



Draft Minutes of the of the Parish Council
Monday 11th November 2024
7.15 pm Eastwell Village Hall

Present: Cllrs John Nelson (Chair), Simon Tong, Laura Harrison, Mark Greasley & Stuart Bridge

Borough Councillor Alan Hewson, County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove
Clerk: Terry Brown

Members of the Public: five members

24/3073

Public Time

/1 A Parishioner spoke of the need for Leics CC to take urgent action to reduce the risk of serious accidents at the Eastwell crossroads. All the meeting agreed and that the Clerk should write to the Director to bring this to her attention. action Clerk

/2 A Parishioner spoke of the need for remedial action on a section of the road wall adjoining Eaton Church. Cllrs Tong and Bridge are to inspect and report back to the next meeting action Cllrs Tong & Bridge

/3 Comments were received about the tidiness of the Eaton phone box book stall. Councillor Harrison is to investigate.

/4 Comments were received about hedgehogs being killed on local roads. It was agreed that caution that signs would be mounted at relevant sites. action Cllr Tong

/5 Cllr Nelson introduced the grant application from the Eastwell History Group to transform the Lord Granby locomotive from a locked away museum object into something that will inform and be enjoyed the local community also visitors to the Vale of Belvoir. It was agreed that the Group should be invited to the December meeting to support the application.



24/3074

Apologies for absence

Parish Cllr Andrew Robertson

24/3075

To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None

24/3076

Borough and County Councillor Time

Cllr Hewson reminded the meeting of the availability of the Rural food Hub Network setup by Melton BC.

The nearest access point is Long Clawson Village Hall opening Tuesday 18.00 to 19.00. The community support hub can be contacted via here4melton@melton.gov.uk or 01664 502342

Cllr Lovegrove reminded the meeting of the help available from Leics CC for support for those adversely affected by the withdrawal of Winter fuel payments.

Also of the effect on the Leics CC budget of increased SEN transport costs as a consequence of the withdrawal of VAT payments on private education.

Lastly he agreed with comments about the increase in road works which were often over long or unnecessary. He reminded the meeting of Causeway One. Network guide for finding details of changes to roads and temporary disruptions such as roadworks (<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/resource/files/2024-09/one-network-step-by-step-instructions.pdf>)

24/3077 To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the 15th July 2024

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

24/3078 To consider matters arising

/1 to consider progress with Goadby Marwood action re Priory Agriculture's approach to bridleways on the periphery of the Goadby Marwood towards Eastwell (Cllr Greasley)

The Clerk reported that no further response had been received from Leics CC

/2 to review progress with the rabbit problem on the allotment

The Clerk reported on a site visit in September but that no effective remedy was still immediately apparent.

/3 Rural Area Liaison Forums

Noted

In addition:

/4 Cllrs Tong and Nelson reported that all the bulbs that had been ordered were now planted.

24/3079 To receive the Clerk's report

/1 to report the appointment of Carole Bailey Community Co-Ordinator at Melton BC

This was noted by the meeting. The Clerk agreed to use this channel to enquire why no response had been received by the ECPA to a grant application from Melton BC'

/2 to report on communications about a Christmas tree purchase

Councillors agreed that requests for funds towards such a purchase in all three villages should be supported. action Clerk

in addition:

/3 The Clerk outlined the need and advantages to moving the current Excel based accounts towards a package based system such as Scribe Accounts. Councillors agreed that this should be actioned immediately at a cost of £240 pa with a full changeover to coincide with the new Financial year at 1/4/2025. action Clerk

/4 Councillors agreed to the Clerk's request to attend an ICCM update course in February 2025 at a cost of £190.

24/3080 Correspondence

Emails:

7/8/2024 Cllr Hewson re CRWG Papers on Boundary Review

Both Cllrs Hewson and Lovegrove reminded the meeting of the circumstances behind such a Review and the likely outcome of this particular item but which at the moment is waiting for a final decision from the Boundary Commission.

3/10/2024 Benhur Beyene Leics CC re Addition of Public Footpath E89 (Part) Eastwell

7/10/2024 B Haynes re Right of way from Goadby to White Lodge
see 24/3078/1

22/10/2024 Sue Bradley re Eaton memorial clock
Councillors agreed that provision for the annual maintenance should be a required item in all future budgets.
In addition the Clerk updated Councillors on recent changes to the powers of parish councils to support grant applications for churches as a result of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act.

24/10/2024 John Wood re Eastwell History Group AGM
See Public Time

24/3081

Planning:

/1 24/00960/GDOAGR | Agricultural building for storage of Machinery, feed and hay | Field OS 3700 Waltham Lane Eaton

Councillors noted the advice received from Melton BC that this application falls outside of the normal planning application process and that therefore there is neither need to consult either public or the Parish Council . Further that there is no need to post any public notice in the vicinity of the site.

