

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14th March 2024 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 Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Vince Mee	Cllr Jane Worthington
Cllr Maria Moakes	
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

Also Present: Cllr Gary Dinsdale (in part) 2 Members of the Public

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Dave Carnall attended the meeting to observe with a view to applying for the current vacant seat.

Resident attended the meeting to discuss a retrospective planning application he is going to submit for the removal of a hedge and installation of a 6ft fence at gates at Little Manor. The Cllrs were shown photographs and provided with an explanation of the application. The Chairman explained that the Council were unable to comment on any applications until submitted to Bassetlaw.

1/03/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

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

2/03/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

No declarations made.

3/02/24 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 1st February 2024.

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

4/03/24 Matters arising from minutes.

a - Council Vacancy

Dave Carnall attended the meeting to observe with a view of applying for vacant seat – Clerk to send relevant information across. **SEE ACTION PLAN**

b - Eaton Anti-Social behaviour

PC have been advised by Stephen Brown that Chris Harrison left his position last year and a replacement has not yet been found. A location to mount the camera needs to be identified by residents, this will then be assessed by Richard Blagg for suitability. Clerk to write to Eaton Action Group to provide an update and ascertain whether PC assistance is required going forwards. **SEE ACTION PLAN**

5/03/24 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

a - Planning Committee Update re Apple Barn

Cllr Dinsdale explained that he holds a seat on the Planning Committee and explained the process involved in determining an outcome. The use of both the hardstanding and storage shed is irrespective from a planning point of view. He personally reviewed both applications as well as the objections received, he also investigated the lawfulness of storing a helicopter on a personal property all year round and confirms that this is legal, a change of use would only be required should the helicopter be used commercially. The approval for the storage shed does come with conditions which the planning officer will oversee before the plans are signed off.

A full council meeting was held last week; and the budget agreed for the coming year.

Cllr Dinsdale did offer his assistance if required with the anti-social behaviour at Eaton.

Cllr Dinsdale did explain that he is aware of the challenges PC's face and has committed to attending more meetings going forwards and extended the Chair with the offer of contacting him personally should his assistance be required.

Chair noted that the PC did need support at both District and County level to enable us to move issues forwards in a timely manner.

6/03/24 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) Road Safety within the Parish			02/02/24 Clerk wrote to VIA and requested the that all villages within the Parish be added to the rota for the temporary interactive sign. 03/02/24 Clerk received a message from Aidan O'Connor stating that he was no longer able to deal with PC directly and Communication needs to go via Cllr Ogle 03/02/24 Cllr Ogle asked for assistance. 16/02/24 Follow up email sent 21/03/24 Follow up email sent 08/03/24 Request sent to Cllr Ogle to attend meeting to be held on the 14 th March or to provide and update on outstanding issues raised. SEE ACTION PLAN
B) Footpath Safety	Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor Markham Moor to West Drayton	Path to be widened	01/02/24 The scheduled works to widened 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. SEE ACTION PLAN
C) Footpath Rockley to West Drayton Closed for Bridge repairs	Rockley/West Drayton	Closed	07/02/24 Clerk received message from Kirst Curd (PROW Officer), VIA need to identify ownership as well as seek a report from a structural engineer; 08/03/24 Chair received communication from Kirty Curd confirming information received by Clerk;

			14/03/24 Cllr Harding has been informed that Notts CC hold responsibility for bridge repairs and that a structural engineer as yet has not been out to site. Clerk to contact Kirsty Curd for update SEE ACTION PLAN
D) Process of reporting to VIA/Cllr Ogle	All Villages		03/02/24 Clerk received a message from Aidan O'Connor stating that he was no longer able to deal with PC directly and Communication needs to go via Cllr Ogle 03/02/24 Cllr Ogle asked for assistance. 16/02/24 Follow up email sent 21/03/24 Follow up email sent 08/03/24 Request sent to Cllr Ogle to attend meeting to be held on the 14 th March or to provide and update on outstanding issues raised. SEE ACTION PLAN

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.

