

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 12th November 2024 at Gamston School, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:

Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO
Cllr Simon Chandler	Chairman
Cllr Donna Ramsden	Cllr Tom Adam
Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook	Cllr Richard Harding
Cllr Heather Salmon	

Also Present: Cllr Ogle and 1 member of the public

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Resident attended the meeting to discuss the Rockley to West Drayton footbridge repair. He was advised by Cllr Ogle to contact Neil Lewis in the PROW team. Neil Lewis has informed him that they did have a quote and spec for repair from the engineers and they are hoping to carry out the repair this financial year. This does contradict information received by the Parish Council that repairs may not be made until May.

Queried the number of sandbags held at the resilience store as believes that they are insufficient to assist residents. The PC do agree with this statement, however, this is all that was available to us at the time of establishing a resilience store in the Village. We have been advised that further stock will be available to us once we have completed the process of setting up the Community Flood Signage Scheme.

Resident was unhappy that the meeting date was changed and felt that the meeting should have proceeded as advised so long as the PC were at quorate. The PC do accept that the situation was not ideal and take his comments on board, in this instance a change of date was unavoidable.

1/11/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies Cllr Mee, Cllr Moakes, Cllr Vernon, Cllr Worthington and Cllr Davies

2/11/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

No declarations made.

3/11/24 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 10th October.

The council **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. The chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Argent-Cook seconded Cllr Harding

4/11/24 Action Plan

Items to remove as now resolved:

- Lengthsman
- Noticeboards

Items to amend:

Muttonshire Hill remove until Feb

Mosquitos remove until March

5/11/24 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Noticeboard at Eaton

Cllr Chandler has refurbished the noticeboard from the Gamston bus shelter and replaced the damaged one in Eaton with it.

b) Response from residents in West Drayton regarding one way system

Cllr Davies shared results with the Cllrs ahead of the meeting, PC would like some further information in terms of number of residents surveyed and % of responses received. Cllr Davies not in attendance, the PC resolved to move forwards to the December meeting.

c) Environment Agency responses to clearing River Idle

Response received and shared with Cllrs ahead of the meeting to say that dredging will not take place, however, tree works are scheduled to be carried out and any obvious blockages removed. Cllr Ogle suggested asking the Idle Drainage Board for information as to waterways maintenance.

d) River Idle Management Partnership

No information has been published yet

6/11/24 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

a. Eaton CCTV & ASB Team

No Update

a. Green Bins

Bin has been returned to resident, no comment from Cllr Dinsdale.

7/11/24 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
A) Footpath Safety	Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor	Path to be widened.	01/02/24 The scheduled works to widen the footpath have not been completed yet. Clerk will contact VIA and ask for a timescale for this work to be carried out. 15/03/24 No updates received, Clerk will ask lengthsman to carry out some work on the footpath and to identify any Health and Safety issues found whilst scraping vegetation back. 11/04/24 Work has not been carried out yet, Clerk will contact Aidan O'Connor directly to ask for a timescale for works to be completed. 09/05/24 Email from Aidan O'Connor stating that he would contact us when work was scheduled. In the meantime, we will ask lengthsman to continue work to clear the path.

			<p>13/06/24 As yet lengthsman has not begun work on the path, it has however been cut by VIA.</p> <p>11/07/24 Clerk has asked lengthsman to prioritise work to this footpath.</p> <p>13/09/24 No progress has been made, as a result of footbridge closure at Jacket Mill the footpath is now being used more regularly and requires maintenance. Cllr Ogle suggested writing to him to ask for assistance in getting this matter resolved.</p> <p>10/10/24 VIA confirmed to the Clerk that this work should be completed by end of October</p> <p>12/11/24 work has not yet started, Clerk to follow up with VIA</p>
B) Condition of Road Surface	Eel Pie Farm, Old London Road, West Drayton		<p>Cllr Davies informed the PC road surface is inadequate, where potholes have been filled the surface is raised which is causing road users to drive on the other side of the road. Due to having no footpath the road is also used by pedestrians. Clerk to write to VIA and ask for an inspection to take place</p> <p>10/10/24 Awaiting inspection/response from VIA</p> <p>12/11/24 No works scheduled at present, residents are encouraged to report any new potholes via app or Clerk</p>
c) Bridge weight at Eel pie Farm	West Drayon		<p>Resident raised the issue of increase of HGV's using the bridge and insufficient signage in place. Clerk forwarded information to VIA in July, but no update has been received. Clerk will follow up</p> <p>10/10/24 Clerk has forwarded request again to both Cllr Ogle and Aidan O'Connor, no updates available</p> <p>10/10/24 Cllr Ogle has requested a sign from highways VIA</p> <p>12/11/24 Signage will be looked at when budget is reviewed</p>
d) Interactive Speed Signs	All		<p>12/11/24 Cameras have been in the villages up until today, request them to come back on the schedule in March</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.

