

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5th November, 2019

Present: Cllrs. Evans, Waltho, Goodwin, Weedenburg and Connon.

Clerk: Mrs. D. Waite

Apologies: Cllrs. Lyne, Cohen, Ward Cllr. Smetham and PCSO Julia Short

Resident: Sue Cook from Beechwood Drive who asked for clarification of the situation of trees on which there was a TPO. Cllr. Waltho answered this and will look into providing a clear map of the location of these. Cllr. Connon advised that a number of trees had been given a TPO in the area near Moss Lane and Havannah Lane and that the officer in that area was very proactive on this. The issue of the beech on the footpath is still a problem and will be looked into

PCSO – Julia Short had sent an e mail report with a small number of incidents noted for Eaton.

COUNCIL MEETING

1539 – Minutes

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

1540 – Link Road and Eaton Village Mitigation Measures

Having received a further communication Cheshire East Highways via David Rutley we still feel that Cheshire East are avoiding their commitments to implement Link Road mitigation measures in the village and in particular road re-surfacing. Advised patching by the Council before March 2020 cannot be accepted as a substitute for properly designed noise mitigation measures. Money must have been allocated for the suite of committed mitigation measures because they are a condition of the planning from 2016. It was also noted that a substantial pot of money for wider A536 safety measures was allocated from the Safer Roads Fund. Cllrs. Waltho and Connon will prepare a draft letter to put before Cheshire East regarding their non compliance with what is required prior to opening of the Link Road.

1541 – Publicity in Congleton Chronicle

Recent articles in Congleton Chronicle had generated a lot of public interest. Cllr. Connon suggested that in future we should send our minutes direct to the Chronicle after approval by the council.

1542 – Spatial Plan and forward boundary planning

We have received notification of the Cheshire East review of parish boundaries and make up of parish councils. A pre-consultation document should have been available on 28th October and we await this. Eaton Parish is still active and representative, and we are keen to protect our parish boundary with Congleton at Moss Lane and not the new link road, a point which is strongly emphasized in the Neighbourhood Plan. We will await the document and then make a report.

Cllr. Cannon advised that the consultation period for the Site Allocations and Development Policies (Spatial Plan) closed on 30th September and responses are being considered by Cheshire East before submission to the planning inspector.

1543 – Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk to thank all the team for their very hard and continuous work on this and also the residents who attended the presentation and return the response forms. There had been a reasonable return on the forms so far with some very positive comments. It was noted that Gladman Homes have made a representation and a thorough review of their arguments will be carried out by the NP Team. There is a meeting on Monday to make responses against any further planning applications.

1544 – Speedwatch

Although needed, the weather is against this at the moment but will be resumed asap.

1545 – Planning

Flaxen Butte, Hillmoor Farm – extension. The council has no objections to this.

Wheelwrights Cottage – replacement building – again no planning objections

Eaton Bank Academy – Cllr. Cannon is still waiting for a meeting with the school. He will contact them to state that as the conditions have been discharged, we are ready for the promised meeting.

As Gladman Homes application has been withdrawn, so this can be left off the agenda for the time being.

1546 – Highway Matters

Flower beds – entrance to Crauford Road. Only one response to our request for assistance on maintaining these. Cllr. Waltho will follow this up and advise the clerk of the position at the beginning of the summer.

A536 public footpath – we have received further complaints on the impassable state of the path and the clerk will approach the footpaths authority for advice on this. In addition, the footpaths down from the Church to Congleton are damaged and overgrown but we will have to wait until the construction subsides and then review the situation.

Water leaking – There are several areas where the drains are overflowing and water is covering the road. With winter approaching this could provide a dangerous driving situation. Clerk to contact highways to ask for the three places identified to be put right and also for a general cleansing of the drains in the parish.

Moss Lane – Cllr. Cannon outlined the situation of construction vehicles using Moss Lane and the issues arising from this. He will speak with residents and each of the contractors and report back.

1547 – Millennium Park

Cllr. Goodwin has not heard from Andrew Langdale on the repairs to play equipment but feels this has been done as inspection reports are satisfactory.

Unfortunately, no favourable response on the request for help with park inspections. Put in magazine again and hope for better.

1548 - Accounts for payment

RBL – payment for wreath £30 – cheque No. 721

Clerk – salary and allowance - £458.32 – cheque No. 722

S. Oakes – park weeding - £120 – cheque No. 723

E.Charlesworth – N.Plan printing - £69.24 – cheque No. 724

Cora Wholesale – paper for printing - £15.00 – cheque No. 725

Christ Church Eaton – hall hire - £140 – cheque No. 726

1549 – Bi monthly report

Passed to each councilor showing receipts, payment and bank reconciliation and checked and approved. There is a cheque for £86.52 issued to T. MacCormack for website maintenance on 3rd September which has not been presented. Ask Tamsin to request her bank to look for this and if definitely lost we will have to cancel with our bank and issue a new cheque.

1550 – Budget and Precept

Much discussion on this owing to the fact that we saved a lot on grass cutting etc. in 2018/19 and therefore kept the precept to £4700 for 2019/20. However, during this year we have needed to put website maintenance into precept and owing to additional workload the hours of the clerk have been increased from four to five hours per week. Including all of these new costs gave a precept estimate of £5366 for 2020/21.

It was decided to remove the payment under Sect. S137 as this was a one off in 2019/20 and therefore the agreed precept for 2020/21 came to £5166. Owing to the need to keep abreast of repairs to park equipment which is over 15 years old and bus shelters, it was agreed to budget for a figure of £300 in each year to cover forward costs and this is included in the precept figure.

1551 – Magazine Report

To include thanks to the NPlan team for the work they have done and are continuing to do and for the excellent presentation of the plan. Also thank residents for attending and returning the response forms. Park inspections – ask again for additional help. Christmas greetings and date of next meeting.

1552 – Next meeting

This will be on Tuesday 7th January in the hall at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

CLLR. WALTHO TO LOCATE MAP OF TREES SUBJECT TO TPO

CLLRS WALTHO AND CONNON TO PREPARE DRAFT LETTER ON MITIGATIONS

CLERK TO SEND APPROVED MINUTES TO CONGLETON CHRONICLE

CLLR. WALTHO TO FOLLOW UP OFFER ON FLOWER BED MAINTENANCE

CLERK TO CONTACT FOOTPATHS ON PUBLIC PATH ACCESS

CLERK TO CONTACT HIGHWAYS ON VARIOUS DRAIN JETTING NEEDED

CLLR. CONNON TO SPEAK WITH RESIDENTS AND CONTRACTORS RE MOSS LANE

CLERK TO CONTACT TAMSIN MACCORMACK TO TRACE MISSING CHEQUE

CLERK TO SEND PRECEPT REQUEST AT APPROPRIATE TIME

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS OUTLINED IN MINUTES