7/03/24 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

Cllr Ogle did not attend the meeting and no apologies were received. The Council were disappointed that no updates prior to the meeting had been received on the following points,

a - Muttonshire Hill Gamston & Main St, Eaton - No indication on when the work is to commence has been received , item will remain on the agenda.

b - Church Lane, West Drayton Road repairs – some work to repair potholes has now been completed. Verges damaged by National Grid who have been back out and filled, this is however now causing further issues as water is not draining as it should, Clerk to write to Cllr Ogle explaining that the PC are very disappointed with the lack of response and support with this issue and to seek an update with regards to what work is likely to happen and a timescale that this will be completed. Clerk to copy in all Cllrs **SEE ACTION PLAN**

8/02/24 Flooding

a - Community Flood Signage Scheme

All relevant paperwork has now been submitted by the Clerk and acknowledged by Dr Wells at Notts CC. Volunteers have not received any information from Notts CC yet with regard to the plan or scheduled training, Clerk to follow up **SEE ACTION PLAN**

b - Environment Agency Update (Storm Babet)

Clerk has followed up via written communication on 4 occasions and has been advised that the relevant department is in receipt and will respond as soon as possible. The Environment Agency have responded to say that they are aware that they have gone over the 20 day limit to respond but due to issues faced this year are behind and contact will be made as soon as possible,

c. Culvert/Drainage Ditches

Culvert on Church Lane has been reported to Matt Duckworth and via the Notts CC website and is awaiting inspection.

d - Resolving Issues caused by the A1 closure due to Flooding

Clerk wrote to Cllr Ogle who has been in contact with Scott Stone and Sue Jacques. He is awaiting a response from them.

e - Sandbags/pumps for flood defences

Clerk advised that sandbags may be available free of charge via BDC, Clerk will confirm if still available.

Cllr Argent-Cook suggested approaching local businesses and asking if they would be willing to sponsor water pumps and possibly store them on behalf of the PC **SEE ACTION PLAN**

09/03/24 Monitoring reported issues across the Villages

a - Introduction of Action Plan

Cllr Ramsden suggested to the PC that they adopt an action plan that will be attached to both the minutes and the agenda, all Cllrs agreed that it would be an easier way to reference and track current issues.

10/02/24 Finance:

a - Payments for Approval

Schedule of Payments - February

Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
01/02/2024	24/041	BACS	Notts ALC Annual Subs	148.54	0.00	148.54	0.00
06/02/2024	24/042	BACS	S137 Idle Times Donation	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00
15/02/2024	24/043	SO	Glen Rutherford Lengthsmas	352.50	0.00	352.50	0.00
21/02/2024	24/044	DD	GoCardless Website Hosting	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
28/02/2024	24/045	BACS	HMRC Tax	18.20	0.00	18.20	0.00
28/02/2024	24/046	BACS	J Tisi Feb Salary & Expense	430.17	0.00	430.17	0.00
			Total	1,361.40	0.00	1,361.40	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 29 February 2024 is £15,549.81

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

c - Poppies Royal British Legion

It was proposed by Cllr Worthington, seconded by Cllr Argent-Cook and agreed by all that the PC budget £100 to purchase additional lamp post poppies this year. **SEE ACTION PLAN**

d - D-D 80

No decisions made.

11/03/24 To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.

a - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Consisting of Fell All Norway Spruce and One Oak Tree Land At Church Farm Rectory Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 24/00190/CAT | Received: Thu 15 Feb 2024 Status: Awaiting decision

The PC reviewed the application and will make the following comments. The application was sparse in detail but from what information is available the PC agree that maintenance is required and have no objection to felling of the spruce, however, they do object to the felling of the Oak tree and would like to see a Tree Preservation Order applied due to the fact it is within a conservation area and that any work carried out to the tree will be pruning work only, Clerk to comment **SEE ACTION PLAN**

12/03/24 Correspondence Received

Resident contacted Cllr Ramsden requesting that the PC sign the Armed Forces Covenant, Clerk has obtained relevant information from BDC which will be shared with Cllrs for review. Item to be placed on April agenda for discussion. The PC have been offered a free portrait of the King, all agreed to accept this offer and donate to the school. **SEE ACTION PLAN**

13/03/24 Lengthsman

Timesheets have been received and circulated.

Clerk to ask lengthsman to look at footpaths from Rockley to Markham Moor, footpath Markham Moor to West Drayton and footpath opposite the school as vegetation is overgrown.

14/03/24 Meeting Dates 2024/2025

The Council resolved to meet on the following dates:

11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December, 6th February, 13th March

14/03/24 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Fly tipping becoming problematic in the area. Cllr Chandler has had a discussion with PC Hollie Marsh to discuss possibility of BDC providing CCTV camera to cover the area on Brickyard Lane.

Flooding on the B6387 after Dover Lodge. What is being done for a long term solution with the very dangerous situation ? which has been reported.

Resident contact Cllr Davies regarding highways issue in West Drayton and seeking Cllrs support in looking to have the road from Twyford bridge to Church Lane made one way only. After discussion it was agreed that this could cause further issues than the ones presently being faced, and the PC will not take this item forwards to next agenda.

Meeting Closed 8.39pm

Next meeting date: 11th April , 6.30pm at Gamston School