

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 3rd September, 2019.

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Weedenburg and Cohen; PCSO Julia Short who had sent in a report. No matters causing concern. Cllr. Cohen had telephoned the clerk from hospital where his wife is receiving urgent treatment.

There were no residents present.

1525 – Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

1526 – Link Road

Cllr. Waltho reminded that we should have a list of conditions in the planning decision before the road opens. We have a list of items now from Paul Griffiths but not included are road resurfacing, refuge point, pinch points on widening of the road particularly at Putty Row. Also compliance with condition No.11. Cllr. Smetham commented that they were looking at the whole picture and that it is assessed carefully before a decision is made. There is the road safety fund to be considered so no decision will be reached without including this. Clerk to reply to Paul Griffiths noting our points above and asking for a response.

1527 – Spatial Plan

This is out for consultation. Cllr. Connon went to the cabinet meeting where the plan was approved. 30th September is the closing date for comments. Our concerns housing allocation, settlement boundaries, village infill, green gap. We should comment on approval of what has been agreed and comments should not just be those from objectors, ie. Developers. Cllr. Waltho commented that Havannah as a whole is not included in the Neighbourhood Plan, being part of the Congleton settlement but a few houses in Havannah Lane are in Eaton. We must make our boundary a permanent statement on the SAPD.

1528 – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Waltho commented that there were one or two little adjustments before it goes out to consultation. There will be six weeks consultation with stakeholders,

residents etc. Following this some action may be required dependent on the feedback. Once it has gone through this period it does carry some weight. All this needs to be done as soon as possible. Around 28th September a flyer will go out plus other forms. The consultation period will be from 28th September to 11th November. There will be an invitation to a presentation in the hall to explain how we got to this point and where we can go forward. The whole plan will be on the website along with other documents. We need to get to the point where the Parish Council are happy to send this out under regulation 14. Cllr. Waltho feels that the green gap stands up to scrutiny. However, the neighbourhood plan has to take into account sustainable development, which is a point raised by Tom Evans.

There is a possibility that at some time in the future an application to close part of School Lane could be put forward by Tarmac. There will be some minor changes to the plan and comments added by Cllr. Cannon have been taken in hand. Cllr. Lyne asked when Cllr. Waltho required the approval of the council to go forward. At this point the council were happy to give formal approval to the plan and for Cllr. Waltho to progress this. It is also agreed, as approved previously, that any costs for printing etc. should be met from council funds if grant monies did not cover this.

1529 – Speedwatch

No further report on this.

1530 – Planning

Gladman Homes have withdrawn the application for the present time.

Eaton Cottages – The council were happy with the objection comments proposed by Cllr. Cannon and the clerk to reply accordingly.

Eaton Bank School – We have responded and nothing further to add.

6 School Lane – Cllr. Lyne declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The council have no issues with this application and are happy for consent to be given.

1531 – Highway Matters

There is a drain blockage on the A536 at the junction with the slip road into School Lane where water floods down here after heavy rain. Report to highways.

No action has been taken on the footpath running alongside the A536 and the clerk to e mail again. There is still a problem with the large copper beech blocking the footpath. Two members of the council will contact the resident and hopefully get this cut back.

Concern was expressed that the quality and frequency of the grass cutting had gone down. Clerk to ask highways if any changes have been made to number of cuts and/or contractor. The flower beds at the entrance to Crauford Road leave much to be desired and no-one is maintaining them. Clerk to ask for three volunteers to undertake this, failing which we will ask Cheshire East to level the beds and turf them over.

There are problems in Havannah Lane in that they are not included in the winter gritting plan. Clerk to send e mail to Cllr. Smetham asking her to facilitate the inclusion of Havannah Lane as there are some 40+ houses down there with child residents and tax cars are refusing to go down there in winter weather

1532 – Website maintenance

Problem solved. Cllr. Lyne will take over this and pay the invoices by her credit card and re-invoice to the clerk each quarter. A cheque was raised for Tamsin MacCormack to finalise her costs and the clerk will send this with a thank you letter. It was agreed that the website should be devoted to parish council business as the church has it's own social and church website and Cllr. Lyne will amend the site accordingly. This item can be deleted from future agendas.

1533 – DNA Kits

Remove from future agenda

1534 – Millennium Park

Cllr. Goodwin reported on discussions with Langdale on the play equipment. They will repair the rocking horse and make a new noughts and crosses for us with Tarmac meeting the costs. Langdales had redone the whole of the driveway up to the hall – best we have had – and the clerk has sent our thanks.

Cllr. Cannon, as promised, had completed a survey of our needs on the park. The main responsibility is one of safety. He had prepared a draft safety policy which if approved will be placed on the website. The council were happy on this and he will send a final proof to the clerk. We need to set out an ongoing reserve for repairs and this will be covered in the budget in November.

Clerk to contact Kim Shilcock to ask for a replacement of the padlock on the latch to the inner gate on to the main field which has gone missing. This needs to match with the keys Cllr. Waltho has.

1535 - Accounts for payment:

A further account from Community Action for work on the neighbourhood plan in the sum of £472 had been approved and paid in the interim. The following accounts were approved.

D. Waite – salary and allowance - £458.32 – cheque No. 718

S. Oakes – Park maintenance - £120 – cheque No. 719

T. MacCormack – website maintenance - £86.52 – cheque No. 720

1536 – Bi-monthly finance report

Receipts, payments and bank reconciliation passed to members and checked against bank statements. Clerk reported that the second half of the precept was to hand and would be on the next bank statement.

1537 – Magazine report

To include – Gladman Homes withdrawal; mitigation measures where there will be a consultation and progress by the end of the year; SAPD – favourable vibes but council continue to keep a watch; volunteers for flower bed maintenance; volunteers for park inspections; note of work done for us by Tarmac.

1538 – Next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 5th November when the budget and next financial year precept will be discussed.

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ACTION LIST ON MEETING 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019

CLERK TO CONTACT PAUL GRIFFITHS TO POINT OUT MEASURES NOT INCLUDED IN HIS PROPOSAL

CLLR. WALTHO TO PROGRESS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AS APPROVED

CLERK TO REPLY TO PLANNING ON EATON COTTAGES AND 6 SCHOOL LANE

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS RE BLOCKED DRAIN ON A536

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS ON GRASS CUTTING AND PATH ALONGSIDE THE A536

CLLR. LYNE TO AMEND THE COUNCIL WEBSITE TO REFLECT COUNCIL MATTERS

CLERK TO E MAIL CLLR. SMETHAM TO ASK FOR HAVANNAH LANE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WINTER GRITTING PLAN

CLLR. CONNON TO LET CLERK HAVE FINAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE PARK

CLERK TO CONTACT KIM SHILCOCK FOR A REPLACEMENT PADLOCK FOR THE GATE LATCH

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS OUTLINED IN MINUTES