To September : for information

/2 24/00417/FUL Land North Of Manor Lane Goadby Marwood
Erection of a new build dwelling

/3 24/00280/LBC Cranyke Farm Eastwell Road Scalford Melton Mowbray
AMENDED DESCRIPTION: Part retrospective application to change and alter all windows within property, with Accoya windows

/4 24/00322/FUL - Cranyke Farm Eastwell Road Scalford
Amended Plans 14 Day Re-Consultation
Proposed extension of existing oak framed carport to include a private swimming pool on the ground floor and a gym on the mezzanine level.
External landscaping to include expansion of existing driveway to create a courtyard, and mezzanine level balcony with a patio below.

24/3082

Eaton

/1 to report on a replacement of streetlight on Elm Lane, Eaton
The Clerk reported advice from our maintenance contactor as regards the lack of suitability of the proposed site but the Clerk was asked to proceed with obtaining quotes for the work. action Clerk

in addition:

/2 to consider an additional bin request (Kathyn Skinner 8/8/2024)
It was agreed to purchase a bin for Cllrs Tong and Bridge to arrange installation. action Cllrs Bridge and Tong

24/3083

Eastwell

Cllr Nelson reported that the new VAS was now installed and operational.

24/3084

Goadby Marwood

No report

To consider matters for discussion and resolution**/1 to discuss the 2025-26 Budget and Precept**

A draft budget was discussed at length and some amendments made (see 24/3085 and 24/3080 Church clock).

Councillors agreed to accept a quote of £1500 for the painting of the Cemetery railings for inclusion in the 2025/6 budget. In addition Cllr Bridge is to seek quotes for the painting of the telephone boxes.

Further discussion will take place at the December meeting to finalise the 2025/6 Precept demand.

/2 the ring fencing of Allotment receipts (Cllr Tong)

Councillors agreed with Cllr Tong's proposal that all future allotment income should be ring fenced for allocation to allotment needs only and that the accounts would show this.

/3 to review grant funding for ECPA

The Chair of ECPA presented further details of their plans and requirements for the next 12 months and asked for grant aid to the value of £1500.

Councillors resolved to support this application and further, to work towards extending such support in the following five year period.

/4 to consider action re a derelict caravan site in Eaton

Deferred

/5 to consider a Councillor responsibility for matters relevant to Eaton's status as a Conservation Village. (Councillor Bridge)

Deferred

/6 to discuss EOI 2025- Urban verge wildlife scheme (Cllr Tong)

Deferred

/7 to agree on 2025 Parish Council meeting dates

These were agreed as:

Monday January 13 th	Eaton VH
Monday March 10 th	Eastwell VH
Monday April 14 th	Eaton VH
Monday May 12 th	Goadby Marwood VH
Monday July 14 th	Goadby Marwood VH
Monday Sept 8 th	Eastwell VH
Monday November 10 th	Eaton VH
Monday December 8 th	Eastwell VH

24/3086 Finance

/1 July to November 2024 were approved

HMRC 1st qtr 2924	37	13/07/2024	307.00
Eaton Comm Park	38	16/07/2024	1,500.00
Eaton VH re hire	39	16/07/2024	30.00
T Brown re July 24 salary	40	19/07/2024	409.48
Bank charges		21/07/2024	5.40
SSE inv 1212952	41	31/07/2024	120.05
Burnt Oak inv 03389	42	08/08/2024	1,152.00
Glasdon re GM bin	43	08/08/2024	127.03
T Brown re August 24 salary	44	19/08/2024	409.48
Bank charges		21/08/2024	5.00
Daniel Conn re allotments	45	24/08/2024	150.00
SSE inv 01379703	46	02/09/2024	124.06
Eon re qtrly charges	47	03/09/2024	84.00
Burnt Oak inv 03436	48	03/09/2024	408.00
Eon inv 125284	49	03/09/2024	3,696.00
Swarco re VAS	50	06/09/2024	5,052.00
Flashback web design	51	13/09/2024	168.00
Bank charges		21/09/2024	5.00
T Brown re 2nd qtr expenses	52	23/09/2024	173.00
T Brown re sept 24 salary	53	23/09/2024	409.48
T Brown re Microsoft annual sub	54	26/09/2024	115.06
Foxwise accting inv 134151	55	26/09/2024	54.00
SSE re iv 01561076	56	01/10/2024	124.06
Burnt Oak re inv 03492	57	13/10/2024	408.00
Moore re 2024 audit	58	13/10/2024	252.00
Bank charges		21/10/2024	5.00
T Brown re Oct salary	59	21/10/2024	409.48
Smith of Derby	60	21/10/2024	304.80
HMRC	61	21/10/2024	307.20
SSE	62	31/10/2024	120.05
Burnt Oak re inv 03527	63	01/11/2024	612.00

/2 Bank accounts at 1.11.2024 were reconciled to

Bank Reconciliation 1/11/24

HSBC Current	1202.82
HSBC Deposit	17580.80
Herbage Savings account	745.00
	19528.62

24/3087 To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of matters to be discussed.
The Council resolved to go into private session to discuss a confidential commercial matter.

24/3088 To receive items for the next meeting.
/1 to discuss remaining grant applications for inclusion in the 2025-6 budget

24/3089 Date of next meeting: **Monday 9th December at 7.15 pm Eaton Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 21.45 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman - Eaton Parish Council

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