

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting remotely held on Monday
9th November 2020 at 7.30**

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Present: Marcus Hardy, John Nelson, Alice Crafts, Mark Greasley, Les Bettley

Apologies: Cllr

Members of the Public: 2

In Attendance: County Cllr Byron Rhodes

Public Participation:

There was discussion raised by a resident over whether it was necessary to install a fence or hedge to prevent dogs running amok on the allotments, it was eventually decided to wait until next year before going ahead with any of the suggestions. It was however thought that a hedge certainly across the bottom of the allotments was the best option as free whips could be obtained from the Woodland Trust and it was cheaper than a fence. It was felt that the new signage had minimal impact on stopping the problem and that possibly educating dog owners would help. It was therefore agreed to hold an open day in the spring to explain how allotments worked and why dogs on allotments was not a good idea. Cllrs Craft & Bettley plus Derek Janes offered to organize this and make their allotments open to the public.

Cllr Rhodes advised that the recycling depot at Bottesford would be shut for several months from January 2021 for essential drainage work to be carried out on the site. He also had advised that the County Council had decided prior to the Government actually agreeing to the proposal to supply free school meals to children over the Christmas holiday period, at a cost of £180,000.00 per week. The fact the government would now foot the bill was good news as it would have amounted to around half a million pounds up to the end of the year.

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Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest:

None

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To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 12th October 2020:

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held remotely on the 12th October 2020 were unanimously accepted as a true record, and the Minutes were to be signed by the Chairman when circumstances permitted.

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Planning:

New:

20/01209/TCA – Row of 28 Leylandi reduce height – The Lodge, Manor Lane, G M,

20/01224/GDOCOU – Change of use exist agricultural building to create 1 dwelling house and domestic curtilage – Glebe Farm, Waltham Lane, Eaton

Approved:

20/00786/FUL/LBC – Change of use from agricultural to residential to incl. listed barn and courtyard – Crossroads Farm, Eastwell,

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Receipts and Payments October 2020

The Clerk advised that due to a glitch in the Councils remote banking arrangement no one had been paid in October and there the balance on the accounts was more or less as September. This problem had now been resolved and anybody who needed paying had been, these transactions would be in the November accounts which would give an outlay of around £3000.00 pounds with an estimated balance £18000.00 at end November.

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Eaton:

Cherry trees in Churchyard

The two Cherry trees at the entrance to the Churchyard on inspection had found to be in a poor state one was dead and was to be removed the other was dying and would be removed in due course. The stumps of both trees would be stump ground to enable replacements to be planted in the future if required, the total cost would be £500.00.

Fencing in the Allotments:

This matter was discussed during public participation, however further discussion took place concerning the responsibilities of the Parish Council regarding dog owners and where the Community Park Association fitted in regarding this matter. The main reason for dog walkers using the allotments was to access the recreational park because the other entrance was on Main Street at the entrance to the village, which was not ideal for a variety of reasons. It was felt that the committee of the community park association should be involved in resolving this problem. It was suggested that maybe a Parish Councillor should attend the Associations meetings and Derek Janes offered to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Association. It was further agreed Highways should be contacted regarding speeding traffic on Main Street past entrance to recreational field, Clerk to contact Highways.

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Eastwell:

No issues raised

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Goadby Marwood:

Cllr Greasley raised the matter of the key for the Councils notice board, the Clerk confirmed he had a key and would try and get another one cut and would also contact Andrea Wright who used to have a key.

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Street Lighting:

The Clerk provided information regarding the cost of running the street lights and whether it was worth replacing the older lanterns with the new LED type which were much more energy efficient and needed little maintenance. Whilst there would be savings it would take the best part of 10 years to recover the cost of the new lanterns. After discussion it was agreed to adopt a policy of replacing the older lights as and when they ceased to work, and going forward look at a planned program of replacement as when finances permitted.

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Media Policy:

The Clerk had circulated an all-purpose Media Policy used by another Parish Council which would need adapting to meet Eaton's requirements and it was agreed Cllrs would bring their suggestions to the next meeting and agree a draft policy. The Clerk agreed to contact the person who has created Scalford Councils facebook page and ask them to talk with either Cllr Crafts or Bettley to see if they could add anything helpful. The Clerk said the Scalford facebook page was mainly used for getting information out to residents quickly for instance the problem regarding dogs on the allotment, the bonfire which had been abused by residents putting none allotment material on it for burning, the Amazon Smile which might help funds for the Herbage Charity. Cllr Crafts offered to photograph the bonfire and put it on facebook along with some text, also text re Amazon Smile and also information regarding the allotment open day.

Derek Janes confirmed he had added a Planning Application page under news and notices where if you clicked on an application it would take you straight to it on the MBC website. He had also add news and notices item on both Eastwell and Goadby's pages.

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Citizens Advice

It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £100.00 to Citizen Advice Leicestershire, and after discussion it was suggested by Cllr Nelson that the Council write an article about Citizens Advice in Melton Mowbray for the website and facebook page, and Cllr Nelson agreed to take on this task.

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Emails - previously circulated, issues raised will be put on next month's Agenda:

No issues raised

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Items for Next Month's Agenda:

Media Policy/Precept/Planned Maintenance/ Wildflower Area/Herbage Charity

Date of Next Remote Meeting: Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 21.20pm

Signed: _____ Chairman / Eaton Parish Council

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The following Receipts and Payments were put forward for approval at the remote Parish Council Meeting on the 9th November 2020.

Receipts and Payments October 2020

Receipts:

Interest	£ 0.17
Allotments	£ 90.00

Payments:

SWALEC	£ 117.61
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The following payments were approved retrospectively at the remote Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2020

Estimated expenditure in October £1200.00

Chairman: -----

Councillor -----