

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2nd July, 2019

**Present: Cllrs. Evans, Waltho, Lyne, Weedenburg and Connon
Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham and Clerk Mrs. D. Waite**

Apologies: Cllrs. Goodwin and Cohen

There were no residents present or our CPSO officer.

COUNCIL MEETING

1507 – Minutes

The minutes of the May meetings, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

1508 – Link Road

Cheshire East are still checking average speed on the road. From the meeting attended by Cllrs. Waltho and Connon there is reference that road resurfacing is being sent to the appropriate department but no other action. Clerk to contact CE for an update following this meeting and hope for a positive reply, particularly on road resurfacing. Cllr. Smetham advised that the monies for the road improvements had not been confirmed but the decision on the project itself had. The two sets of monies need to be maximised so there is no duplication. Cllr. Lyne felt we needed to know their plan of approach. Cllr. Waltho felt that time was passing and we needed positive action. There needs to be a critical path for action.

1509 – Spatial Planning

Cllr. Connon had met with Jeremy Owens. The three sets of planning applications, Eaton Cottage, Tarmac and Gladman – none have been allocated for housing. Cheshire East have a five year plan for housing so there is no requirement for this. These are still draft decisions and not considered at a meeting. Cllr. Smetham reported this should be in July.

1510 – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Waltho reported they had a strategic and environmental assessment and there are no issues. They are now considering Tom Evan's comments on the green gap. He still thinks that the land to the south of the link road is vulnerable.

There will be some amendments in the plan to cover this. We have planning evidence to support the non use of the land south of the link road. Adrian Fisher was not in favour of the development of this land and Cheshire East have their 7.2 years of housing. Cllr. Smetham did warn that in early 2020 there may be a review of the local plan. Community Action will update the plan and we will then go to six weeks consultation period and the list is being compiled by Tom Evans. The land at the top of Crauford Road was mentioned but this is outside PG10 and should not be built on. There will be a presentation in the hall and the team will take away the feed back from this. This will be in about a month's time There is still more work to do. Cllr. Evans asked for the thanks of the council to be passed to the Plan team.

1511 – Speedwatch

Need to get out soon and undertake more checks.

1512 – Planning

Gladman Homes Application – This is likely to come up for decision on the 23rd of July and the agenda confirming this should be out by the 16th/17th. Cllr. Cannon will look out for this, get back to the clerk, and submit a suitable paragraph for the magazine. He is willing to attend the planning meeting and speak.

Eaton Bank Academy – The school has applied for grant monies to cover the work. There is as yet no reply to our concerns on hours of working and parking and comments have been sent to this effect.

Tarmac – As indicated previously the council is not in favour of any housing around the park as this would be a move to the south of the village and would encourage further speculation against our wish for a green gap from Moss Lane.

The Smithy, Plough Inn

Although we had not commented on this, it was understood that the highways authority had concerns about the proposed access on to School Lane. This access was in place when it was a Smithy and only blocked off when the Plough used this for staff accommodation. We are happy to leave it to highways to determine this.

Oak Cottage application has been passed and Eaton Cottage refused.

1513 – Highway Matters

The pathway abutting the A536 is reported to be overgrown and Cllr. Evans will check on this and come back to the clerk for possible e mail to highways. Also, the copper beech hedge is blocking the pathway and we will ask Highways for their advice on this.

Cllr. Lyne reported that on the verge near to the A34 end of School Lane a manhole cover was missing and a very immediate danger of a walker falling down this. Cllr. Smetham made contact at the meeting for this to be looked at as a matter of urgency.

1514 - Website Maintenance Payment

Again, we are no nearer to a resolution of this and Cllrs. Lyne and Evans will continue to pursue a solution.

1515 – DNA Workshop

The clerk will contact Julia again to get a firm date for a workshop in the village or possibly arrange for the four interested parties to attend elsewhere.

1516 – Tarmac Liaison

There has been a further meeting and the next will be in January 2020. Cllr. Waltho has noted elsewhere that quarry bunds have been planted with wild flowers and the clerk to contact Kim Shilcock to ask if the bunds abutting School Lane and Bebbington Road – at present bare – can be so planted instead of just grassed.

1517 – Millennium Park

Clerk to let Cllr. Cannon have a copy of the Rospa report and also a note of the repairs which Andrew will undertake for us so that he can compile a formal plan of the maintenance we need to take on board for the future. Also let him have a copy of the park inspection sheet as this may need some amendment.

1518 – Possible Pre-school in the hall

The parish council had attended the meeting and read the additional information provided in the parish magazine. Our major concern on this lies with the access on to the A536 which is identified by the link road mitigation measures.

1519 – Accounts for payment

**Cheque to Cllr. Waltho (7/6/19) for purchase of new battery for the defib - £104.40
S. Oakes - £120 – payment to date for maintenance of park grounds
D.Waite - £470.92 – salary, allowance and postages**

1520 – Report of internal auditor and external audit

Virtually a clean report except one cheque had been presented one day after the end of the financial and the bank reconciliation should have reflected this but the bottom line was exactly the same. The AGAR certificate had been posted to the external auditor and audit requirements confirmed. The notice of public inspection had been posted on the 10th of June with dates of 17th June to 28th July published on the board and on line.

1521 – Bi-monthly financial report

Excel statements of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation passed to each councillor, checked with bank statements and approved.

1522 – Correspondence

Only the Clerk magazine to hand and this taken by Cllr. Evans

1523 – Magazine report

Spatial planning attendance, neighbourhood plan, planning decision meeting on Gladman Homes application, park repairs, report of satisfactory audit

1524 – Next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 3rd September in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST ON MEETING 2ND JULY 2019

CLERK TO CONTACT CE FOR AN UPDATE ON MITIGATIONS

SPEEDWATCH TEAM TO CARRY OUT FURTHER CHECKS

CLLR CONNON TO LET CLERK HAVE PARAGRAPH FOR GLADMAN FOR THE MAGAZINE

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS FOR ADVICE ON HEDGE

CLLRS. EVANS AND LYNE TO PURSUE WEBSITE PAYMENT SOLUTION

CLERK TO CONTACT JULIA FOR SUITABLE DATES AND VENUE FOR DNA WORKSHOP

CLERK TO CONTACT KIM SHILCOCK TO SEE IF BUNDS CAN BE PLANTED WITH WILD FLOWERS INSTEAD OF GRASS

CLERK TO LET CLLR. CONNON HAVE COPY OF ROSPA REPORT AND A COPY OF THE INSPECTION SHEET

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS NOTED IN MINUTES