



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 13th February 2023
at 7.30 pm at Eastwell Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Marcus Hardy (Chair), Simon Tong, Laura Harrison, Craig Jones & John Nelson
Borough Cllr Alan Hewson & County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove
Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the Public: 5

23/2853 Public Time

Mr and Mrs Nicholls attended the meeting to respond to the Parish Council's comments about a restriction to parking on the grass verge adjacent to their property.

They explained at length their view of the problem and their intentions to resolve the situation.

It was agreed at item 2858/3 that the Clerk would write to Leicestershire Highways to seek their view and recommendation to resolve the problems. Action Clerk

Both members of the Public and Councillors discussed the problems created by the damage done by lorry collision to the cemetery wall along Church Lane. Sue Peters on behalf of the PCC offered an opinion on the ownership and responsibility of the Parish Council for the cemetery by virtue of it being a closed cemetery.

The Clerk pointed out the possible complications to this opinion since the Order in Council dated to 1892 and therefore preceded the 1972 Local Government Act (s215).

The Clerk outlined two quotes that had been received for remedial work. See 23/2865/2

Discussion then widened as to how best to prevent such accidents repeating in the future and the meeting concluded that it needed some kind of traffic restriction to be imposed by Leicestershire County Council. Councillor Lovegrove agreed to take this further in his forthcoming discussions with Highways officials at County Hall. Action Cllr Lovegrove

23/2854 Apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Mark Greasley

23/2855 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None.

23/2856 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Councillor Lovegrove reported on the pressures faced to the County Council budget for the next three years.

He reported some progress being made with the possible VAS requested by the Parish Council and funded by the Members Highways Fund.

Also see Public Time.

23/2857 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 12th December 2022

The draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

23/2858 To consider matters arising

/1 to consider support for the repair of the St Denys Church clock.

The Clerk reported no further progress on finding an alternative quote but Mrs Sue Peters on behalf of the PCC suggested a possible lead for the Clerk to follow.

Action Clerk

/2 to review progress on maintenance issues – footpaths and trees

The Clerk reported that the trees had been cut in St Denys churchyard.

/3 to review Vicarage Lane parking

See Public Time

/4 to receive a report on arrangements for the Noisily Festival 2023

Cllr Tong had attended a meeting on 11/1/23. In general he advised that the arrangements made would mean that there would be a minimal impact on the Parish

23/2859 To receive the Clerk's report

/1 to review allotment issues

The Clerk reported that all plots in both School and Vicarage Lane had been taken for the year.

The Council approved the application to erect an 8x6 greenhouse on Vicarage Lane Plot 20.

23/2860 Correspondence

Emails:

17/1/2023 Leics CC re arrangements for King's Coronation

20/1/2023 Invitation from Alicia Kearns to meet the Chairman 3/3/23
The Chair agreed to attend the meeting.

3/2/2023 MBC re Planning Workshop 27/3/23
Cllr Tong agreed to attend the meeting.

In addition:

12/2/2023 A resident had expressed by email concerns at rubbish blowing out from the Shortlands development in Main Street. The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the developer expressing these concerns and asking for greater care.

23/2861 Planning

/1 21/00048/FUL Rutland Cottage, 15 Main Street, Eaton Withdrawal of planning application

/2 23/00034/DIS Cross Roads Farm Scalford Road Eastwell Consultation Letter Discharge conditions- Approval of Conditions 3 (external materials), 5 (scheme for the disposal of foul and surface water), and 10 (construction traffic management plan) attached to planning permission ref.21/01204/FUL for the provision of three new dwellings, a replacement farm yard, 3 barns, a joiners workshop, a farm shop and cafe, and a building for use as a railway museum with associated parking, and landscaping (hard and soft).

No comment

/3 22/01366/FUL - Cranyke Farm, Eastwell Road, Scalford Planning permission for change of use from paddock/agricultural to domestic, Installation of single height pool hall with solar panels to the roof.

The Parish Council would not submit an objection to this application but would comment that this response was based on the development being for private use only. Action Clerk

/4 22/01313/FUL Goadby Marwood Village Hall Main Street Goadby Marwood Single storey side extension and internal alterations to existing building

No comment

/5 22/01350/FULHH Bramble Barn Eastwell Road Scalford Proposal for childrens play den with swing and small climbing wall in rear garden.

No comment

/6 22/01364/FULHH Shires Barn 10 Main Street Eaton Conservatory to rear of property

No comment

/7 23/00009/FULHH 12 Main Street Eastwell 2 storey side extension. Porch extension and single storey rear extension.

