, this will be forwarded to the Clerk to send to VIA</p> <p>14/09/23 Cllr Ogle asked the <b>Clerk to email</b> him requesting the formal response he has received.</p> <p>19/09/23 email from Aidan O'Connor, Notts CC are proposing to change the speed limit to 40mph just before the entrance to the airport.</p> <p>12/10/23 All agreed that this was an acceptable solution but would like some consideration to be made to also put road markings just before the bend and possible change the speed limit to 30 on reaching the bend as concern that a 40mph limit alone will not be enough. Clerk will write to VIA <b>Action Clerk</b></p> <p><b>16/11/23 Clerk responded to VIA accepting proposal, now awaiting work to be carried out</b></p>
<b>B) Speeding Interactive Sign</b>			<p>15/09/23 Cllr Adam has forwarded information regarding a mobile Interactive Speed sign to Cllr Chandler, approx. cost to purchase approx. £4-5K. After a discussion all agreed that it may be prudent of the PC to look into purchasing their own sign, however, further investigation is required as to the suitability/location of mounting the sign in each village. Cllr Adam agreed to investigate this further with other Cllrs proposing suitable locations in each village. Will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting.</p> <p>12/10/23 Cllr Adam informed PC that cost to purchase would be between £3-6K and that the company he obtained quotes from, can assist in identifying suitable locations, he has also spoken with Notts CC who are not running a similar scheme to the one in Leicester. Cllr Adam has been tasked with getting a definite costing which would include ongoing maintenance costs, this will then be discussed and agreed upon at the November meeting, Cllrs have identified suitable lampposts in Gamston (3, 9 &amp; 10) and Eaton (2,3,8 &amp; 9). To place on November agenda.</p> <p><b>16/11/23 Cllr Adam requested that this be pushed forward to the December agenda as no further information available at present</b></p>
<b>C) Footpath Safety</b>	Overgrown footpath at Rockley	Via to cut back	<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</p>

	Footpath leading to A1	Closure or gated end to footpath	<p>enough to accommodate a pushchair as it is believed that this is a maintenance issue.</p> <p>Action Clerk to email Aidan O'Connor and cc Cllr Ogle</p> <p>15/09/2023 Footpath was cut back very quickly but further work now required to widen the footpath. Clerk advised by VIA that this is now on the scheduled programme of works</p> <p><b>12/10/2023 works have not been carried out yet, Clerk to contact VIA to request a proposed timescale</b></p> <p>15/09/2023 Cllr Davies raised the safety of footpath from West Drayton that ends at the A1, PROW show it as an active footpath but questioned the safety of this. Clerk to write to the PROW team and ask if something can be done to improve the safety of this, or remove it entirely from footpath route</p> <p><b>Action Clerk</b></p> <p>12/10/2023 email from Jane Baines who informs the PC that this is in fact a Bridleway and that they are only permitted to erect gates for stock control purposes or to protect from danger, she has forwarded the information to Neil Lewis of the Countryside Alliance team, we will await a response and discuss at the November meeting.</p> <p><b>16/11/23 After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Adam and agreed by all that the PC asked the Countryside Alliance to close this bridleway and in the short term proposed a dead end sign be erected, due to concerns over safety issues</b></p>
<p><b>D)</b>  <b>Gamston</b>          Rectory Lane          Overgrown          Hedges &amp;          Trees Adj          Severn Trent          Sewage          Works Ref  <b>COM-172138-          P5M5N2</b></p>	Trees and hedges adjacent the roadside and pavement overgrown+	Severn Trent to cut back hedges and trees as necessary	<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><b>Action</b> Clerk to email Cllr Ogle for assistance and cc Aidan O'Connor</p> <p>15/07/23 Clerk emailed Cllr Ogle</p>

			<p>31/08/23 Clerk emailed Cllr Ogle</p> <p>14/09/23 Cllr Ogle requested <b>Clerk email him</b> to request an update which he will escalate</p> <p>20/09/23 email received from Suzanne Heydon stating that this section of hedge will be flailed by the end of October and nettles and weeds will be strimmed back. VIA will also write to the owner of the unmaintained section requesting they maintain the hedge.</p> <p>12/10/23 No action needed, can remove from future agenda once work is completed.</p> <p><b>16/11/23 Work has now been completed, remove from future agenda's</b></p>
<b>E) Church Lane West Drayton</b>	Road Surface Condition	Request road be resurfaced	16/11/23 The surface of the road is now become hazardous to users, the road has been reported on several occasions to Notts CC. Patching is not viable as there is little tarmac remaining for materials to adhere to. Clerk to contact Notts CC, Cllr Ogle with photographic evidence asking that this matter is addressed.

