

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 20th July 2021

**Present: Cllrs. Evans, Goodwin, Waltho, Weedenburg and Connon
Ward Cllr. Lesley Smetham, PCSO Julia Short and Clerk
Dorothy Waite**

Apologies: Cllrs. Lyne and Cohen

There were no residents present but Nigel Evans had queried with the council whether we should go back to Cheshire East on the situation that the road surface in the village was not the same as the link road. Cllr. Waltho advised that although it was different it was in fact safer than that of the link road and was what we had agreed to. Advise Nigel of this and suggest he contacts Paul Griffiths himself if he still not satisfied on this point

COUNCIL MEETING

1690 – Approval of minutes

The July minutes from the last zoom, having been circulated, were approved and signed

1691 – Mitigations

We are still awaiting the promised improvements in the entrance to the track down to Hillmoor Farm and a path up to the Church. Two delays have happened and we are awaiting details on when this work can go ahead. There are possible outstanding matters at Brookside Cottages – kerb to hold back any heavy rain water – and the clerk will check back on previous e mails.

1692 – Speed Limits

Cllrs. Evans and Weedenburg had taken photos of the area with a safety issue on the stretch from the roundabout up to Moss Lane. We still have insistence on a 50 mph at this point. Julia Short suggested we forget speed and go along with the issue of road safety – she will send the clerk a link for this contact. Also, it would be useful to have the views of residents who walk this section of the footpath.

Being relative to getting to schools, Cllr. Evans had received a request as to why the school bus to Marton was using School Lane instead of turning at the Plough and using the new link road. Cllr. Smetham will make contact and reply on this.

1693 – SAPD

Cllr. Cannon reported that the independent examination of the SADPD is moving forward. The Inspector has written to Cheshire East with some initial questions and one concerns Local Green Gaps and whether there is some duplication between PG14 and Neighbourhood Plans. There is the question of whether we take the act in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan on the green gaps. It was felt that PG14 supports Eaton NP policy BNE2 and using both would provide a stronger forward position. Cllr. Cannon undertook to write a few lines in support.

1694 – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Waltho will need to contact Tom Evans again regarding the “made” plan. Cllr. Waltho submitted the invoice for the publicity expenses for the plan and will chase up the remaining details. The clerk will prepare a cheque for him.

1695 – Community Governance Review

There is nothing more to report. Surrounding parish councils are firmly against the proposals. Cllr. Waltho felt that the various issues should have been discussed with councils before the proposals were put forward. Cllr. Cannon is happy to continue with the council liaison meetings and felt that some useful information could be gained from these.

1696 – Residents e-mail list

So far some 19 names have applied to go on the list. Cllr. Smetham will query having an up to date copy of the electoral role so that we can identify the areas the list is covering.

1697 – Planning

Cllr. Smetham advised, as had been announced, there is considerable delay in processing planning applications due to the pandemic and staff absences.

Crompton Close – we have no objections

14 School Lane – Cllr. Weedenburg – who lives next door – had no concerns on this. Cllr. Lyne wondered with the possible increase in car use, the applicants had provision for this parking within their garden. Resident – Neville Slater – wished the application to be marked that no deliveries or work on the site should commence before 8 am.

1698 – Tarmac

Clerk to contact Daniel for suggestions of dates when the next liaison meeting could be held. We have a number of matters for discussion.

1699 – Highway Matters

Clerk to contact Andy Simpson to get the direction sign, presently leaning against a tree, put back on the Plough green and also ask him to check other signage in the area. The Council felt that the frequency of the grass cutting had been put back and clerk to ask about this. Also, the path which adjoins the A536 is very overgrown and is not receiving any attention when the grass is cut. Remind residents of the need to cut back their hedges when they grow over the pavement. Also there is concern on light pollution with some residents having a light which is so powerful it lights up the interior of neighbouring houses. Ask residents to ensure this is not the case with their lighting.

