



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm in Eastwell Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs: Marcus Hardy (Chair), Mark Greasley, Laura Harrison, Simon Tong  
Clerk: Chris Hill  
Terry Brown (Clerk from 1/4/2022)

**Members of the Public:** 4

### **Public Time:**

Derek Janes for the Eaton Park Community Association reported on changes and savings made in arranging the new and cheaper insurance policy for the Association.

He explained the problems faced with the zip wire equipment in the Play Park and the estimated £2900(+ VAT) cost of its repair. Cllr Hardy queried whether the zip wire would be either repaired or taken out of commission. Derek Janes agreed to circulate the latest ROSPA report.

Derek Janes then reported on recent successful maintenance activities in the Park and the use of the new outdoor table tennis equipment. The Association would be having a coffee morning on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussions were taking place to determine future development proposals

A member of the public commented on the need for a stile or gate to be erected at the entrance to the School Lane allotments opposite the pub to deter increased dog nuisance.

Also she commented on the state of the boundary wall adjoining the allotment and 4 Church Lane.

The Clerk is to investigate.

Action Clerk

Craig Jones expressed an interest in the current Councillor vacancy. The Chair invited him to speak to this application and Craig Jones noted in particular his interest for the Parish in the running of the allotments and the wildlife of the area.

Councillors welcomed his application and invited him to join the Council as Councillor at the April meeting. The Clerk is to arrange for the signing of the necessary forms (Acceptance of Office, DPI and Code of Conduct)

Action Clerk

A parishioner expressed concern at the state of the private grave area to the left at the bottom area of the Cemetery – see 22/2729/3

The meeting discussed the problem of a streetlight on Vicarage Lane being blocked by tree growth but both the tree and lamp are probably on private land. The Clerk is to investigate.

Action Clerk

**22/2721 Apologies:** Cllr John Nelson

**22/2722 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest:**

None

**22/2723 Appointment of Clerk**

It was resolved to appoint Terry Brown as the new Clerk commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

Terry Brown took the minutes of the meeting.

**22/2724 To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held in Eaton Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were unanimously accepted as a true record, and the Minutes signed by the Chairman.



## **22/2725 Planning**

- /1 22/00145/TCA = Fell common Oak replace with Mountain Ash. Additional planting of replacement Oak in field – Elm Farm Cottage, Elm Lane, Eaton**  
Cllr Tong expressed a disappointment that only one tree was to be planted
- /2 22/00240/FUL – Application for Agricultural Barn – Hillview, Hall Lane, Eastwell LE14 4**  
Cllr Greasley queried the potential of the application for future development and expansion. The Council agreed to reconsider its view.
- /3 Information only**  
**21/01186/GDOCOU – agricultural building to a dwelling – building South of Main Street, Eaton**  
Noted

## **22/2726 Financial**

- /1 Bank Reconciliation**  
A list of receipts and payments for February 2022 was approved and is attached to these Minutes and it was unanimously agreed that the reconciled balance of £15578.18 at 28<sup>th</sup> February was a true record of the Council's financial position and signed by the Chairman.
- /2 Certificate of Exemption from External Audit**  
The meeting noted the Clerk's advice of the £25000 limit to Exemption from the forthcoming AGAR.

## **22/2727 Herbage Charity:**

Cllr Tong reported on his meetings with the Land Agent of Belvoir Estate and that an annual lease of £200 had been proposed.

## **22/2728 Email re planting tree by the bench at the Undle**

The Council welcomed this proposal to celebrate the forthcoming Jubilee but noted that the proposed site would not be on Parish Council owned land. It was suggested that an alternative site would be available in the Church grounds and the Clerk is to reply with this suggestion. Action Clerk

## **22/2729 Eaton**

- /1 Community Park - update**  
See Public Time
- /2 Allotments:**  
The Clerk reported that all allotment rents had been paid and that one allotment on School Lane had been withdrawn with £30 refunded from the deposit and the remaining £20 kept for its rent.  
3 half plots were available in Vicarage Lane and £75 had been received from the Herbage Charity.  
  
It was agreed the management of allotments needed further discussion and action.
- /3 Cemetery**  
The meeting discussed the action needed to be taken regarding the area at the bottom of the Cemetery on the right since if it was left it would become overgrown again.  
Cllr Tong is to investigate its potential for a wildflower area with help from a Leicestershire organization.



Similarly Cllr Tong suggested a possible contact to provide help with the private grave area to the left at the bottom area of the Cemetery. Action Cllr Tong

**/4 Email re tap on School Garden allotments**

The Clerk is to investigate. Action Clerk

**22/2730 Eastwell**

**/1 Email re Members Highway Fund Vehicle Activated Signs**

The Clerk is to follow up on the latest communications from Leics Highways on this matter. Action Clerk

**22/2731 Goadby Marwood**

No report

**22/2732 Emails - previously circulated, and issues raised for next Month's agenda**

Cllr Harrison raised a continuing concern at the lack of enforcement action with 19/00723/OUT. The Clerk is to pursue with MBC Enforcement. Action Clerk

**22/2733 Items for Next Month's Agenda**

- /1 to consider progress with Herbage Charity issues
- /2 to discuss Allotment management and inspection
- /3 to discuss Community Park issues
- /4 to discuss Cemetery maintenance

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 pm in Eaton Village Hall  
Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the April Parish Council meeting

The meeting closed at 21.07 pm

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

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

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The following Receipts and Payments for February were approved at the Parish Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and signed off by two Councillors.

**Receipts and Payments February 2022**

**Receipts:**

HSBC - Interest	£ 0.11
Allotments - Chqs	£ 160.00
Allotments – Internet	£ 510.00
Cemetery	£ 400.00

**Payments:**

SWALEC	£ 125.60
HSBC	£ 5.80
Goadby Village Hall	£ 48.00
LRALC	£ 40.00
Allotment Refund – A Dee	£ 50.00
"    P Westland	£ 25.00
"    G Livermore	£ 30.00