

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 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 Vince Mee
Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook	Cllr Richard Harding
Cllr Richard Vernon	Cllr Gregg Davies
Cllr Worthington	

**Also Present:** Cllr Ogle and Dinsdale (in part)

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

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

#### **1/10/24      To Approve Apologies for Absence**

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies Cllr Tom Adam and Cllr Heather Salmon

#### **2/10/24      To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.**

No declarations made.

#### **3/10/24      To Approve the previous meeting Minutes held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

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

#### **4/10/24      Action Plan**

Items to remove as now resolved:

- Defibrillators
- Insurance Renewal

#### **5/10/24      Matters arising from minutes.**

##### *a) Noticeboard at Eaton*

No update available, still awaiting work to be completed. Cllr Chandler proposed refurbishing the Noticeboard from the Gamston bus shelter and placing in Eaton, all members agreed.

##### *b) River Idle Management Partnership*

Due to circumstance no Cllrs were able to attend, Clerk to see if any information is available to share with the PC.

##### *c) Post Box at Rockley*

Royal Mail have confirmed that due to minimal use and distance to the next Post Box they will not be reinstating the Post Box at Rockley

##### *d) Response from residents regarding proposed one way system at West Drayton*

Had a poor response so far from residents, Cllr Davies will aim to canvas more in the next month to be discussed at the November meeting.

e) Response from Environment Agency regarding clearing of River Idle  
 Clerk logged the request with the Environment Agency and was advised that there was a 20 working day wait for a response, to follow up in November.

**6/10/24 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 attended the meeting and advised the PC that:

There is a full planning meeting to be held next week, however there are no local planning applications on the agenda.

Winter fuel allowance, motion put forward that the Council write to the government asking that they overturn the withdrawal of the payment, this proposal was voted down.

On behalf of Cllr Adams, Cllr Ramsden asked why the BDC are taking away second green waste bins when residents have paid for them – Cllr Dinsdale will investigate, Cllr Adam to email information to Cllr Dinsdale.

There is no update on the Eaton CCTV or ASB Team

**7/10/24 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
<b>A) Footpath Safety</b>	Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor	Path to be widened.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <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>

			10/10/24 VIA confirmed to the Clerk that this work should be completed by end of October
B) Condition of Road Surface	Eel Pie Farm, Old London Road, West Drayton		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 10/10/24 Awaiting inspection/response from VIA
c) Bridge weight at Eel pie Farm	West Drayton		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 10/10/24 Clerk has forwarded request again to both Cllr Ogle and Aidan O'Connor, no updates available 10/10/24 Cllr Ogle has requested a sign from highways VIA

#### **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.

#### **8/10/24 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 Muttonshire Hill, Gamston or Main Street, Eaton*

Start date for work to commence requested from Cllr Ogle. Cllr Ogle stated he will check and get back to us.

b) *Bridge repair at Jacket Mill*

No action will be taken until Spring 2025 due to river levels, Cllr Ogle informed the PC that work to repair had been included in the budget.

c) *Damage to Eaton Bridge Notts CC reply/action taken*

Monitor work due to be completed before winter.

Cllr Vernon raised flooding between Eaton Hall and Retford on the southbound carriageway, Clerk to send Cllr Ogle information to share with Matt Duckworth

#### **9/10/24 Flooding**

a) *Community Flood Signage Scheme update on Training and Marker post*

Cllr Vernon needs to complete the training. The scheme will not become active until all volunteers are trained.

b) *Resilience Stores and Flood defence items*

Absolute Koi has been put forwards to BDC as the resilience store. 15 bags of sand have been ordered and will be delivered soon. Clerk to ask Cllr Adam if he can also store some bags. Clerk to ask BDC is we can initially have a larger delivery of sandbags as 15 will not suffice. BDC have forwarded the Clerk an Emergency plan template that covers the resilience store. Clerk will draft the Plan and present at November meeting for approval. Cllrs Argent-Cook and Chandler to speak to local farmer regarding use of pumps/assistance during floods.

c) *Maintenance of Dykes and Ditches (Riparian responsibilities)*

Cllr Ramsden has not received a response from Scott Stone. Clerk to forward riparian ownership information to Cllr Worthington to be included in the Idle Times.

**10/10/24**      **Finance:**

*a - Payments for Approval*

Schedule of Payments - September 2024							
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit
17/09/2024	24/026		AJGIBL Insurance Renewal	716.53	0.00	716.53	0.00
20/09/2024			BDG Precept + Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,538.50
23/09/2024	24/027		Website fees (go Cardless)	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00
27/09/2024	24/028		J Tisi September Salary/Expense	448.37	0.00	448.37	0.00
30/09/2024	24/029		Unity Trust Account Service Charge	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,194.89</b>	<b>7,538.50</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:*

Precept of £7,538.50 received from BDC.

Bank Balance as of the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 £26,485.29

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

*C - Midyear budget review*

To be discussed further with the Finance Working Group and added to the November agenda so we can begin to look at next year's budget and precept request.

**11/10/24**      **To discuss any new planning applications received and note any responded to via the scheme of delegation.**

**Habitat Creation and Enhancement Project Including a Series of Nine Ponds**

Enhancement Project Rectory Lane Gamston Nottinghamshire

Ref. No: 24/00966/FUL | Received: Wed 21 Aug 2024 | Validated: Fri 06 Sep 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision** *The PC have now fully reviewed this application, on the whole it would appear to be positive and have a good influence in keeping the population of mosquitos to a minimum. The only concern raised was in terms of access, Clerk will note this on response to BDC.*

**12/10/24**      **Correspondence Received**

Letter shared by Cllr Ogle regarding mayoral responsibilities

**13/10/24**      **Website and Police Stats Update**

*a) org.uk renewal Cllr Ramsden*

Hugo Fox have provided costings for gov.uk email addresses, there is a £100 grant available if choosing the 5 email address option £19.99 VAT for first year. Chair asked Cllr Ramsden to provide

costings for yearly running of gov.uk emails for next meeting, for discussion prior to setting next year's budget.

*b) Council Logo and Cllr information*

Cllr Vernon prepared some proposed Council logos which were viewed positively by the Cllrs, further work will be done on this before the November meeting.

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

**14/10/24**      **Councillor Meet and Greet Sessions**

The next meet and greet session will be in December, all residents are welcomed to come along and meet the Cllrs, mince pies will be available to all that attend.

**15/10/24**      **Lengthsman**

*To appoint lengthsman*

Two candidates applied for the role, Cllrs Ramsden and Mee together with the Clerk interviewed the candidates, it was a very tough decision as both candidates were very strong, but after much deliberation and at agreement with full council a decision was made. Further information to follow once contracts are in place. It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Vernon and agreed by all that going forwards the lengthsman would be paid in recent of monthly invoices, based on hours worked rather than on a salary basis.

**16/10/24**      **Five Villages Trust**

*a) To approve dates for November meeting*

Clerk has invited the school and church to the first meeting which will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November at 6pm.

**17/10/24**      **To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)**

None.

Meeting Closed: 8.25

*Next meeting date (Gamston School): 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.30pm*