



Minutes of the of the Parish Council
Monday 13th November 2023
7.15 pm Eaton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Nelson (Chair), Simon Tong, Laura Harrison, Bob Skinner, Mark Greasley & Stuart Bridge
County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove & Borough Councillor Alan Hewson

Clerk: Terry Brown
Members of the Public: 3

23/2953 Public Time

/1 Denise Kitson on behalf of Friends of Goadby Marwood Village Hall updated the meeting on progress that had been made since the September meeting with respect to the plan to improve facilities at the Hall.

Inadequate heating was a major discouragement to its use particularly in winter and therefore she asked for help from the Parish Council towards a proposed solution at a cost of £6278.

Councillors were in agreement with the Chair's observation that such a grant would adhere to the Council's determination to realistically meet the maintenance of Parish assets when appropriate and wherever possible.

Therefore it was agreed that an agenda item should be moved at the December meeting to approve a grant of £5000 to be in two parts before and after 31st March 2024, the financial year end.

/2 Derek Janes for the ECPA tabled a proposed schedule 2024 - 2028 maintenance plan with a proposal that Eaton Parish Council part match at £2500 the yearly £5000 from ECPA for maintenance.

Again Councillors were in agreement with the Chair's observation that such a strategy would adhere to the Council's determination to realistically meet the maintenance of Parish assets. This is to be further discussed at the December meeting when the 2024-25 Budget and Precept is finalised.

/3 In addition he tabled details of the latest survey (August 2022) of the trees in the perimeter of the Eaton Park and the actions to be taken to deal with any consequent problems.

/4 The meeting was informed of proposed changes to Eaton Church with the incorporation of toilet facilities.

23/2954 Apologies for absence
None

23/2955 To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

The meeting noted Cllr Greasley's interest in item 23/2961/1

23/2956 Borough and County Councillor Time

/1 Borough Councillor Alan Hewson gave details of a Charity Quiz night 19th January 2024.

/2 County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove updated the meeting on the ongoing concerns of access to rubbish tips. Bottesford is to remain open for three days a week and he is optimistic that the Lake Terrace site might be seen as no longer fit for purpose to be replaced by a more accessible site that arises from the Ring Road development.

Lastly and again he reminded the meeting of the insulation grants available for households in rural areas dependent on oil for heating.

23/2957 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 11th September 2023

These were accepted by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

23/2958 To consider matters arising

/1 to report on various Parish Maintenance issues
see item 23/2965/8

/2 to receive reports on allotment issues
see item 23/2965/7

/3 to review progress with the installation and siting of MVAS

Following extensive meetings and discussion between Councillors and Leics Highways officers the Parish Council now formally approved (with one exception – Cllr Harrison) the following that would be funded from (County Councillor's) Members Highways Fund, namely:

Eaton village –

- 1 post for MVAS on Branston Road
- Dragons teeth marking on Main Street (west of the village)

Eastwell –

- 1 post for MVAS on Stathern Road, as per drawing attached
- 1 post for MVAS on Scalford Road (near the church)

Goadby Marwood –

- 1 MVAS post

The Remaining funds left from these installations out of the Member's Grant will be remitted to the Parish Council and will part fund the purchase of VAS equipment to be rotated through the four sites.

Cllrs Nelson, Skinner and Greasley are to meet to draw up a list of possible VAS signs for the December meeting. action Cllrs Nelson, Skinner and Greasley

23/2959 To receive the Clerk's report

/1 to report on a parish council's control of bonfires

The meeting noted the Clerk's comments that action on this issue was primarily between the individual parishioner and Melton BC as the agent delegated for action under the Environment Protect Act 1990.

/2 to report on a parish council's control of dog nuisances

The meeting noted the Clerk's comments that action on this issue was primarily between the individual parishioner and Melton BC or the Police as a consequence of the 2017 change away from Dog Control Orders to Public Space Protection Orders.

/3 to confirm noticeboard communications

The meeting agreed that Councillors would take a more active role in putting agenda and minutes onto the notice boards in a timely manner.

But the Clerk reminded the meeting that the required source of publication of Parish information in the first instance is the website

/4 to comment on a parish council's delegated authority

Councillors noted the Clerk's comments about the need to respect an individual body's area of responsibility e.g. Leics Cc for highways, even if that body's implementation of action in that area might not be deemed most effective.

23/2960

Correspondence

Emails:

11/9/2023 Nigel Bell re Eaton Parish Council meeting at Goadby 11 September 2023

2/10/2023 Susan Bradley re Signage Indicating War Graves

12/10/2023 Cllr Bryan Lovegrove re discussion about Jubilee Way from Goadby Marwood to the White Lodge junction - reply from Ellen Senior / LCC.

