

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 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	Cllr Vince Mee
Cllr Maria Moakes	Cllr Jane Worthington

**Also Present: County Cllr Ogle (in part), Dist Cllr for Tuxford Emma Griffin (in part)**

Members of public: 3

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

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

Resident attended the meeting to raise concerns over planning application 25/00082/HSE, points raised due to the scale of the proposed development and the visual impact on the area. Neighbouring properties have made public objections. The PC will discuss under item 11b

#### **1/3/25      To Approve Apologies for Absence**

It was proposed by Cllr Mee and seconded by Cllr Salmon that the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Davies and Cllr Vernon

#### **2/3/25      To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.**

Cllr Adam item 11b and 11c

Item 11c no longer under discussion so further declarations on this item not required.

#### **3/3/25      To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

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 Worthington

#### **4/3/25      Action Plan**

Footbridge West Drayton – Kirsty Curd (VIA PROW Officer) has informed the Clerk that funding has been secured, and works would be completed in due course, due to shared responsibility for the bridge a start date for the works is not yet available.

CCTV at Eaton Bridge, awaiting information from Cllr Ogle

Funding for lengthsman to be moved to September 2025

#### **5/3/25      Matters arising from minutes.**

None

**6/3/25      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**

District Cllr Dinsdale not in attendance, at February's meeting the PC requested assistance with planning matters, unfortunately this has not been made available. Cllrs now unanimously feel that we need to escalate and request assistance at a higher level within the Council. The Clerk will draft a letter to MPs Jo White and Robert Jenrick and copying David Armiger, Chief Executive of BDC.

Cllr Dinsdale provided the following written report:

BDC approved a council tax rise of 2.99% for all residents, which will bring in an extra £350k. This is likely to be circa £100k from new housing development and £250k from the tax payers. The opposition (Conservative) group suggested that the council tax be held for this year and the £350k funded from BDC's £13m reserves – this was rejected by the Labour group

**7/3/25      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. 13/06/24 As yet lengthsman has not begun work on the path, it has however been cut by VIA. 11/07/24 Clerk has asked lengthsman to prioritise work to this footpath. 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. 10/10/24 VIA confirmed to the Clerk that this work should be completed by end of October 12/11/24 work has not yet started, Clerk to follow up with VIA 12/12/24 Is still on the works schedule and should be completed by the spring, however, Cllrs discussed

			<p>asking lengthsman to start working on the footpath as an alternative</p> <p>07/02/25 Lengthsman has attempted to side up the path only to find that this is not possible as the tarmac strip is very narrow, he has strimmed and cut back vegetation to make it more accessible and will maintain at this level. However, the PC have requested that the Clerk ask VIA if they are able to widen the surface of the tarmac to make the footpath more suitable for all users.</p> <p>11/03/05 VIA have stated that work should have been completed in October, has now been placed on the priority list</p>
B) Reduced Speed Initiatives	Muttonshire Hill		<p>06/02/25 Work has still not been completed, Clerk to request updated</p> <p>11/03/25 works are expected to be completed by end of financial year</p>
C) Eel Pie Road Surface			<p>11/03/25 work was scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> March, however has now been put back to the 13/14<sup>th</sup> March</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.

#### **8/3/25 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) Clarify if works to repair the damage to Eaton bridge has started, VIA have confirmed that work should be completed by the end of the financial year.
- b) Cllr Ogle discussed Unitary Councils and possible ways in which they could be formed, further information to follow when available.
- c) Devolution Council have awarded further funding to Notts CC which will be allocated to Highways, Cllr Ogle confirmed that the A638 through Gamston village has been added to a scheme of works for resurfacing works – start date not yet available
- d) CCTV at Eaton, Clerk to liaise with Cllr Griffin to discuss timing and placement of the camera
- e) Interactive Speed sign in Eaton, Cllr Ogle advised the PC to request a fixed speed sign in Eaton following the elections, to be placed on the May agenda

Cllr Ogle will be stepping down as County Councillor at the end of this term and as such this will be his final PC meeting. On behalf of the PC and residents Cllr Chandler thanked Cllr Ogle for his support and input over the years. Cllr Ogle would like to express his best wished to residents and Cllrs.