No comment

/8 22/01337/DIS - The Lodge, Manor Lane, Goadby Marwood Discharge of condition (Materials) in relation to planning permission 21/01141/FUL

No comment

23/2862 Eaton

See Public Time

23/2863 Eastwell

/1 To review progress on speeding concerns

The Clerk reported that no progress had been made with the report on 22/10/22 to Highways of the non-functioning VAS at the Eastwell crossroads. The Clerk would resubmit the fault report and failing any further progress would then write direct to the Head of Leics Highways.

23/2864 Goadby Marwood

No report

23/2865 To consider matters for discussion and resolution

/1 to consider the phased introduction of LED lighting

The meeting approved the following:

In Eaton, the remaining 3 old 50w/70w son lanterns (S/Ls 12, 15 and 20) to replace with new 18 watt LED lanterns controlled by all-night **£1050 + VAT**

In Eastwell, S/L 4 outside 10 Main Street is an old and rusted pole bracket with a 70w son lantern controlled by a part-night photocell -which needs completely replacing.

To replace this old deteriorated pole bracket with a new 1 metre steel pole bracket complete with a new 18 watt LED lantern controlled by a part-night photocell including a new plastic supply box, double pole isolator and overhead electricity connection **£750 + VAT**

The remaining 36w PL lantern (S/L 2) and 70w son lanterns (S/Ls 3,4,5,6 & 9) in Eastwell to replace with new 18 watt LED lanterns controlled by part-night photocells
£2100 + VAT

/2 to consider Highways issues such as restricted access.

Following the discussions in Public Time Councillors agreed to carry out immediate repairs to the wall at a cost of £3500. Further the Clerk was instructed to pursue the problems of ownership of the Cemetery and also to seek redress from the owners of the lorry that had caused the damage. Action Clerk

/3 to confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2023 Audit

The meeting reviewed the function of the Internal Auditor within the context of the year end AGAR, External Audit and internal Parish Council financial controls.

The meeting approved the Clerk's recommendation for Internal Auditor for 2022-23.

/4 to review arrangements for the May 2023 Local Elections

The meeting noted the Candidate Timetable received by the Council from MBC (see attached). The Clerk emphasised the relevance of Councillors being elected (rather than Co-opted) for the future potential use by the Parish Council of the General Power of Competence.

23/2866 Finance

/1 A list of payments for December 2022 and January 2023 was approved and is attached to these Minutes.

/2 It was agreed that at 3.2.23 a true record of the Council's financial position:

Current a/c	£10968.22
Deposit a/c	£12132.76

23/2867 To receive items for the next meeting.

None

23/2868 Date of next meeting: Monday 17th April 2023 unless otherwise notified

The meeting closed at 22.20 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

Payments to 3/2/2023

Eon inv 115634	67	04/12/2022	178.80
Swalec	68	12/12/2022	112.11
T Brown re Xmas Herbage meal refund	69	14/12/2022	30.00
Eon inv 115747	70	14/12/2022	420.00
Burnt Oak inv 02672	71	14/12/2022	372.00
Bank Charges		21/12/2022	5.00
Eastwell Vhall	72	21/12/2022	24.00
T Brown dec 22 salary	73	21/12/2022	383.58
T Brown allotment expenses/postage	74	10/01/2023	34.11
T Brown re 3rd qtr Clerk expenses	75	10/01/2023	106.60
T Brown re toner cartridge	76	10/01/2023	67.90
HMRC 3rd qtr paye	77	10/01/2023	196.60
Foxwise Accounting inv 126900	78	10/01/2023	48.00
Swalec	79	16/01/2023	114.23
Bank Charges		21/01/2023	5.80
T Brown re Jan 23 salary	80	24/01/2023	383.58

Operating	21,785.98
Herbage	195
Allotment Deposits	1120

Cash book balance	23,100.98
uncleared credits	0.00
uncleared payments	0.00
	23,100.98



Parish Council Elections 4 May 2023

Candidate & Agent Timetable

Notice of Election published	Wednesday 22 March 2023
Last day for receipt of nominations	4pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
Last day for withdrawal of candidate	4pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
Appointment of Election Agents	4pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
Publication of Notice of Election Agents	4pm Tuesday 4 April 2023
Publication of Statements of Persons Nominated	4pm Wednesday 5 April 2023
Publication of Notice of Poll	4pm Tuesday 25 April 2023
Appointment of Poll & Count Agents	Wednesday 26 April 2023
Return of Election Expenses	Friday 9 June 2023

Nomination packs will be available to collect at the Candidates and Agents briefing on 3 March 2023 held in council chamber at Melton Borough Council at 5.30pm.

We will also be sending out nomination packs to all parish clerks