

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting remotely held on Wednesday
27th May 2020 at 7.30**

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

Members of the Public: Three

Public Participation:

Sue Peters commented on the recent work in the cemetery which she felt was an improvement.

Christina Marriott expressed her interest in possibly purchasing the Herbage Charity land on Belvoir Road from the Council if it was available and subject to further searches of the previous ownership of the land, this would be discussed later in the meeting.

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Election of Chairman:

It was proposed by Cllr Bettley and seconded by Cllr Crafts that Cllr Hardy be re-elected as Chairman, there being no other nominations Cllr Hardy was elected Chairman.

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Election of Vice Chairman:

It was proposed by Cllr Nelson and seconded by Cllr Crafts that Cllr Bettley be elected Vice Chairman there being no other nominations Cllr Bettley was elected Vice Chairman

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Apologies for Absence:

None

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Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest:

None

20/2462

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held in remotely on 27th April 2020:

The Minutes of the meeting held remotely on the 27th April 2020 were unanimously accepted as a true record, and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

20/2463

Planning:

New:

20/00517/FUL – Revised & reduced design new stable barn, tractor & machinery storage, horse walker and all weather area – Green Lodge, Green Lane, Goadby Marwood – it was agreed to object as design had taken little notice of previous objections.

Granted:

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Financial :

Receipts and Payments April 2020

Receipts:

HMR&C	£1759.63
Herbage Charity	£ 75.00
Allotments	£ 20.00
HSBC – Interest	£ 1.97

Payments:

C J Hill	£ 368.25
T Allen	£ 45.00
RCCPFA	£ 30.00
Severn Trent Water	£ 107.88

The reconciled balance of £14235.79 at the 30th April 2020 was unanimously accepted as true reflection of the Councils financial position and signed by the Chairman.

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Internal Audit Report:

The Internal Auditors final report had been circulated by the Clerk and was unanimously adopted.

20/2466

Adopt Revised Financial Regulations based on NALC model 2019

The Clerk had circulated the revised Financial Regulations which had been adapted from the NALC 2019 model regulations to the Council requirements and these were unanimously adopted with immediate effect.

20/2467

Revised Standing Orders based NALC model 2018

The Clerk was in the process of adapting the NALC model Standing Orders to the Council requirements but had not completed the task by the time of the meeting, it was therefore unanimously agreed that they would be completed and circulated before the next meeting in June for adoption at that meeting.

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Review and amend if required all other Council policies listed below

Statement of Internal Control

Risk Assessment Policy

Equal Opportunities Policy

Code of Conduct

Asset Register

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Allotment & Cemetery Fees

Bank Mandate

Complaints Policy

Reserves Policy

Data Security/Policy – Data Protection Policy & Data Breach Policy

General Privacy Notice and Privacy Notice for Councillors

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Insurance

The Council policy with AXA Insurance through Came & Co had increased by about £14.00 on the year and it was therefore unanimously agreed to renew for a further year and seek further quotes before next years renewal.

Eaton:

Wildflower Areas:

After discussions with other parties it was concluded that the only area available for use was the Cemetery.

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Eastwell:

Stathern Lane Speed Limit:

Concerns had been raised by residents regarding speeding traffic entering the village along Stathern Road where the speed limit dropped from 60 mph down to 30 mph very close to the entrance to the village. It was therefore agreed to approach Highways with a view to dropping the 60 mph down to 40 mph some distance from the village and then down to 30 mph.

20/2452

Goadby Marwood:

No matters raised

20/2453

Herbage Charity:

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the best way forward Cllr Hardy indicated he had spoken with the company that had originally been involved in the transfer of the land from the Belvoir Estate to the village and was hopeful this would produce some solid facts regarding access. It was also noted the Belvoir Estate had permitted cattle on their land which in turn meant the cattle could access the Councils land. It was decided to write to the Belvoir Estate and point this out and suggest that they were being unreasonable in their attitude by implying the Council did not have a right of access, and that the Council were considering making the facts known to residents of the Village generally. It was also agreed to contact Land Registry for information.

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Council website:

A revised quote had been received for a new website to be supplied minus the monthly charge and it was agreed to accept this, the Councils current agreement terminated on the 31st July, new web site to be up and running by that date.

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Electricity Supply:

The Clerk confirmed he had started the process of switching suppliers for unmetered electricity from Eon to SWALEC before the lockdown but the process seemed to have stalled. A discussion was then took place regarding switching of the street lights in Eaton at midnight to make more cost saving. Cllrs Hardy & Bettley to review which lights could be switched off.

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

The matters of the 3 wooden allotment gates and posts was raised as they needed replacing, Cllr Bettley to obtain a quote from A Allen. Cllr Bettley also suggested that the Council investigate having an Information Notice Board giving the historical points of interest in the village made and installed at the entrance to the village by the recreational field

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Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Herbage Charity

Website

Date of Next Remote Meeting: Wednesday 29th June 2020 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed: _____

Chairman

Eaton Parish Council