



Draft Minutes of the of the Parish Council
Monday 11th December 2023
7.15 pm Eaton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Nelson (Chair), Simon Tong, Bob Skinner, Mark Greasley & Stuart Bridge

Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the Public: 2

23/2969 Public Time
None

23/2970 Apologies for absence
Parish Cllr Laura Harrison & County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove

23/2971 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations
None

23/2972 Borough and County Councillor Time
None

23/2973 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 13th November 2023
These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

23/2974 To consider matters arising

/1 to consider progress with MVAS

The Clerk reported receipt of a request from Leics Highways of details of the VAS equipment to be installed. action Clerk

/2 to consider progress with replacement of street signs

Following the recent receipt of an email from Melton BC with details of their intended action it was agreed to monitor progress on this at the March 2024 meeting.

/3 to consider further action on the 2024 Forbidden Festival and the Vale Group Parishes invite.

Cllr Tong agreed to represent the Parish Council at these forthcoming meetings. action Cllr Tong

23/2975 To receive the Clerk's report

/1 The Clerk reviewed the past history of tenders for grass cutting, that the current contract seemed to date from 2017 but that the price per cut had only increased by 9% in that period.

The meeting agreed that a meeting should be scheduled for March 2024 with the current contractor to review the existing arrangements. action Clerk

/2 It was agreed that provision should be made for requests for funding to purchase Christmas trees in all three villages for the Christmas 2024.

23/2976 Correspondence

Emails:

1/12/23 Jodie Foster/MBC re street signs

Noted

In addition:

27/11/23 re Woodland Creation for Belvoir Estate

23/2977 Planning:

**/1 23/00883/FULHH Cross Roads Farm Scalford Road Eastwell
Removal of existing stone structure with no roof, and erection of
new detached oak framed garage structure.**

No comments

In addition:

**/2 23/00978/GDOCOU Bellemere Farm Eastwell Road Scalford.
Change of use of agricultural buildings to form two new dwelling
houses.**

No comments

23/2978 Eaton

/1 Cllr Bridge reported on progress made for Leics CC to repair the damaged guard rail on the elevated footpath at the junction of Main Street and Church Lane Eaton

/2 Cllr Bridge reported on progress made for Leics CC to repair the damaged guard rails on Waltham Lane Eaton. Action here might require a road closure.

/3 Cllr Bridge outlined a case for taking action to renew access points currently with stiles. He will bring an example to the next meeting. action Cllr Bridge

23/2979 Eastwell

None

23/2980 Goadby Marwood

**/1 September 23/2937 and 23/2949/4 -to discuss PRIORITY
Agriculture's approach to bridleways on the periphery of the Goadby
Marwood towards Eastwell (Cllr Greasley)**

Following discussion on the issue it was agreed that Cllr Greasley would seek clarification of the process for making a Modification Order to Leic CC.

action Cllr Greasley

23/2981 To consider matters for discussion and resolution

/1 to confirm a grant of £5000 to Friends of Goadby Village Hall to be paid in two instalments.

The grant was confirmed and the Clerk instructed to make the first half payment immediately. action Clerk

/2 to discuss updates to the Eaton Plan 2023-27

Cllr Skinner reminded the meeting of the need for proposals for future action from all three villages action all

The Clerk reviewed progress with the LED conversion of lights and the remaining action for lights in Eaton.

/3 to confirm the 2024-25 Budget and Precept

After discussion the Council agreed to accept the Clerk's proposed 2024 budget and to set the 2024-25 budget at £26000 (see attached)

- /4 to discuss and agree the 2024 allotment letter**
Councillors reviewed the changes already made to the 2024 Allotment Tenancy Agreement and that the accompanying letter of invoice should emphasize the need for higher standards of husbandry from all plot holders.
- /5 to confirm permissions for parking on School allotments.**
The Clerk reviewed the background to this matter. Comments were received by the Council recommending a change to the provision. Any decision was deferred to the next meeting when more information would be made available.
- /6 to consider means to improve a response to potholes repairs (Cllr Bridge)**
Councillors agreed with Cllr Bridges comments on the poor state of road repairs.

23/2982 Finance

- /1 November payments were approved (see attached)
- /2 Bank accounts at 1.12.2023 were reconciled to
Current a/c £9373.06
Deposit a/c £11306.56

23/2983 To receive items for the next meeting

- /1 to review progress on a triennial tree survey
- /2 to consider further action re 23/2981/4
- /3 to consider renewing access points currently with stiles. (Cllr Bridge)

23/2984 Date of next scheduled meeting: Monday 15th January 7.15 pm Eastwell Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.25 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

Payments to 1.12.23

T Brown re maps	64	13/11/2023	48.00
Eaton VH hire	65	15/11/2023	10.00
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T Brown re Nov 23 salary	67	20/11/2023	591.38
A Allen re Eastwell hedging	68	20/11/2023	415.00
Bank Charges	69	21/11/2023	5.00
Eastwell VH hire	70	23/11/2023	12.00
SSE	71	01/12/2023	80.37
Eon inv 121348	72	01/12/2023	113.40

Bank Reconciliation 1/12/2023

HSBC Current 9373.06
HSBC Deposit 11306.56

20679.62

Operating 19,089.62
Herbage 470
Allotment Deposits 1120

/3 to confirm the 2024-25 Budget and Precept

Budget and Precept 2024/25 - Eaton Parish Council

		2023-24			2024/25
		Budget	5.11.23	to 31.3.24	
Income	Precept	23500	23500	23500	-
	Allotments	650	935	935	935
	VAT reclaim	1300	1539	1539	2437
	Cemetery	0	475	475	475
	Bank interest	36	146	221	36
	Misc	0	275	275	275
			25486	26870	26945
Expenditure	Admin	600	365	600	* 630
	Banking	100	37	77	100
	Payroll processing	264	170	264	* 277
	IT	200	223	223	223
	Hire	200	79	140	140
	Audit	400	352	352	* 370
	Insurance	450	442	408	* 428
	Electricity	2500	1116	1450	2000
	Lighting	400	0	200	400
	Mowing	3500	3228	3500	* 3675
	Salaries	5890	3228	6532	* 6859
	Subs	320	303	303	350
	Training	100	0	0	100
	Trees	1000	0	1500	3000
	Utilities/ST	450	444	500	* 525
	Maintenance	1000	2500	2500	3000
	Traffic				2500
	Repairs	1000	1985	2500	2500
	Allotments	300	0	0	1000
	Elections	350	99	99	0
Lights conversion	6000	7100	7100	2000	
Grants			2500	2500	
				1500	
		21671	30748	34077	
Income - Expenditure			5199	-3803	-29919