

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th January, 2022

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

Apologies: Cllr. Cohen (Shielding)

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Each member used hand sanitizer, tables were sanitized, each councillor had a distanced separate table and masks were worn.

There were no residents at the meeting.

MEETING

1743 – Minutes

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

1744 – Brookside Cottages

An e mail of 5th November stated that the kerbing works required at Brookside Cottages was awaiting information from contractors to enable the work to be budgeted and scheduled. It was pointed out at the meeting that the work should be part of the mitigation measures as the raising of the road surface had made the kerbing work necessary. Clerk to contact Cheshire East to point this out and ask for an update.

1745 – Speed on the Link Road

We discussed communication received from Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths and agreed that the matter of speeding/nuisance noise on the link road is a matter for the Police and Highways. Although we don't believe that Eaton PC is being directly affected by this, because the link road is partly in Eaton then we would be willing to support collective action together with others affected. Clerk to contact our PCSO Julia Short as there is evidence of speeding at the middle roundabout with misuse of the road at night.

1746 – SADPD

There is no further update. Everyone is waiting for the report of the inspector following consultations

1747 – Neighbourhood Plan

No further update. In the light of the Governance proposals, Cllr Waltho wondered whether we ought to update the boundary section of the plan to combat these proposals. Conversations with Havannah have indicated their wish to remain in the parish of Eaton and Cllr. Waltho will have discussions with Tom Evans. There are at least four or five different boundaries depending on whether they are used for council, parish, electoral etc. and it would be ideal to have one agreed boundary to cover these.

1748 – Community Governance Review

This is going to council in May but there may be discussions before then and we await the decision. Cllr. Waltho had been approached to speak on Radio Cheshire on our views and will be willing to do this if asked.

1749 – Hillmoor Farm and horses

It was noted that application 21/1547M was approved October 2021 with conditions. The Parish Council is aware of significant ongoing activity in this area and will continue to monitor developments closely. The Council also noted that a large fire was witnessed in the area on Saturday 11th December which had a significant impact on nearby residents. The matter was reported to the appropriate authorities including the Fire Service, the Police and Environmental Health.

1750 – Tarmac

No reply to the e mail to Daniel re park equipment repairs and proposals on the application to close School Lane. Make contact again and ask for an early January liaison meeting to discuss the above to include the environmental impact.

1751 – Highway Matters

The clerk asked for attention to the state of the road in Beechwood Drive from the entrance up to the green. Best solution to ask nearby residents to lodge a request on line stating the problem but maybe put a note on the board about this. Cllr. Waltho had been asked why there were not signs for Eaton on the boundary of the village as was the case in Marton. Cllr. Smetham will enquire into this and who would be required to pay for the work.

1752 – Millennium Park

In addition to the repairs noted above, we thank Sue Cook for taking over one of the inspection posts. Cllr. Waltho will make contact to show her what is involved.

1753 – Accounts for payment

In the interim, payments to S.Oakes for the final work in the park and to S.Waltho for purchase of pads for the defib had been agreed and paid. Approved at the meeting were payments as follows:

**Clerk £458.32 covering salary and office allowance – cheque No 770
Eaton Church for use of the hall for two meetings £60 – cheque No. 771**

1754 – Accounts report

Presentations covering receipts, payments and bank reconciliation had been e mailed to council members and Cllr. Evans checked these against bank statements for approval. The two cheques issued between meetings not presented at the date of the reconciliation and these noted.

1755 – Precept 2022/23

Following enquiries with Chalc on the subject of clerk payments, it was necessary to look again at the precept. Although a figure of £7181 had been proposed on the initial thoughts, it is now not felt necessary to increase this as much. Therefore the salary figure will be increased from £2600 to £3000 to cover any figure for a replacement clerk and £1000 – ring fenced – will be precepted each year to cover replacement equipment and repairs in the park. These taken into account a precept figure of £6591 was proposed and agreed. Cllr. Cannon pointed out that Eaton was still low compared to other councils and our housekeeping needed to keep aware of increasing costs.

1756 – Magazine report

To include thanks for cleaning of defib kiosk, thank you to those carrying out the park inspections and to Sue Cook for joining the team, precept for 22/23 with breakdown on the notice board and on line.

1757 – Next meeting

This will be on the 1st of March in the hall at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST FROM MEETING 4TH JANUARY 2022

CLERK TO CONTACT CHESHIRE EAST TO POINT OUT KERBING NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF HIGHER ROAD SURFACE AND TO ASK FOR AN UPDATE

CLERK TO CONTACT JULIA SHORT RE THE MISUSE OF THE LINK ROAD

CLLR. WALTHO TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH TOM EVANS ON POSSIBLE REVISION OF OUR PROPOSALS ON BOUNDARY

CLERK TO CONTACT JULIA SHORT TO ASK FOR ONGOING OBSERVATION OF ACTIVITIES AT HILLMOOR FARM

CLERK TO E MAIL DANIEL AGAIN TO ASK FOR EARLY JANUARY LIAISON MEETING

CLERK TO ENQUIRE IF NEARBY RESIDENTS CONCERNED ON CONDITION OF BEECHWOOD DRIVE FROM ENTRANCE TO GREEN

CLLR. SMETHAM TO ENQUIRE INTO POSSIBILITY OF EATON SIGNS FURTHER OUT FROM THE CENTRE AS ALREADY DONE IN MARTON AND NORTH RODE

CLERK TO PREPARE BREAKDOWN TABLE OF PRECEPT FOR NOTICE BOARD AND ON LINE

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS INDICATED IN MINUTES