



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 8th August 2022
at 7.30 pm at Eaton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Cllr Marcus Hardy(Chair), Mark Greasley, Simon Tong, Craig Jones , John Nelson
Clerk: Terry Brown
Borough Cllr: Alan Hewson
Members of the Public: 6

22/2789 Public Time

A parishioner and allotment holder complained about untidy plots and weeds on neighbouring plots – see 22/2798/2

A complaint was made about the state of the grounds surrounding the pumping station at Eastwell and the door of the old telephone box at Eaton - see 22/2801/4

Councillors noted the recent remedial works done to the problem wall adjacent to the School allotments and sent their thanks for the speedy action.

22/2790 Apologies for absence

Cllr Laura Harrison and County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

22/2791 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None.

22/2792 To receive reports form District and County Councillors

Cllr Hewson reported at length on planning and enforcement issues concerning five properties on the boundaries of the Eaton and Waltham parishes.

He also reported on imminent changes to personnel at MBC Planning.

22/2793 /1 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 13th June 2022

The draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

/2 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 28th July 2022

Councillors called for two amendments to be made and then the draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/2794 To consider matters arising

/1 to consider the draft response to planning application 22/00729/VAC

Councillors called for two amendments to be made and then approved the draft response to planning application 22/00729/VAC.

Action Clerk

/2 to approve the draft Parish Councillor poster

The poster was approved.

Action Clerk

/3 to consider progress on the possible development of the Uncle (Cllr Harrison)

Deferred to the September meeting





22/2795 To receive the Clerk's report

Noted

22/2796 Correspondence

Emails:

23/7/2022 Linda White re a Parish Council lengthsman
Noted

30/7/2022 building.control@blaby.gov.uk re New property naming
Site at: The Old Millhouse, Branston Road
Noted

22/2797 Planning

/1 Appeal Ref: APP/Y2430/W/21/3289843 High Leys Farm, Belvoir Road, Eaton

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.

The appeal is made by Ms D Beardall against the decision of Melton Borough Council. The application Ref 20/00380/FUL, dated 25 March 2020, was refused by notice dated 6 July 2021. The development proposed is change of use of existing dwelling for holiday letting into a live-work unit.

Appeal dismissed

22/2798 Eaton

/1 To discuss possible means for Eaton Parish Council to support the future development of the ECPA (Cllr Hardy)

Parish Councillors were joined in an extensive discussion of the item by Helen Smith and Kimberley Roberts for the ECPA.

Helen Smith reviewed recent maintenance activities and the current work to be done to trees. Kimberley Roberts reviewed recent work applied to attract new funding.

All in the meeting agreed that the area represented an excellent and vital Community asset and that it would be beneficial to have a further meeting of the ECPA and Parish Council solely devoted to try to map out a "vision" for the future.

The Clerk is to organise such a meeting in early September.

Action Clerk

/2 To review progress on allotment maintenance issues

The Clerk reported on a recent site visit by himself and Cllr Jones which found weed problems on several plots.

The Clerk is to write to two plot holders to take immediate action. The remaining plots affected are vacant and Cllr Jones will brush cut and cover.

Action Cllr Jones and Clerk

/3 To discuss footpath concerns (Cllr Tong)

Cllr Tong reported on six footpath issues and the Parish Council asked the Clerk to take action on two of these.

Action Clerk

22/2799 Eastwell

/1 To review progress on speeding concerns

The Clerk reported that results of the recent speed survey seemed to be available and that he would obtain a copy for the next meeting.



22/2800 Goadby Marwood

Councillors agreed on a repair needed to a seat in the Village.

CLlr Greasley provided details of the complaint to be made to MBC re a noise nuisance – see 22/2784 June 2022. Action Clerk

22/2801 To consider matters for discussion and resolution

/1 to review the Eaton Parish Council Complaints Procedure

The draft submitted by the Clerk was approved by the Parish Council

/2 to review the Eaton Parish Council Financial Regulations

The draft submitted by the Clerk was approved by the Parish Council subject to the amendment that 4.5 now reads:

4.5. In cases of extreme risk to the delivery of council services, the clerk may authorise revenue expenditure on behalf of the council which in the clerk's judgement it is necessary to carry out. Such expenditure includes repair, replacement or other work, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £500 a month with a single item limit of £250. The Clerk shall report such action to the chairman as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.

/3 to review the Eaton Parish Council Standing Orders

The draft submitted by the Clerk was approved by the Parish Council

/4 to consider the results of the 2022 inspection of Parish Council assets

The meeting had received the review of assets in Eaton and Eastwell and from this a list of items for immediate maintenance and repair were identified to be arranged by the Clerk. Action Clerk

/5 to consider the employment of a Parish lengthsman

This item will be kept under review in the light of progress with the maintenance of assets.

/6 to consider an Allotments Association

Councillors considered the advantages for the promotion of such a body. The Clerk is to prepare a draft letter to be sent to existing plot holders for their views and this will be discussed at the September meeting. Action Clerk

22/2802 Finance

/1 A list of payments for June and July 2022 that was approved and is attached to these Minutes.

/2 It was agreed that the reconciled balance of £18998.76 at 30.7.22 was a true record of the Council's financial position

Current a/c	£6898.77
Deposit a/c	£12099.99



22/2803 To receive items for the next meeting.

- /1 To review Risk Assessment and a Reserves Policy
- /2 to consider progress on the possible development of the Undle (Cllr Harrison)
- /3 to consider an Allotments Association

22/2804 Date of next meeting:

Monday 12th September at 7.30 pm Eaton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.45 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

Payments to 30/7/2022

Eon inv 112597	22	05/06/2022	183.00
Swalec		10/06/2022	115.53
HSBC bank charges	23	21/06/2022	5.00
Goadby Marwood VH	24	22/06/2022	10.00
Burnt Oak	25	22/06/2022	372.00
T Brown re June salary	26	22/06/2022	357.48
Les Bettley re noticeboard repa	27	22/06/2022	100.00
Craig Jones re tap repairs	28	22/06/2022	72.16
Swalec		11/06/2022	113.47
HMRC paye 1st qtr	29	12/07/2022	268.00
Eon Energy re new lantern	30	12/07/2022	420.00
T Brown re 1st qtr expenses	31	12/07/2022	119.90
Burnt Oak	32	12/07/2022	558.00
Foxwise Accountancy re salary	33	12/07/2022	60.00
Bank charges		21/06/2022	6.60
T Brown re July salary	34	26/07/2022	357.48
			3,118.62

Payments to 30/7/2022

Operating	17,693.76
Herbage	225
Allotment Deposits	1070
	18,988.76