



Minutes of the of the Parish Council
Monday 11th September 2023
7.15 pm Goadby Marwood Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Simon Tong, Laura Harrison, Bob Skinner & Mark Greasley
County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove & Borough Councillor Alan Hewson

Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the Public: 16

23/2937 Public Time

Simon Tong took the Chair for the meeting

There was extensive discussion on Priory Agriculture's approach to bridleways on the periphery of the Goadby Marwood towards Eastwell. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take action by writing of the concerns to the relevant Officer at Leics CC -see 23/2949/4

Comments were made about dog nuisance on the School Garden allotments

23/2938 Apologies for absence

Parish Cllr John Nelson & Stuart Bridge

23/2939 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

23/2940 Borough and County Councillor Time

/1 Borough Councillor remarked on the need for urgent carriage repairs at the Eastwell Waltham Road Scafford Road junction

/2 County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove reminded the Parish Council of the importance of choosing a VAS device that recorded data such that this data could then be used to pursue complaints to the relevant authorities.

He updated the meeting on the ongoing concerns of access to rubbish tips and he reminded the meeting of the insulation grants available for households in rural areas dependent on oil for heating.

23/2941 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 19th July 2023

These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

23/2942 To consider matters arising

/1 **to report on various Parish Maintenance issues**
see 23/2928/2

/2 **to receive reports on allotment issues**

Cllr Harrison gave an update on 23/2928/2 and it was agreed that this allotment renewal would be monitored by the Clerk in January 2024.

/3 **to review progress with the installation and siting of MVAS**

It was agreed that that the Clerk had now received pole locations for Eaton and Eastwell and that once those for Goadby Marwood had been received from Cllr Greasley then a full return could be made to Leics Highways

action Cllr Greasley and Clerk

- 23/2943 To receive the Clerk's report**
 /1 The Clerk reported that the notice board at Goadby Marwood had been repaired and repainted but that a replacement would be needed within a couple of years.
- 23/2944 Correspondence**
 Emails:
 21/8/2023 re bonfires in Eastwell
 It was agreed that the Clerk is to report back on actions that might be taken and it was agreed that a note would be made in the next edition of the Yellow Pages. action Clerk
- 23/2945 Planning:**
 /1 **23/00597/FULHH Lime Trees 1 Waltham Lane Eaton**
Loft conversion with dormers; pitched roof rear extension; single storey green roof extension to rear/side; green roof side extension (garage); and solar panels to roof
End of consultation period – 14/8/23
 No comment
- /2 **23/00672/FULHH 28 Main Street Eastwell**
Replace brown UPVC external doors with wooden doors and replace external wooden windows which are weathered with new wooden windows matching the style of the neighbouring property
End of consultation period – 22/8/23
 No comment
- /3 **23/00715/LBC - Thornhill House 14 Waltham Lane Eaton**
Replacement of current windows with like for like wooden windows with heritage double glazing added, due condition of current windows.
End of consultation period – 11/9/23
 No comment.
- 23/2946 Eaton**
 Cllr Harrison raised concerns about the poor control of dogs. The Clerk is to report back on actions that might be taken and it was agreed that a note would be made in the next edition of the Yellow Pages. action Clerk
- 23/2947 Eastwell**
 No report
- 23/2948 Goadby Marwood**
 See Public Time and 23/2949/4
- 23/2949 To consider matters for discussion and resolution**
 /1 **to discuss updates to the Eaton Plan 2023-27**
 The Parish Council approved a quote to clear and improve access on the raised pathway in Church Lane Eaton.
- /2 **to discuss a protocol for consideration of planning applications**
 The draft protocol was approved – see attached.
- /3 **to discuss allotment issues**
 /1 **Vicarage Lane Plot 12 Mr K Kemp**
 It was agreed to allow the existing plot holder continued use of the garage on the plot on condition that the entire plot be kept tidy and that it be returned to the Council if and when required to meet the demand of new plot holders. action Clerk

- /2 School Gardens Plot 7 Mr Ashcroft**
The transfer of plot 7 from Mr Ashcroft to Mrs Helen Smith was approved. action Clerk
- /3 to consider permission to site a polytunnel on School Gardens Plot 13.**
The request from Mrs Sue Peters for a polytunnel on Plot 13 was approved. action Clerk
- /4 School Gardens Plot 11 Graham Livermore**
Further consideration of this matter was referred to the next meeting.
- /4 to discuss Priory Agriculture's approach to bridleways on the periphery of the Goadby Marwood towards Eastwell (Cllr Greasley)**
Following the extensive discussion of this issue in Public Time it was agreed that the Clerk would send a detailed letter to the relevant Officer at Leics CC after receiving full briefing notes from Cllr Greasley. action Clerk

23/2950 Finance

- /1 July and August 2023 payments were approved (see attached)
- /2 Bank accounts at 3.9.2023 were reconciled to
Current a/c £567.01
Deposit a/c £14250.31

23/2951 To receive items for the next meeting

- /1 to receive a report on regulations on the control of bonfires
- /2 to receive a report on regulations concerning dog nuisance and control

23/2952 Date of next scheduled meeting: Monday 13th November at 7.15 pm

The meeting closed at 20.55 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

Payments to 3/9/23

Melton BC re elections	31	12/07/2023	99.02
Swalec	32	13/07/2023	118.81
Bank charges		21/07/2023	5.00
T Brown re July salary	33	23/07/2023	383.58
P Barkes re maintenance	34	23/07/2023	235.00
Burnt Oak re inv 02958	35	05/08/2023	408.00
Eon re inv 119464	36	05/08/2023	2100.00
Swalec	37	11/08/2023	123.26
A Allen re maintenance	38	12/08/2023	628.00
Bank charges		21/08/2023	5.00
T Brown re August salary	39	26/08/2023	383.58
Eon inv 119738	40	01/09/2023	840.00
Moore re 2023 audit	41	01/09/2023	252.00

Bank Reconciliation 1/9/2023

HSBC Current	567.01	
HSBC Deposit	14250.31	
		14817.32

Operating	13,227.32
Herbage	470
Allotment Deposits	1120

23/2949/2 to discuss a protocol for consideration of planning applications

How Eaton Parish Council deals with Planning Matters.

