



Draft Minutes of the of the Parish Council  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
7.15 pm Eaton Village Hall

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

County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove & Borough Councillor Alan Hewson

Clerk: Terry Brown

Members of the Public: thirty-nine members

**24/3001**

**Public Time**

**45 minutes was allocated** to an extensive discussion of the building works currently being carried out on a site on Waltham Lane in Eaton.

The Chair outlined the limit to any action that any Parish Council could take when no planning application had as yet been received.

The Chair recommended all participants look at Melton BC Planning Enforcement Policy to be found at <https://www.melton.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-enforcement/planning-enforcement-information/>

The Parish Council could only report concerns like any other member of the public and such represented just one opinion. Therefore it was incumbent on each and every member of the public to similarly make individual representations to Melton BC

This was reinforced strongly by Alan Hewson and Bryan Lovegrove.

The meeting noted the frustration felt by all at the lack of clarity on the purpose of the work at the site.

The meeting agreed that spoiling the site with the current work would make it difficult to restore the existing flora and fauna of the landscape.

The Parish Council is to continue to monitor development and report back to the Enforcement Officer.

Comments were made about the materials being brought to the site and the possible adverse effects of drainage onto Waltham Lane

The meeting noted Cllr Tong's comments about other possible glamping developments elsewhere in the area e.g. S24/0270 for 140 caravan pitches at Woolsthorpe.

An extra Parish Council meeting has been tabled for April 8<sup>th</sup> to further consider developments and actions

**Comments were received** about the state of works carried out at the Eaton Cemetery. The Clerk is to liaise and investigate. action Clerk

**A comment was received** about the poor level of response to complaints made to both Leics CC ad Melton BC. Councillors Lovegrove and Hewson agreed that often this was the case, that persistence was required and that use should be made of the online reporting tools.

- 24/3002 Apologies for absence**  
None
- 24/3003 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations**  
None
- 24/3004 Borough and County Councillor Time**  
Councillor Lovegrove spoke of the successful effort to keep the Bottesford tip open 3 days a week. This would make it more possible to extend opening hours in the future.  
  
He highlighted work carried out in 6 of his 12 parishes to cope with recent flooding and that this was often down to clearing out blocked culverts.  
  
The County Council had received £6m of Central Government funds to cope with potholes. Similarly it will receive an additional £2.2m in 2024/25 to go to restoring rural bus services and that £238m would be available for capital projects as a result of the cancellation of HS2 services.
- 24/3005 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
- 24/3006 To consider matters arising**
- /1 to consider progress with MVAS**  
County Councillor Lovegrove had reported that he was monitoring the situation and was hopeful that the work would be completed before the Financial Year end.
- /2 to consider further action on the 2024 Forbidden Festival and the Vale Group Parishes invite.**  
Councillor Tong gave a detailed review of the outcome of the recent Melton BC Licence Committee meeting and meetings with the Vale Group of Parish Councils on this and related issues.  
  
The meeting noted two conditions successfully imposed on the licence that had been granted namely the limit to operating hours to be midnight and a reduced ticket allocation.
- /3 to review the application for a Roll over licence for 2, Church Lane, Eaton**  
A parishioner spoke in support of the application and the Chair thanked the applicants for their further information – see 24/3017
- 24/3007 To receive the Clerk's report**
- /1 to receive an update on Allotments**  
The Clerk reported that one allotment renewal remained unpaid  
  
A comment was received about the rabbit nuisance. Councillor Tong is to follow up on this. action Cllr Tong
- 24/3008 Correspondence**  
Emails:  
  
1/3/24 Tania Cookson re grant aid for the Blacksmiths site Eastwell  
15/2, 23/2, 27/2, 28/2, 1/3/24  
MBC re PREMISES LICENCE REVIEW HEARING - Noisily Festival, Terrace Hills Farm
- 24/3009 Planning:**
- /1 24/00152/FUL Cranyke Farm Eastwell Road Scalford Retrospective submission for the erection of 2no. solar panel arrays, containing seventy six panels.**  
Councillors commented the continuing retrospective nature of planning applications attached to this site.

- /2 to note**  
Planning Inspectorate APP/Y2430/C/22/3305881: Cranyke Farm, LE14 4SS  
to note appeal decision relating to 21/00109/USE – Cranyke Farm,  
Eastwell Road, Scalford.