8/11/24 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

a) *Confirmation of a start date for Highways projects at Main Street, Eaton*

Start date for work to commence requested from Cllr Ogle. Cllr Ogle has stated that it will be done this year but there is still no start date for work to commence.

b) *Damage to Eaton Bridge Notts CC reply/action taken*
 Monitor work due to be completed before winter.

9/11/24 Flooding

a) *Community Flood Signage Scheme update on Training and Marker post*
 Cllr Vernon needs to complete the training. Cllr Ramsden and Cllr Argent-Cook have offered to undertake the training, Cllr Chandler will also ask residents of Eaton. The scheme will not become active until all volunteers are trained. Clerk to contact Dr Wells and ask **that** Cllrs Ramsden and Argent-Cook are booked onto training sessions.

b) *Resilience Stores and Flood defence items*
 Sandbags have now been delivered to Absolute Koi. Further sandbags will be available once CFSS is active. A number of local farmers have been asked if they had irrigation pumps that could be used but so far non have .

c) *Maintenance of Dykes and Ditches (Riparian responsibilities)*
 Cllr Ramsden has still not received a response from Scott Stone. Information has been forwarded to the Idle Times for inclusion in Newsletter but has not been placed in yet. To make residents aware that the Idle Times is also available via the website PC website

10/10/24 Finance:

a - Payments for Approval

Schedule of Payments - October 2024							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
21/10/2024	24/030		Website fees (go Cardless)	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
28/10/2024	24/031		J Tisi October Salary/Expense	460.07	0.00	460.07	0.00
31/10/2024	24/032		Unity Service Charge	5.40	0.00	5.40	0.00
			Total	477.46	0.00	477.46	0.00

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 31st October 2024 £26,007.03

#£10,000 ringfenced as the Council’s reserve fund

C - Midyear budget review

Ahead of the meeting Clerk circulated mid year review and recommendations for 2025/2026 to the Finance Working Party, finance working party have been unable to meet, will carry forwards to December meeting. Clerk to arrange teams meeting with the Working Party.

D – Clerk National Pay Increase Award

In line with NALC salary recommendations Clerk’s hourly rate will go up to £16.93 per hour, this is to be backdated to 1st April 2024 at an overall cost to the PC of £165.62. Proposed by Cllr Ramsden seconded by Cllr Salmon agreed by all.

11/11/24 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.

None at the time of issuing agenda. Planning Committee Meeting has been cancelled

12/11/24 Correspondence Received

Letter to Clerk regarding loose chickens on Church Lane, Cllrs have investigated, they will make owners aware but no further action will be taken. Clerk to contact resident who raised the matter.

13/11/24 Website and Police Stats Update

a. Gov.uk website and emails

Cllr Ramsden shared further information regarding monthly costings £24.99 + VAT per month to switch to gov.uk website and emails, after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Argent Cook and seconded by Cllr Adam to stay with current emails as this was an unnecessary cost.

b. Council Logo and Cllr information

Will not proceed with Cllr Information on the website at this stage.

Cllrs agreed on a logo designed by Cllr Vernon and presented by Cllr Chandler in his absence. Cllr Argent-Cook has taken the draft logo to be formatted for use on the website.

Crime and Website stats shared with the Cllrs prior to the meeting

14/11/24 Councillor Meet and Greet Sessions

The next meet and greet session will be on December the 12th at 6pm in the School Hall, all residents are invited to attend, the PC will provide mince pies to guests.

15/11/24 Poppies.

Thanks to all Cllrs for putting poppies up. Cllr Chandler would like to remind all Cllrs to remove poppies from the Village by the 16th November and store until next year.

16/11/24 Lengthsman

Christopher Fox has now been appointed as the village Lengthsman and has completed a handover session with his predecessor. He will be out working in the Parish this month.

a. Areas to focus on during winter months

Hedge at junctions

Continue siding up footpath in front of the college

Litterpicking

17/11/24 Five Villages Trust

a. To approve dates for Trust meeting

9th January 6.30pm Clerk to invite School and Church representatives

18/11/24 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Damage to verges on Mill Lane, Rockley – Clerk will report VIA Notts App.

Meeting Closed: 8.25

Next meeting date (Gamston School): 12th December 2024 at 6.30pm. Meet and greet at 6pm