

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held at the Church/Community Hall on Tuesday 8th March, 2016.

**Present: Cllrs. MacCormack, Bonner, Coates, Waltho and Bostock
Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham; Clerk Mrs. D. Waite**

Apologies: Cllrs. Lyne and Goodwin

No residents present.

Before the meeting we welcomed PCSO Julia Short who, in response to our invitation, attended to advise on traffic and possible crime in the village. Julia had been with the force for some 18 years and was transferred to Congleton in 2008 as a PCSO and is responsible for the Gawsworth ward. Leaflets on police contacts were given out plus some laminated information for the notice board. There are a large number of heritage objects in the ward, particularly Gawsworth and Cllr. MacCormack asked if we could have a copy of the data base on these. Julia had prepared a brief report from the last twelve months. In October there had been an incident of vandalism to a car in Beechwood Drive and also one on the Macclesfield Road. In February a dumper truck had been observed driving up and down the lanes – no plates, no registration. A door to door person had been asking some residents for items for sale, particularly jewellery, plus the theft of Land Rovers in the area. They are hoping to concentrate on speed checks in the area in the near future, particularly on the A536 and the School Lane cut through. There is a possibility of the issue and training of speed guns for local volunteers and Julia will keep us posted. Any speeding found on this will be logged on the police data base and the person warned by letter initially. Our request for a ‘black ribbon’ speed check will come up at the meeting on the 17th March and Lesley will ensure our points are put forward. Julia was thanked for her attendance and information and is happy to come again in the future.

Council Meeting

1132 – Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by Cllr. MacCormack as Vice Chairman.

1133 – Link Road

Cllr. Waltho had been on line to look at the latest submissions from Cheshire East and had noted the inclusion of all the mitigation measure we had listed in our objections, but again these were only up for consideration. These are noted on pages 65/6 of the document.

The possibility of 4A not happening is still not on the application. Clerk to write to the planning officer to state we have noted the new inclusions but we insist they are set in the conditions of the planning application and not just for consideration. The meeting on the Link Road application is 20th April and again Lesley Smetham will back our views.

1134 – Neighbourhood Plan

There has been absolutely no response to the article in the last Parish Magazine from Cllr. Waltho. Both Brereton and Marton have emphasized the enormous amount of work, from a team, that is required for this. Therefore, Cllr MacCormack proposed, with some sadness, that any attempt from Eaton to raise a neighbourhood plan will be shelved. All members of the council agreed with this proposal and the clerk to report this in the magazine report.

1135 – Black Ribbons

As noted above, Cllr. Smetham will speak for us at the Highways meeting where it will be decided.

1136 – Planning Matters

Rode Heath Appeals – We have been notified of the date of the appeal which will be a hearing at Congleton Town Hall on the 31st of March. Parties can request at the meeting to speak. Cllr. Smetham feels strongly on this issue of housing by the back door and will speak at the hearing. Clerk to put notice of this hearing on the notice board in case any resident wishes to attend. Clerk to send a copy of our letter to Bristol to Paul Wakefield to remind East Cheshire of our objections.

Marton – Housing – We have supported Marton on line against the application for housing near to the school

1137 – Community Hub

We have looked at the questionnaire but feel it does not relate to Eaton and to remove this from the agenda.

1138 – Defibrillator

Cllr. Coates has further investigated this. Although the offer of a free machine has gone there is support of some £400 from the British Heart Foundation from April. The machine would cost about £1000 – therefore nett £600 – and the cabinet some £500 plus installation. The council were unanimous in feeling this was a good project – if only one person was saved. Therefore the total cost would be c £1500 less £400 from BHF. Cllr Coates will delve further into the actual costs and come back to the Council. Cllr. Waltho suggested it could be wall mounted on the rear of the bedroom units with access from the random strip. Possibly the Plough could be asked, when we have the costs, if they would cover the installation and hard standing. We have an excellent reserve in the bank and can well cover this project from this.

1139 – Broadband/Vispa

Cllr. MacCormack reported that not much had progressed. There is an application going in for the land for the Vispa dish and Matthew will let us know when this goes in. Await developments.

1140 – East Cheshire Plan

This is now out for consultation. It is noted there is a hatched area of land for possible future development, south of the village, but not in the current housing plan.

1141 – Plough Inn

Cllr. Smetham raised concerns from Highways at the growing number of Plough advertising boards around the village. Clerk to e mail Andy Simpson to enquire which signs he considers contravene regulations and we can then possibly speak with the Plough. Cllr. Bonner asked that we also contact Andy about the possibility of a double sided sign on the A536 indicating the situation of the Community Hall.

1142 – Tarmac

They were pleased with the number of people attending the presentation on the Northern Extension planning application. We will consider our position when the application is actually put in. Next liaison meeting 13th July at 6.00 pm.

1143 – Highway matters

The clerk has sent a list of highway signs which need cleaning to Andy Simpson. The drain on the A536 opposite Cllr. Coates home is continually overflowing on to the slip road. Clerk to contact highways on this again. Cllr. Waltho had noted an amount of litter thrown out onto School Lane and will attend to this (no doubt whilst walking the dog) – thank you.

1144 – Millennium Park

Cllr. Bonner has the materials to properly repair the sun dial site and hopes to do this shortly. The Council is happy to cover the cost of the materials. The clerk reported that she is retaining the inspection reports on her PC.

1145 – Accounts for payment

Clerk account - £366.68 – cheque No. 626 – approved for payment.

1146 – Financial report to the Council

Each member provided with current receipts, payments and bank reconciliation checked by Cllr. MacCormack against the bank statements.

1147 – Annual Risk Report

Cllr. Waltho had checked equipment and structures and reported all in order. The clerk had added our compliance with the Transparency Act and Cllr. MacCormack signed the report with the approval of the council.

1148 – Correspondence

Two invites to events in the area – very costly – no interest. The SLCC magazine had an article on the installation of a defibrillator which was noted.

1149 – Meeting reports

No further meetings to report on.

1150 – Magazine report

To include – Link Road meeting date; Neighbourhood Plan shelved; Speed watch; Sign cleaning; E mail contact, warning on door to door possible scams.

1151 – Future meeting dates

As the second and third Tuesday clash for Cllr. Smetham and the first is already booked, clerk to see if the fourth Tuesdays are free and re-book our meetings for these. If ok, the next meeting will be 24th May. The clerk has checked that she is available on the revised dates.

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ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 8TH MARCH 2016

CLERK TO POST LAMINATED POLICE CONTACT NOTICES ON THE BOARD

CLERK TO CONTACT PLANNING OFFICER FOR THE LINK ROAD AND SUBMIT OUR FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATIONS

CLLR. SMETHAM TO SPEAK FOR EATON ON THE LINK ROAD AND RODE HEATH WOOD MEETINGS

CLLR. COATES TO FUTHER INVESTIGATE THE COSTS OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR

CLERK TO CONTACT ANDY SIMPSON REGARDING PLOUGH SIGNS AND ALSO SIGN FOR COMMUNITY HALL, PLUS THE DRAIN OVERFLOWING ON THE A536

CLLR. BONNER TO DO SUNDIAL WORK AND BRING ACCOUNT FOR MATERIALS

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT ON LINK ROAD, NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, ATTENDANCE OF PCSO, SIGN CLEANING, E MAIL CONTACT AND WARNING ON DOOR TO DOOR SCAMS.

CLERK TO ENQUIRE IF WE CAN CHANGE TO THE FOURTH TUESDAY FOR OUR MEETINGS AND ADVISE COUNCIL.