#### **9/3/25 Flooding**

No update move item to April agenda

## 10/3/25 Finance:

### *a - Payments for Approval*

Schedule of Payments - February 2025							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
10/02/2025	24/051		VIA Lengthsman	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,775.00
21/02/2025	24/052		Website fees (go Cardless)	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
28/02/2025	24/053		C Fox Lengthsman	360.00	0.00	360.00	0.00
28/02/2025	24/054		J Tisi February Salary/Expense	472.03	0.00	472.03	0.00
28/02/2025	24/055		Unity Trust Account Service Charge	6.00	0.00	6.00	0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>850.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>850.02</b>	<b>2,775.00</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:*

£2775 VIA Lengthsman Grant

Bank Balance as of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 £24,486.15

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

### *C – Parish projects for 2025*

The PC discussed the possible installation of play equipment in the community field through finding-fitness.com National Lottery funding is available for a climbing wall/target trainer. In the first instance Clerk to contact the school as we need to establish information regarding maintenance/safety inspections before we can proceed with a quote.

### *d- S137 Payments*

Cllrs advised to read Navigating S137 Payments document ahead of the next meeting, Clerk to issue.

## **11/3/25 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.**

*a. Works to Trees within a Conservation Area Consisting of T1 Ash Remove to Ground Level, Tranby Rectory Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire DN22 0QD Ref. No: 25/00133/CAT | Received: Fri 07 Feb 2025 | Validated: Fri 07 Feb 2025 | Status: Awaiting Decision*  
**This application was granted prior to the meeting, no discussion held**

*b. Proposed Double Garage, Lyndale Church Lane West Drayton Nottinghamshire DN22 8EB Ref. No: 25/00082/HSE | Received: Tue 28 Jan 2025 | Validated: Mon 03 Feb 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision*  
**The Cllrs reviewed the application and unanimously agreed to object to the application, Clerk to issue statement to BDC.**

*c. Carry Out Works To Trees Covered by a Tree Preservation Order - T1 (Black Poplar) Crown Lift, Remove Secondary Branches, Remove Dead Branches from Crown and Sever Ivy Around the Base, St Pauls Church Church Lane West Drayton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 25/00090/TPO | Received: Wed 29 Jan 2025 | Validated: Wed 29 Jan 2025 | Status: Granted*  
**This application was granted prior to the meeting, no discussion held.**

*d. To discuss the formation of a Planning Group Working Party*

Cllrs discussed the formation of a Planning Group WP who will focus on all planning applications and present findings at PC meetings, all agreed that a group would be useful. Terms of reference to be drafted for adoption at the annual meeting at which time Cllrs will be appointed.

**12/3/25      Correspondence Received**

**Dog Fouling**

An increase has been reported by residents of Rockley, after discussion it was agreed that all villages are affected. Clerk has already asked for the Dog Warden to attend the area, further information to follow. The PC will be posting an article in the Idle Times. For information residents are able to report instances of dog fouling by contacting BDC on **01909 533533** More information is available via the website :

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/environmental-health/animal-welfare/dog-fouling/>

**13/3/25      Website and Police Stats Update**

Cllr Ramsden shared available stats with the Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Resident requested that the planning log be made available on the PC website. Cllr Ramsden will add.

Resident raised that the location for the defibrillator at West Drayton was not available on the Website, Cllr Ramsden will update.

**14/3/25      Mosquitos**

Julian Proudman has now retired. Clerk has been in discussion with Corina Mosu at BDC Environmental services and shared historical information including annual treatment plan for mosquitos, further information to follow

**15/3/25      Five Villages Trust**

A positive meeting was held by the members of the interim Strategic Committee . A further meeting is to be held in April and the interim team are keen to move things forward and evolve the Charity to benefit the whole community as originally planned.

**16/3/25      WhatsAPP Policy**

Cllr Harding proposed and Cllr Worthington seconded the motion the adopt the WhatsAPP Policy, all member in agreement.

**17/3/25      To set meeting dates for 2025-2026**

It was agreed by all that the PC will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month, with the exception of:

August 2025 and January 2026 – no meeting

February 2026 the PC will meet on the first Thursday

Clerk to book hall with the school.

**18/3/25      Lengthsman**

Worksheet and evidence of works completed shared with the PC ahead of the meeting. Cllrs and residents are concerned by the level of litter in all areas. Clerk will ask that the lengthsman focus on clearing the litter this month.

**19/3/25      Local Government Boundary Commission Review**

Following information from Stephen Brown of Corporate Services the PC have been made aware that the review is now on hold

**20/3/25      To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)**

Residents have reported a missing bin in Eaton, near the Church, Clerk will request from environmental Services that this is replaced. Clerk did inform the PC that Environmental Services have recently removed bins from several parishes so it is unclear if a replacement will be made available.

Cllr Ramsden raised concern over speeding on the A638, the Clerk has been in contact with both the Police and VIA to ask if speed cameras are operating correctly.

Meeting Closed: 8.22pm

Next meeting date (Gamston School): Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm