

Meeting of Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of **Gamston with West Drayton & Eaton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 1st February 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 Vernon	Cllr Sarah Argent-Cook
Cllr Vince Mee	
Julie Tisi	Clerk/RFO

Also Present: 1 Members of the Public

Cllr Chandler opened the meeting.

Adjournment – 10 Minute Public Forum

Resident attended the meeting and queried the following:

- Have the Environment Agency responded to the email raised by Clerk following Storm Babet? – Clerk confirmed that a reply had not been received as yet but was actively following up on the request.
- Footpath from Rockley to Markham Moor, has the PROW team responded to give a reason and timescale for the closure? Clerk confirmed she was awaiting further information from VIA Access
- Expressed disappointment in the lack of attendance by both Country and District Councillors at Parish Council meetings. The Parish Councillors acknowledged the concern and stated that they shared the frustration.

1/02/24 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Moakes, Worthington, Harding and Davies.

2/02/24 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed.

No declarations made.

3/02/24 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. * Note error on the February agenda, date should have read 14th December*

4/02/24 Matters arising from minutes.

a. Community Speed Watch

Locations have been inspected by the Police and approved for all villages apart from Eaton. An explanation has been given stating the requirements for a site has altered since previously approved in Eaton. The Councillors were disappointed by the information. Cllr Ogle has confirmed the speed reduction scheme for Eaton has been approved and this work is to be included in Highways Works Programmes. Parish Council will revisit Community Speed Watch once work has started.

b. Councillor Email Addresses

Cllrs Vernon and Worthington still need to set up a new email address, Clerk to arrange and send details to both.

c. Police update on Beat Manager

PC Hollie Marsh has confirmed that she is the Beat Manager for the whole Parish.

d. Council Vacancy

No applications have been received following advertisement in Idle Times. It was agreed to insert it again and the Clerk is to obtain a vacancy notification for Noticeboard in Gamston.

5/02/24 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

The Council were frustrated that Cllr Dinsdale did not attend the meeting and no apologies were received or no update on the item below was provided:

a. Eaton Anti-Social Behaviour

No update

6/02/24 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 - No indication on when the work is to commence has been received , item will remain on the agenda.

b. Streetlight Woodyard Lane – this has now been repaired and can be removed from the agenda.

c Church Lane, West Drayton Road repairs – Clerk has had further contact with Aidan O’Connor who confirmed on the 18/01/24 that Church Lane will be reinspected. Cllr Adam has also logged the issues VIA the Notts CC website and helpline on several occasions. Photographic evidence has been provided. Will look into escalating to formal complaint if no action is taken by VIA.

7/02/24 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) Speeding Interactive Sign			15/09/23 Cllr Adam has forwarded information regarding a mobile Interactive Speed sign to Cllr Chandler,. 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 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. 12/10/23 Cllr Adam informed PC that cost to purchase would be between £3-6K and that the

			<p>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 & 10) and Eaton (2,3,8 & 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>15/12/23 No updates available, item can go on hold until results from the Community Speed Watch Assessment are carried out</p> <p>01/02/24 This item can be removed from the agenda until a decision has been made regarding Community Speed Watch</p> <p>New Item: The council wish to request that the other villages within the Parish be added to the rota for the interactive sign and could we have it within the parish soon.</p>
B) Footpath Safety	Footpath Rockley to Markham Moor	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.
C) Light Bollard	Old London Road	Not Working	01/02/24 This has now been repaired and can be removed from the agenda.
D) Footpath Closure	Rockley to West Drayton	Bridge Repairs	01/02/24 No further information, it is understood that the Bridge is closed and awaiting inspection. Clerk will ask the Access team to provided updates as they become available.
E) Path Extension	Gamston Airport	Extension request	A resident has asked the PC to consider installing a path extension. In the first instance Clerk will contact developers and ask if there are any plans to make improvements to the pavement.

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.

8/02/24 Flooding

a. Community Flood Signage Scheme

We now have 4 Volunteers (1 Gamston, 3 West Drayton) who are interested in acting as Flood Wardens, initial paperwork has been received from Notts CC. After discussion it was agreed that the following areas will be put forwards for agreement/inspection by Notts CC:

- Eaton both T-junctions – Issue Surface Water
- West Drayton Twyford Bridge – Issue River Flooding
- Church Lane – Issue River Flooding
- A638 Old London Road – Issue River Flooding

B Environment Agency Update (Storm Babet)

Clerk has followed up via written communication on 2 occasions and has been advised that the relevant department is in receipt and will respond as soon as possible. The Parish Council will seek support from the Dist Cllr Dinsdale to obtain a response.

c. Culvert/Drainage Ditches

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

A reminder to residents will be posted in the Idle Times regarding Riparian responsibilities to ensure ditches are kept free from debris to allow water to flow.

d. River Dredging

Resident contacted the Parish Council to request support as believes the that the River needs to be dredged. After discussion the following points were raised:

- Need to establish responsibilities from Environment Agency
- Support will be required from Dist and County Cllrs to establish where responsibility lies
- Closure of the A1 as a result of flooding is having a detrimental effect on the Parish, due to increase in traffic and HGV's passing through.

In the first instance the Clerk will look to ascertain what is currently being done to alleviate flooding of the A1 at Twyford bridge. Clerk will contact Dist and County Councillors, the Environment Agency and Highways England

9/02/24 Finance:

a Payments for Approval

Schedule of Payments - January 2024								
Date	Payment Number	Payment Type	Supplier	Gross	VAT	Cost to PC	Credit	
15/01/2024	24/037	SO	Glen Rutherford Lengthsman	352.50	0.00	352.50	0.00	
22/01/2024	24/038	DD	Go Cardless website hosting	11.99	0.00	11.99	0.00	
29/01/2024	24/039	BACS	J Tisi Jan Salary/Expense	432.37	0.00	432.37	0.00	
29/01/2024	24/040	BACS	HMRC Tax	16.00	0.00	16.00	0.00	
			Total	364.49	0.00	364.49	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 31 January 2024 is £16,911.21

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

C Budget 2024-2025

Draft budget was presented to the Parish Councillors, proposed by Cllr Adam and seconded by Cllr Ramsden to approve, all in agreement.

D. Precept 2024-2025

Precept request will now be submitted to BDC.

E S137 Contribution to Idle Times

After discussion it was resolved to offer ongoing annual financial contribution of £400 to the Idle Times, proposed by Cllr Vernon seconded by Cllr Argent-Cook, all in agreement. Clerk will arrange payment.

10/02/24 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:

A Item to be removed from discussion as the situation has been resolved.

Updated Planning Log shared by Cllr Ramsden, no comments to be made.

11/02/24 Correspondence Received

Items have been dealt with under agenda items 7/8/9.

12/02/24 Lengthsman

Timesheets have been received and circulated.

Eaton noticeboard is in need of repair, ask Lengthsman to inspect to see if repair is possible;

Layby on Muttonshire Hill to be litter picked;

Footpath on boundary to Eaton Hall, can the lengthsman continue to clear.

13/02/24 To Discuss matters of concern (for discussion only, no decisions to be made)

Bungalow behind Eaton Church, resident has requested assistance in having the road named in order to prevent unnecessary traffic accessing the lane in error.

Items to add to March agenda for discussion:

- Meeting dates for 2024
- Sandbags/pumps/flood defence
- Website, to discuss availability and requirement for sharing stats
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Meeting Closed 8.00pm

Next meeting date: 14th March , 6.30pm at Gamston School