The role of the Eaton Parish Council is to represent local views and should: -

- Provide local knowledge.
- Raise areas of concern.
- Inform, debate, and add value to the process.
- Contact and involve District Councillors if required.

Eaton Parish Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process and must be informed of all planning applications, and any amendments to those applications, within the Parish. The PC can only comment on these planning applications in the same way as any other member of the public.

The following procedure will hold:

- 1. On receipt of a planning application the Clerk will circulate to all Councillors. Attached will be the last date for return of comments from the Parish Council.**
- 2. If the return date falls outside of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting then the application will be dealt with as an agenda item at that next meeting**
- 3. If the return date falls before the next Parish Council meeting then**

Either

Any two Councillors or the Chair can request an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting at which this is an agenda item. The normal 3 days notice of that meeting must be given.

The meeting might be held virtually.

The meeting must be quorate.

or

After an (email) exchange of views any Councillor can propose a response to Melton BC.

The Clerk will call for an emailed vote on the response and if it is carried by a majority from at least 3 Councillors then that response will be submitted to Melton BC.

For full transparency the response to the application will be attached as a note to the minutes of the next full meeting. That note will include the names of Councillors either supporting or not supporting the proposed response.

In either of the two scenarios **the Parish Councillor must be aware of his responsibilities under the Code of Conduct and declare any interest in an application.** If the Clerk considers the interest to be material then that Councillors cannot participate in the discussion on that particular application.

Eaton PC is only a consultee and counts as one opinion. Without advice from residents of the Parish the members of the PC will give their own opinions. The PC can and will seek the views of residents of the Parish, particularly in controversial cases, and will reflect such local feeling during the deliberation process. However, should there be widespread objection, or support, for a proposal the PC will always urge members of the public to send their own individually written letters or e-mails direct to the planning authority (in your own words rather than a circular type as these are more effective).

It must be understood that the PC's comments in response to a planning application can only be based on planning matters. Where possible the PC can quote policies in the Local Plan as these are the starting point for considering the merits of any application. Objections should be clear, concise, relevant, and accurate to stand a chance of being accepted. Whilst the local planning authority must consider the representations of the PC this does not mean that an application will be decided in accordance with the views of the PC. In reaching a decision, the local planning authority is required to weigh up all issues associated with an application and comments made by the PC may have insufficient weight to enable the application to be determined in line with the wishes of the Parish.

Any comments or objections made must have a genuine material planning consideration and matter of relevance to the development.

Material Planning Considerations include: -

- Layout, density. Risk of flooding or pollution.
- Overlooking and loss of privacy.
- Overshadowing and loss light (daylight/sunlight).
- Access and traffic generation (highway safety).
- Local economy. Design, appearance and materials.
- Appearance, effects on street, specially designated area or building (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings, ancient monuments, etc.).
- Adequacy of parking.
- Noise and smell.
- Landscape, contamination, loss of trees, etc.
- Cumulative impact.
- Past planning history or appeal decisions of the site.
- Central government policy and guidance (National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance).

The following are NOT considered to be material considerations: -

- History of applicant.
- Loss of view.
- Commercial competition.
- Change from previous scheme.
- Impact on property value.
- Restrictive covenants.
- Ownership of land, right of access.
- Noise & disturbance from construction work.
- Land & boundary disputes.
- Land ownership. Damage to property.
- Private rights of way.
- Deeds & covenants.
- Private issues between neighbours.
- Lots of objectors.

When the PC response is 'NO OBJECTION' it is satisfied that all the above have been considered carefully and applied to the application under consideration so has no area for objection. However, the PC may make recommendations for planning conditions to be added to the application should the local authority grant approval.

Planning conditions will only be imposed by the local authority where they are: -

- Necessary
- Relevant to planning and to the development to be permitted
- Enforceable
- Precise
- Reasonable in all other respects

Planning Decisions.

Around 95% of all decisions on planning applications are decided by the planning authority case officers without being reported to a Planning Committee. Planning officers make a recommendation to the Principal Officer with delegated authority to make decisions. The case officer's recommendation may or may not be accepted and the decision is not made until the formal Notice of Decision is signed by the Principal Officer.

Alternatively, any member of the MBC Planning Committee may request an application is determined by the Planning Committee prior to the consultation expiry of the application for the following reasons.

The application is:

- a major development.
- has an exceptional level of public interest.
- likely to raise in debate on planning issues.

- Where the applicant (or their spouse or partner) is an employee or a member of the Local Council.
- Where the decision would be significantly contrary to policy in the Local Plan.
- Where the Local Council is the applicant.

Parish objections where the officers are recommending permission does not include:

- domestic extensions.
- lawful development certificates.
- works to protected trees.

Based on the above the PC will, if required, request that an application be brought to committee anytime up to the point that the decision is agreed.