#### New Items to escalate:

Please note in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### 8/11/23 Flooding

Following recent events the general feeling is that there was a severe lack of communication to residents from the Environment Agency and Notts CC. A better understanding of the situation is needed, specifically in terms of whether sluice gates were opened and who would have been responsible for making such decisions. Dykes need to be cleared to assist water drainage. Clerk informed PC of a Flood Warden scheme ran by BDC and will forward relevant information on. The current Flood Plan needs to be revisited. Cllrs asked if any funding would be available for the purchase of water pumps so that in any future events work can be done quicker. General feeling was that the villages worked well together given the little information received to minimise damage. 4 properties were flooded, owners are aware of the Flood grants available via BDC.

#### 9/11/23 Finance:

##### a. *Payments for Approval*

Schedule of Payments - October 2023							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
16/10/2023	23/026	S/O	Glen Rutherford (lengthsman)	352.50	0.00	352.50	£0.00
23/10/2023	23/027	DD	GoCardless Website hosting	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
30/10/2023	23/028	BACS	J Tisi October Salary/expenses	422.37	0.00	422.37	0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>786.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>786.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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.

#### *Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance*

No Income received

Bank Balance as of the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 is £19,504

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

10/11/23 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:

Works to Trees with a TPO Consisting of Various Trees At Gamston Manor Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/01297/TPO | Received: Fri 27 Oct 2023 | Validated: Tue 31 Oct 2023 **Status: Awaiting decision after discussion it was agreed by vote of 7 in favour and 2 against to support this application with a recommendation that tree marked 6 be cut back to the boundary line. Cllr Argent-Cooke abstained from vote.**

Installation of External Wooden Cladding Open, Control Tower Gamston Airfield Ollerton Road Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 23/01343/FUL | Received: Tue 07 Nov 2023 | Validated: Fri 10 Nov 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision, the Council have no comment on this application**

Lawful Development Certificate for the Creation of Hard Standing Area for the Landing and Take Off of a Personally Owned Helicopter. Apple Barn Great North Road Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0PY Ref. No: 23/01313/CTP | Received: Wed 01 Nov 2023 | Validated: Wed 15 Nov 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision, further information required before the PC can make a decision on this application**

Barn East Of Jockey House Cottage Jockey Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire proposed name change to Jockey Lodge **Status: Awaiting decision, the Council have no comment on this application**

11/11/23 Defibrillator Grant Funding

Cllr Ramsden has been able to secure a defibrillator from Heartbeats for a donation of £500. Cllr Davies will arrange for the case to be mounted and connected to electric supply prior to taking delivery of the Defibrillator. The PC are already in receipt of a £100 fund from Cllr Ogle, West Drayton residents to raise the remaining £400.

12/11/23 Correspondence Received

Apple Barn, circulated to the PC prior to the meeting and addressed during public forum where applicant shared information.

Resident contacted clerk to report vandalism and litter at a bus shelter as well as overgrown footpath. Both issues were reported to Notts CC prior to the meeting and lengthsman has been asked to clear litter in the area.

13/11/23 Lengthsman

Timesheets have been received and circulated. Lengthsman asked the PC for a winter works schedule, after discussion it was agreed that the lengthsman would be asked to look at the following areas:

Moss on the pavement Rectory Lane - Gamston ;  
Pavement in front of College – Eaton;  
Repeater signs across all villages to be cleaned.

14/11/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Can Clerk check who the current Beat Manager is for the area.

Chair thanked everyone for their efforts in putting poppies up around the Villages and asked that these be taken down by the weekend, any damage to be reported to Clerk so that replacements can be sourced.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

*Next meeting date: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm at Gamston School*