22/10/2023 MBC re 2024-25 precept

26/10/2023 Phillipa Sheppard re Christmas at Belvoir Castle

3/11/2023 Linda White re maintenance issues

3/11/2023 John Wood/Sue Watford re Village news

Noted

In addition:

29/10/23 re **Fobidden Forest Festival 2024.**
It was agreed that it would be sensible to contact neighbouring parishes to see if a collective response to this would be most effective.
The Clerk is to make contact. action Clerk

23/2961

Planning:

**/1 23/00835/LBC Thornhill House 14 Waltham Lane Eaton
Creation of new drive to access the stables from Waltham Lane.**

No comments

**/2 23/00869/FULHH Warren Mere 2 Main Street Goadby Marwood
Car port extension**

No comments

**/3 23/00966/TCA Grantcliffe House 11 Chapel Street Eaton
T1. Lime - Reduce the tree in height and lateral spread by approximately 20% and reduce the crown by approximately 25/30%**

Noted

In addition:

/4 Cllr Tong updated the meeting of a lack of progress with his concerns on **23/00478/FUL | Change of use from agricultural to dog training and exercising field | Field OS 4800 4200 5600 Branston Road Eaton** which whilst in the neighbouring parish of Branston, most directly impacted on Eaton.

23/2962

Eaton

Cllr Bridge reminded the meeting of a previous discussion of planting bulbs. It was agreed to consider this at the February 2024 meeting

23/2963

Eastwell

The meeting noted Cllr Nelson's comments re the possible call from Eastwell Village Hall for financial support for its Play area.

23/2964

Goadby Marwood

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

Following on from the extensive discussion on the issue at the September meeting it was agreed that Cllr Greasley would bring comments from parishioners to the December meeting with a view to making a Modification Order to Leic CC.

action Cllr Greasley

23/2965

To consider matters for discussion and resolution

/1 to agree a quote received for the hedge laying at Eastwell Pumping station £415

The quote was agreed

action Clerk

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

The existing Plan was reviewed in the light of actions already implemented.

Discussion will continue at the December meeting and all Councillors will consider and notify the Clerk of additions to the Plan prior to the next meeting.

action All

/3 to discuss a draft 2024-25 budget , to review Reserves and then agree a 2024-25 precept

The initial discussions will continue at the December meeting

/4 to confirm dates for 2024 meetings (see attached)

The draft calendar was approved

/5 to agree actions to be taken for a triennial tree survey

Susan Bradley's response re the trees in the Church Yard was noted

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek a quote from Leics CC. action Clerk

/6 to agree actions to be taken re ash tree problem on School allotments

It was agreed that the Clerk should seek quotes for the scheduled work

action Clerk

/7 to discuss and agree the 2024 allotment regulations.

One amendment was made to the existing 2023 allotment regulations

/8 to discuss and agree actions to be taken on recent Highways problems (Cllr Bridge)

Cllr Bridge tabled a detailed review of his discussion with Leics Highways re several highways' issues but in particular heavy lorries using inappropriate routes in the Parish and the steps that could be taken to modify their behaviour. This is ongoing.

In addition he tabled detailed maps and notes for the replacement of poor street signage names throughout the three villages.

The Clerk is to use this information to request Melton BC for action and Cllr Hewson will also bring his influence on bear. action Clerk & Cllr Hewson.



/9 to agree Signage Indicating War Graves (Sue Bradley)

This was agreed. Cllr Skinner will liaise with the installation of the sign.

action Clerk & Cllr Skinner

23/2966 Finance

/1 September and October 2023 payments were approved (see attached)

/2 Bank accounts at 5.11.2023 were reconciled to
Current a/c £10383.21
Deposit a/c £14250.31**23/2967 To receive items for the next meeting**

/1 to confirm the 2024-25 Budget and Precept

/2 to confirm a grant of £5000 to Friends of Goadby Village Hall to be paid in two instalments.

23/2968 Date of next scheduled meeting: Monday 11th December 7.15 pm Eaton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.20 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

Payments to 5/11/23

Swalec	42	11/09/2023	115.23
Goadby Marwood VH	43	12/09/2023	20.00
Eon	44	12/09/2023	113.40
A Allen re maintenance	45	12/09/2023	146.00
Burnt Oak	46	12/09/2023	408.00
A Allen re maintenance	47	18/09/2023	195.00
Flashback Web inv 1262	48	18/09/2023	122.40
Smith of Derby	49	24/09/2023	277.20
Community Htbt	50	24/09/2023	80.34
Bagforce	51	24/09/2023	718.80
T Brown Sept salary	52	26/09/2023	383.38
David Musson	53	26/09/2023	251.30
Swalec	54	13/10/2023	123.78
T Brown 2nd qtr expenses	55	18/10/2023	139.60
Burnt Oak inv 3029	56	18/09/2023	408.00
HMRC 2nd qtr paye	57	18/10/2023	287.60
Eaton VH	58	18/10/2023	10.00
Severn Trent re Churchyard	59	18/10/2023	94.21
Flashback inv 1269	60	18/10/2023	100.66
T Brown Oct salary	61	31/10/2023	383.58
Foxwise Accting	62	31/10/2023	54.00
Burnt Oak re inv 3069	63	04/11/2023	612.00

Bank Reconciliation 5/11/2023

HSBC Current	10383.21
HSBC Deposit	11288.74

21671.95

Operating	20,081.95
Herbage	470
Allotment Deposits	1120

Meeting dates 2024-25

In keeping with current practice the second Monday of the month where possible

Monday January 15th

Monday March 11th

**Monday May 20th

Monday 15th July

Monday 16th September

Monday 11th November

Monday 9th December