

Minutes of zoom meeting of Eaton Parish Council on Tuesday 8th September at 7.00 pm.

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

**Apologies: Cllr. Weedenburg
Resident observer – Nigel Evans**

1603 – Approval of minutes

The July meeting was held by e mail, the report circulated to members and was approved.

1604 – Mitigation Measures

Resident Neville Slater had forwarded to the council his letter to Highways – Andy Simpson – regarding problems with overflow from drains in School Lane and water which had come on to his property. The council will write to Highways in support of his request for action on this

On Putty Row and Brookside Cottages the council had observed that the new highway surface was in places level with the frontage of some cottages. An e mail has been sent to Fay Price, Paul Griffiths and Andy Simpson for an inspection of the area and a reply.

Also, the drain on the A536 abutting No.6 School Lane had been jetted but it was pointed out to highways that unless measures could be taken to overcome the debris being washed down the hill from the hedge bank then this situation would soon occur again. Highways, as above, were asked to look into this and come up with a solution.

Moss Lane is being closed for work on the link road until January when it will be re-opened with access for residents, pedestrians and horses only. The heavy traffic from the development site has ceased.

Cllr. Lyne commented on the condition of the footpath from the Church to the High School and the danger this presented to students walking to the school. The clerk was asked to contact highways to have the path cleared for safety. Include Simon Davies in the e mail on this

1605 – New roundabout

We had been asked by Congleton Town if we wished to join with them in promoting different landscapes on the roundabouts. After consideration it was decided we would remain with whatever Cheshire East proposed.

1606 – Neighbourhood Plan and Government planning

The proposals up for comment from the Government on opening up planning for housing will have a negative impact on our Neighbourhood Plan. Both Cllr. Waltho and Cllr. Connon had up come with a comprehensive reply on this, which will be sent to our MP David Rutley. It also needs to be included in our comments to the commission and it was also suggested we should let our neighbouring parishes know of our action. The letter and documents to be put on the website for residents to know the work we are doing on this.

1607 – Spatial Planning

No further news at present but Cllr. Smetham indicated that Cheshire East would shortly be looking into this.

1608 – Planning

No.6 School Lane – the council were happy with this application

Wheelwrights Cottage – no objections but added two pieces of planning regulations for Cheshire East to consider

Eaton Cottage has been refused on PG6 and we should ensure that this particular regulation is not weakened.

1609 – Closure A536

The closure order is a general one which enables work to be done on the road as and when required. Notice of the closure has been put on the notice board, website and parish news.

Raised beds – the clerk advised that although a time consuming task, the spent flower heads needed to be removed to promote new flowers. The overall look with the mass of dahlias has been really good.

1610 – Millennium Park

Cllr. Goodwin reported she had spoken with Andrew and all the required work on the play equipment is done or in hand. Also the large branch broken from the oak tree has been removed. The gate at the end of the walk, not repairable, has been replaced.

1611 – Inspection reports

These are coming to the clerk either electronically or by hand.

1612 – Resident question

Mr. Slater had asked if it was possible for some restoration work to be done on the village sign. It was resolved to leave this until the link road work was complete and then look into the matter.

1613 – Accounts for payment

Clerk account, invoice from S. Oakes for park maintenance and statement from Cllr. Lyne for expenditure on website maintenance. The council agreed payment of each of these.

1614 – Bi monthly finance report

The clerk had sent excel statements of receipts and payments plus a bank Reconciliation to each member. Also copies of the bank statements had been sent to the Chair for checking. All in order and approved.

The clerk had received notice from our internal auditors JDH Business that they had updated their terms and conditions of audit. These were sent to the Chair and both the Chair and Clerk were happy to sign and accept these.

1615 -Website

Clerk asked to put the website on the parish news so that residents could link in and follow our actions. It needs a little updating and Cllr. Lyne will deal with this.

AOB

Clerk asked to remind Highways that the grass on the footpath behind Crauford Road needed to be cut up to the end. Also the beech hedge is still blocking the footpath. It is possible it is planted outside the boundary of the property. Ask Andy Simpson to look at this, it needs drastic cutting back, and an enforcement may be necessary.

1616 – Next Meeting

This first zoom meeting had gone very well and Cllr. Smetham was thanked for her organization and advice on this. Cllr. Cohen has an unlimited zoom and will host the next meeting. He will let Cllr. Lyne have the link in good time to advise residents on our website. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.00 pm

1617 – Parish News and Notice board

The clerk will prepare a report for the news and also post this on the board. News to include action on White Paper, mitigation measures, millennium park repairs

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ACTION LIST FROM ZOOM MEETING 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

CLERK TO SEND WHITE PAPER RESPONSE LETTER TO DAVID RUTLEY BY MAIL AND E MAIL, PLACE ON COMMISSION SITE AND ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE. ALSO, BRING NEIGHBOURING PARISHES IN ON OUR ACTION

CLERK TO SUPPORT ACTION ON SCHOOL LANE DRAINAGE PROBLEM

CLERK TO WATCH FOR REPLY ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS ON PUTTY ROW, BROOKSIDE COTTAGES AND DRAIN ABUTTING A536

CLERK TO ASK HIGHWAYS FOR CLEARANCE OF THE FOOPATH FROM THE CHURCH TO HAVANNAH FOR SAFETY OF STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL

CLERK TO ADVISE CONGLETON TOWN THAT WE WILL GO WITH WHATEVER CHESHIRE EAST PLANS FOR THE ROUNDABOUT

LOOK AT RESTORING VILLAGE SIGN ONCE WORK ON THE ROAD IS COMPLETE

CLLR. LYNE TO UPDATE ANY OLD INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

CLERK TO CONTACT ANDY SIMPSON AGAIN ON THE BEECH OVERGROWING THE FOOTPATH AND ALSO ENSURE THE PATH IS MOWED REGULARLY

CLLR. COHEN TO SET UP NEXT MEETING AND ADVISE CLLR. LYNE OF THE LINK.