

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 3rd March, 2020

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Lyne and Cohen

Residents: Chris Wood, Nigel Evans and Kate Irving

The above residents were present at the meeting and voiced their disagreement with the position of the northern average speed camera, which is part of the Link Road mitigation scheme for the A536 through Eaton. It was pointed out that members of Eaton PC had already requested CE Highways on 10th January to look at moving the camera approximately 100 to 200 yards further north, but that this was not possible due to a lack of space on the verge, no nearby power supply and safety and operability constraints. It was explained that the camera installation at Eaton was the first phase of a wider scheme to install average speed cameras along the whole length of the A536 in the next financial year.

COUNCIL MEETING

1565 – Minutes

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

1566 – Mitigation Measures

As the authority responsible for the A536, CE Highways has developed a package of Link Road mitigation measures to control safety, speed and noise through Eaton. This was communicated with an accompanying drawing to all residents in early February. In light of the concerns expressed by some residents above, Eaton PC remains satisfied that the package of measures represents the best possible outcome for the village. Installation work is scheduled to start March 2020. Whilst it is always the case that more can be done, Eaton PC is happy for the work to proceed on this basis.

1567 – Spatial Plan

Following a high number of comments received from the latest SADPD consultation in 2019, Cheshire East Council is taking time to consider carefully the responses.

1568 – Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to make steady progress, and it is currently in the hands of Cheshire East at the Regulation 16 stage. This phase is due to complete on 11th March. Likely timescale for the referendum will be May.

Responding to a question from Cllr. Smetham on behalf of our MP David Rutley about plans for additional housing in the Eaton area, it was explained that there are no specific housing allocations in the NP and that any proposals would be assessed under the Infill Boundary policies.

1569 – Planning

New Leaf – It was noted that a second planning application (20/0256C) for agricultural buildings under permitted development rules had been made and that it was identical to application (19/5692C) which had been refused less than one-month earlier. The second application has been refused for the same reasons. It was noted that activity is continuing on the site and that Cllr. Smetham was requested to follow up on a Cheshire East enforcement action lodged to investigate a possible change of use.

Ladera – Cllr. Smetham attended the appeal hearing brought by Ladera Park Ltd against the enforcement notice issued by Cheshire East. Caravan owners want the status of their caravans to be changed to year round residential status (and liable to pay Council Tax) instead of leisure status as originally approved. Cllr. Waltho felt it was “planning approval through the back door” and expressed the view that the planning policies and rules should be upheld by Cheshire East as originally intended. The Inspector’s decision is awaited.

Eaton Bank Academy - Cllr. Cannon stated that work started in January and that the site appears to be moving forward quickly.

Sand Quarry – The application for the new sand plant has been approved with conditions.

1570 – Highway Matters

Andy Simpson from CE Highways has replied to the detailed list of matters needing attention and these are in hand.

A commitment to repair highway potholes on Moss Lane adjacent to Rose Cottage has not yet been fulfilled. However it was noted that HGV traffic from nearby construction sites has stopped.

Parking Problems – Eaton PC has explained the parking and turning rules to residents in the affected areas and no further enforcement action can be taken. Clerk to contact Peaks and Plains again for an answer to our questions on the usage of the garages.

Flower Beds – Two offers received on maintenance. It was proposed that these should be converted to raised flower beds and we will ask Cheshire East to leave them fallow after the spring flowering and look into the above. Clerk to contact Daniel Cawthra at Graham's to ask if they would be interested in supporting this project for the village.

The lights set on the green by the Plough are too bright and in the wrong position. Cllr. Waltho will discuss this with them.

1571 – Millennium Park

Clerk to contact Daniel Ives of Tarmac, following the last liaison meeting, to ask if they will timber treat all the equipment and fences in the play area before the arranged ROSPA inspection in April. Also would Daniel check on the bins and replaced any required as offered.

1572 – Annual Risk Report

The clerk had prepared this and with the agreement of the council it was signed.

1573 – Accounts for payment

Cheque for Cllr. Lyne for payment on website maintenance - £98.51 cheque No. 731 – as approved by the council the lost cheque to Tamsin McCormack has been replaced and the former put back into receipts. Explanatory notes about the unrepresented cheque have been entered into the Council's accounts.

Clerk account £458.32 – cheque No. 732

1574 – Bi-monthly accounts report

Each councilor given a copy of receipts, payments and bank reconciliation checked with current statements. The lower balance in the current account is sufficient to cover expenses to the end of the financial year. The accounts will be finalized at the end of March followed by a meeting to approve these.

1575 – Correspondence

Arts leaflet and clerk magazine – taken by council members

1576 – Magazine Report

Report to be included on the current mitigation measures progress. The report will reflect that most residents providing feedback to the Council have been

complimentary and appreciative of the work carried out to secure the package of mitigation measures. Where questions have been raised and then constraints subsequently explained, most residents have been understanding.

A Neighbourhood Plan report will be included as per minute 1568 above.

We have two residents, whom we thank, for offering to carry on the flower beds and arrangements are being made to put this in hand. Date of next annual and council meetings in May.

1577 – Next meeting

These will be on Tuesday 5th May with the annual parish and annual council meetings.

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ACTION LIST – MEETING 3RD MARCH

CLLR. SMETHAM TO ENQUIRE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ENFORCEMENT ON NEW LEAF IN BACK WOOD

CLERK TO CONTACT PEAKS & PLAINS AGAIN ON ALLOCATION OF THE GARAGES ON CRAUFORD ROAD

CLERK TO CONTACT DANIEL AT GRAHAME CONSTRUCTION RE PROJECT ON FLOWER BEDS

CLLR. WALTHO TO SPEAK WITH PLOUGH ON LIGHTS ON THE GREEN

CLERK TO CONTACT DAN AT TARMAC RE TREATMENT WORKS IN PARK

CLERK TO ARRANGE ACCOUNTS MEETING IN DUE COURSE

CLERK TO PREARE REPORT FOR APRIL MAGAZINE