1700 – Millennium Park

Following a meeting in the park, Tarmac are willing to do some work for us on the essential matters contained in the Rospa report. The area by the swings will be raised up and repairs to the strimmer damage addressed. We can discuss these further at the next liaison meeting

1701 – Accounts for payment

Payment was approved and cheques raised for these, as follows:

Clerk – salary, expenses and allowance £467.27 cheque No 761

S. Oakes – park maintenance - £120 – cheque No. 760

Cheshire Community Action – Subs - £20 – cheque No. 759

1702 – Finance report

The receipts, payment and bank reconciliation had been sent to all councillors and checked by the Chair against the bank statements. All approved

The audit report was entirely satisfied with the actual accounts but stressed that we must ensure that all documents were available to residents on our website under the accountability heading. Cllr. Lyne has confirmed to the clerk that all the required documents are on line and it is up to date

1703 – Remembrance poppies

John Dines and Nigel Evans had raised the idea of each of our lampposts having a poppy attached. These would be obtained from the British Legion at a cost of £10

each and we would need around 40. It is proposed that they do a leaflet drop and ask residents to support a poppy near to them. The council may be willing to make up any shortfall with a donation.

1704 – Plough parking

Cllr. Waltho advised the Plough staff were very aware of any future parking problems and were in the process of acquiring some extra land for this. Also, although the green in front of the Plough belongs to the highway, the Plough have previously employed a gardener to maintain this. Due to the pandemic this has fallen back and hopefully now matters are improving the work will be done

1705 – Light pollution

A number of premises and household have outside security lighting which is so powerful it is lighting up adjoining residences. Ask in the magazine for those concerned to check on the frequency and direction of their security lighting so that it is not affecting properties opposite.

1706 – PCSO Report

Julia Short reported on the large increase in thefts of caravans and from outbuildings and stressed the need to check on the security measures on these. Leaflets were also left with the clerk on where residents could take part in a survey of their concerns on local issues. Also a leaflet on up to date contact with our PCSO service will be on the notice board.

1707 – Magazine report

Report on increase in caravan theft and theft from outbuildings. Actions continuing to address the safety issue for pedestrians on the footpath. Thanks to those who have allowed their names to go on the e mail list. Hedge cutting back. Light pollution issues. Also to visit the Cheshire East Highways site to report any potholes in the area.

Our first face to face meeting was a welcome change with separate tables and use of hand sanitizing as a precaution in these early days. The next meeting of the council will, we hope, be in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 7th September at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST ON MEETING 20TH JULY 2021

CLERK TO CONTACT NIGEL EVANS ON HIS ISSUE WITH THE ROAD RESURFACING

CLERK TO CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON BROOKSIDE COTTAGES

PCSO JULIA SHORT TO LET THE CLERK HAVE A LINK TO THE ROAD SAFETY SITE TO PURSUE OUR ISSUES BY THE NARROW PATH

CLLR. CONNON TO PEN A SHORT NOTE ON SAPD

CLERK TO RAISE CHEQUE FOR NP EXPENSES AS AGREED

CLLR. SMETHAM TO FACILITATE HAVING AN UP TO DATE COPY OF THE ELECTORAL ROLE FOR THE CLERK

CLERK TO CONTACT DANIEL AT TARMAC FOR SUGGESTED DATES FOR THE NEXT LIAISON MEETING

CLERK TO CONTACT ANDY SIMPSON TO QUERY FREQUENCY OF GRASS CUTTING AND ALSO THE OVERGROWN AREAS IN THE PATH BY THE A536 ALSO ASK FOR CHECK ON SIGNAGE AND FOR THE ROUTE SIGN ON THE PLOUGH GREEN TO BE PUT BACK

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES – JOHN DINES AND NIGEL EVANS WILL PREPARE A LEAFLET DROP AND LET THE COUNCIL KNOW OF PROGRESS

CLERK TO REPORT IN MAGAZINE OF CARAVAN THEFT, LIGHT POLLUTION, HEDGE CUTTING, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES ON PATH, POT HOLE REPORTING