

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

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 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
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

**Also Present:** 2 Members of the Public

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

### **Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum**

Owner of Apple Barn attended to show photos to the Cllrs to demonstrate the reason he removed the stables for refurbishment and re-iterated that work on the Hanger had not started, he is awaiting the outcome of the Planning Application as advised at the last meeting.

### **1/12/23      To Approve Apologies for Absence**

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Mee.

### **2/12/23      To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.**

No declarations made.

### **3/12/23      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.

### **4/12/23      Matters arising from minutes.**

a) Road Markings re: Cllr Ogle

No roads have been identified that require action, remove from future minutes.

b) Community Speed Watch

The PC are now aware that PCSO John Dale is on long term sick leave, PC James Martin will now be running the Community Speed watch and has asked the PC to identify roads so he can carry out a risk assessment, the PC agreed on the following areas:

Rockley – Holme Lane

Eaton – Main Street

Gamston – Rectory Lane

West Drayton – Lawson Close

Markham Moor – not suited due to speed limit

c) Councillor Email Addresses

Cllrs Vernon, Worthington and Adam still need to set up a new email address.

d) Police update on Beat Manager

PC James Martin has advised that he believes this will be PC Hollie Marsh from the New Year, will confirm in January

**e) Poppies**

Some poppies have been damaged and we believe some have been taken. PC to order 20 replacement poppies next year, will agenda this item for March as the PC will also need to make a decision on D-Day 80 celebrations/purchasing

**5/12/23 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 did not attend the meeting but provided following:

**a) Eaton Anti-Social Behaviour**

Cllr Dinsdale has requested further information so he can assist, Clerk to provide

General Report received

There is a government back compensation scheme available for any residents affected by the October storm, details are on BDC website. Other than that, there's nothing notable to report from BDC. I do still have some grant funding available for schemes such as community groups etc.

**6/12/23 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 did not attend the meeting, no update received prior to the meeting, the following points require attention

- a) Muttonshire Hill Gamston - work has not been carried out yet, item will remain on the agenda
- b) Streetlight Woodyard Lane – the light is now accessible, Clerk has not received any information from Cllr Ogle, will send a follow up email.
- c) Church Lane, West Drayton Road repairs – Clerk contacted Aidan O'Connor after the last meeting, the road was quickly inspected with some potholes highlighted for repair. Notts CC attended on the 29<sup>th</sup> November and carried out some patching work to a small number of potholes, the road however remains in a dire state and the patching is not satisfactory. Clerk will contact VIA again with further evidence (Cllr Adam to provide photos), this item now needs to be escalated with Notts CC.

**7/12/23 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) Speeding Interactive Sign</b>			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

			<p>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>16/11/23 Cllr Adam requested that this be pushed forward to the December agenda as no further information available at present</p> <p><b>15/12/23 No updates available, item can go on hold until results from the Community Speed Watch Assessment are carried out</b></p>
<b>B) Footpath Safety</b>	Footpath leading to A1	Closure or gated end to footpath	<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>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>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</p> <p><b>15/12/23 Neil Lewis of the Countryside Access Team has confirmed that a dead end sign will be erected and he will now look into extinguishing the bridleway, this matter will need to go to public consultation</b></p>

**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.

**8/12/23 Flooding**

a) Community Flood Signage Scheme

Clerk attended a teams meeting with Dr Josh Wells of Notts CC, information has been shared with the Cllrs. All agreed it would be a useful scheme to get involved in. Cllr Vernon is happy to act as a Warden, further

volunteers are required, item will be advertised in the Idle Times and the Website. Initial training will begin in January, Clerk will book places for Volunteers.

b) Environment Agency Update (Storm Babet)

Clerk wrote to the Environment Agency following flooding as a result of Storm Babet, currently awaiting a response which is expected next week.

**9/12/23 Finance:**

a. Payments for Approval

Schedule of Payments - November 2023								
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit	
16/11/2023	23/029	S/O	Glen Rutherford (lengthsman)	352.50	0.00	352.50	£0.00	
23/11/2023	23/030	DD	GoCardless Website hosting	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00	
30/11/2023	23/031	BACS	J Tisi November Salary and backdated pay	552.52	0.00	552.52	0.00	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>917.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>917.01</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.

b. Income Receipts and Bank Account Balance

No Income received

Bank Balance as of the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is £18587

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

C Budget 2024-2025

Clerk shared mid year budget review with the Cllrs, will now work with Cllr Chandler to present proposed budget at the next meeting. It was agreed that going forwards the PC would like to start working on the budget earlier in the year, a proposal is that a Finance Working Party is formed, will add item to the Annual Parish Meeting for agreement.

D. Precept 2024-2025

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Worthington and 5 further Cllrs in agreement that the Precept request for the 2024-2025 year would rise by just over 3%. Precept received 2023-2024 £13896, precept to raise for 2024-2025 will be £14,396.

E Clerk Salary National Pay Award Annual Increase

Agreed by all Cllrs that the PC accept the National Pay Award recommendation, hourly rate increase to be backdated from April, in line with the policy.

**10/12/23 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:

Variation of Condition 1 on P.A 23/00069/VOC Amendment to Drawing Numbers to Allow for a Uniformed Height Restriction and Changes to Landscaping Ballards Removals Holdings Limited Land South Of Meadow View Old London Road West Drayton Nottinghamshire DN22 0TE Ref. No: 23/01385/VOC | Received: Mon 20 Nov 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

**No comment from the PC**

**11/12/23 West Drayton Defibrillator Update**

Cllr Davies would like to thank Cllr Ramsden on behalf of the residents of West Drayton for her work in securing the Defibrillator. The defibrillator has now been installed and connected to the Phone Box. Donations now required from residents to cover the cost of purchase.

**12/12/23 Correspondence Received**

None

**13/12/23 Lengthsman**

Timesheets have been received and circulated. Residents and Cllrs alike are once again very happy with the work being carried out. It has been asked if the lengthsman can look at the following areas:

Bus Shelter Gutters across all Parishes to be cleared.

Twyford Bridge weeds, a risk assessment will be required to ensure that the lengthsman can clear the weeds safely.

**14/12/12 Parish Council Vacancy for Gamston**

There is currently a vacancy seat for the Gamston Parish, the vacancy will be advertised in the Idle Times and on the website. Any interested parties can contact the Clerk via email [clerk.gamston@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.gamston@outlook.com) for further information.

**15/12/23 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)**

Cllr Chandler suggested a change in meeting dates for January and February next year. The PC will now not meet in January and the February meeting will be brought forwards to the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Clerk to contact school and make them aware of booking change.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

*Next meeting date: 1<sup>st</sup> February, 6.30pm at Gamston School*