**In addition:**

- /3** Councillors agreed to Cllr Tong's suggestion that the Parish Council should write to Melton BC in support of Branston PC objections to 23/00980/GDOAGR action Clerk

**24/3010 Eaton**

Cllr Skinner reported the removal of a streetlight at the junction of Waltham Lane Eaton. He and the Clerk will meet on site to investigate and then recommend action. action Cllr Skinner & Clerk

**24/3011 Eastwell**

None

**24/3012 Goadby Marwood**

- /1** November 23/2964/1 -to discuss action re Priory Agriculture's approach to bridleways on the periphery of the Goadby Marwood towards Eastwell (Cllr Greasley)

Further discussion deferred to the next meeting

**24/3013 To consider matters for discussion and resolution**

- /1 to discuss the current website provision (Cllr Nelson)**

Following a review of the Clerk's paper on the possibilities for changes to both Councillors' email addresses and the current website provision, it was agreed that the current Wix site should be retained but monitored for adequacy.

Councillors noted the Clerk's comments about changes in parish council addresses and websites with the move to more councils adopting the .gov.uk domain.

But then Councillors would revert back to the use of personal email addresses to be provided to the Clerk. This would allow for the most efficient means to correct any problems with emails that might arise

Once established the Clerk would promulgate the changes via minutes, Yellow Pages and communication with Melton BC et al. action all

- /2 to review progress on a triennial tree survey**

Following receipt of the tree survey from Leics CC Councillors agreed that 5 trees were in need of immediate attention and the Clerk is to obtain quotes for the work. action Clerk

- /3 to consider a bulb planting program**

Deferred to the April meeting

- /4 to review the grass cutting contract (Cllr Bridge)**

A site meeting has been arranged with the current contractors for 19/3/24

- /5 to discuss the repair to the Victorian style streetlight (no. 3) on Main Street, Eaton (Cllr Bridge)**

Light 3 in Eaton has been reported as out of action and Cllr Bridge had obtained a quote for a conversion of the light if possible to LED.

But the Clerk reminded Councillors of our current quarterly maintenance contract with Eon and that already we had an estimate from Eon for the conversion of the four old style Eaton lights at £1100 a light, the high cost due to the style of lantern casing.

Further that Eon would report on a revised estimate to convert these four lights to LED but retain the old style casing when they carried out their March maintenance visit.

The meeting agreed that the Clerk should report the light to be out of action and remind Eon of their revised quotes to then be discussed at the April meeting. action Clerk

**/6 to discuss the repair to the Eastwell village and speed limit sign on Scalford Road (Cllr Bridge)**

The meeting accepted one of the two quotes submitted for the work but specified that the posts should be mounted on concrete supports at the entry point into the ground. action Clerk

**/7 to consider financial support for repair and reinstallation of the play equipment at Eastwell Village Hall**

Discussion deferred to the next meeting

**/8 to consider financial support for a proposal for work at Blacksmiths Site Eastwell**

Discussion deferred to the next meeting

**/9 to consider renewing access points currently with stiles. (Cllr Bridge)**

No discussion

**/10 to discuss the employment of a "Yardman" (Cllr Nelson)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**24/3014**

**Finance**

/1 January and February 2024 payments were approved (see attached)

/2 Bank accounts at 3.3.2024 were reconciled to  
Current a/c £1265.83  
Deposit a/c £14368.65

**24/3015**

**To receive items for the next meeting**

/1 to consider financial support for repair and reinstallation of the play equipment at Eastwell Village Hall

/2 to consider financial support for a proposal for work at Blacksmiths Site Eastwell

/3 to consider a bulb planting program

**24/3016**

**to resolve to go into closed session (The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)) where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

The meeting resolved to move to closed session

**24/3017**

Following a careful review and consideration of the arguments put in favour of a change of licence – see 24/3006/3 – a resolution to not accept any changes to the existing arrangements was unanimously passed.

The Clerk is to inform the applicants.

action Clerk

**24/3000** Date of next scheduled meeting: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15 Eastwell Village Hall**

to be followed by

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15 pm Goadby Marwood Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 21.50 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

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