

Minutes of meeting of Eaton Parish Council held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 3rd January, 2023

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

Apologies: Cllr. Lyne

Residents: David and Louise Burt, Kate Hart

The residents had no specific questions to raise and wished to observe and answer any Questions from the council in respect of the recent flooding.

COUNCIL MEETING

1840 – Minutes

The minutes of the November 2022 meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

1841 – Village Flooding

Cllr. Waltho commented on the various actions that have been taken since the flooding itself. Nothing positive has come about and we need to have a site meeting to establish the inadequate drainage in the village and have someone take responsibility. Our MP David Rutley was contacted at the time to ask for his support and action. CE have promised footway improvements to keep excess running water on the lane away from the properties. It is possible that the lane water is getting into the foul sewer and the drainage cannot take it. The original drainage system was put in around 1951 when the Crauford Road and School Lane houses were built and it has not been updated since that time. Until the problem with the culvert on the A536 is solved there is no point in improving drainage from the fields. David Brunt commented he had seen several UU vans by the Plough but it was not known if this was connected to the flooding. Cllr. Smetham commented that by law it was understood that the responsibility for water problems lay with the owner of the land through which it passes. She will keep Cllr. Waltho in the picture with any further information that is required for going forward. She felt that the way forward was to get CE to contact the various people as a whole rather than going forward by any individual. She will contact the Highways Flood Team and keep Cllr. Waltho and the clerk in the picture. Clerk to contact David Rutley to ask if he has any reply from United Utilities.

1842 – SADPD, NP AND CGR UPDATES

SADPD has been passed by CE. The protection of the green gap comes into force with this approval.

No further update on Neighbourhood Plan

CGR – Comes into force in April and shows the areas we have given up in Buglawton and Havannah and the houses south of Moss Lane.

1842 – Development Contribution etc.

This is now covered by the approval of the SADPD

1843 – Planning

The advert sign at the Waggon & Horses – there is no objection to its approval.

Nothing further to report on matters at Hillmoor and any tipping is with permission. Cllr. Smetham is keeping in contact with Enforcement and keeping an eye on the situation.

1844 – Millennium Park

Cllr. Waltho will check if the Syson bench is still in the park and on its condition so that the clerk can take this forward. Again, we need to make a spring inspection of the equipment and the ground and also wait for the Rospa report expected in April.

At the present time, it is not thought another liaison meeting would prove useful.

1845 – Bus Shelters

Cllr. Goodwin remains in touch regarding repairs but as they are being done on a voluntary basis we will need to wait until the repairer has time.

1846 – Parish Boundary signs and highway matters

Cllr. Smetham will check on the procedure to progress signs to confirm our parish boundaries. We would initially wish to install two and the design of these and the cost to install will be a factor.

Comment on the signs at the entry to Moss Lane which would appear to be out of date. Clerk to ask Andy Simpson to check on these and comment

1847 – Defib

Anticipate no further expense and Cllr. Waltho has one further set of pads available from his home if required.

1848 – Accounts for payment

Clerk account - £501.66 – cheque No. 792 – approved

1849 – Bi monthly finance report

Statements of receipts, payment and bank reconciliation forward to council members. All approved and the reconciliation checked against the bank statements

1850 – Precept

The clerk had received an e mail from Lawrence Whittaker asking for details of the increase in our precept from the previous year. We had exceeded the percentage allowed under Schedule D by 5%. This information has been sent but a delay in reply through the holiday closures at their offices.

1851 – Magazine Report

Firstly, wish all a Happy New Year although it will be February before the report goes out. On the flooding comment that we are still waiting for progress on the situation from CE. The Council has been very active and has carried out a lot of investigation and enquiries to progress the matter. The Site Housing Development plan has been approved by CE and the council is pleased with this as it sits very nicely with our Neighbourhood Plan. The changes

from the Community Governance report come into force in April and again it is pleasing that our proposals were taken on board and historic areas are to remain in Eaton. It was good to have the attendance and input from the residents affected by the flooding and the council will be sure to keep them in touch on any progress and actions.

1852 – Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday the 7th of March in the Parish Hall at 7.00 pm.

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ACTION LIST FROM ABOVE MEETING

CLLR. SMETHAM TO KEEP CONTACT WITH FLOODING TEAM AND OURSELVES

CLERK TO CHECK IF DAVID RUTLEY HAS A REPLY FROM UU

CLLR. WALTHO TO CHECK ON BENCH IN THE PARK

CLLR. SMETHAM TO CHECK ON FINANCE AND PROCEDURE FOR POSSIBLE BOUNDARY SIGNS

CLERK TO ASK ANDY SIMPSON TO CHECK ON SIGNS ON MOSS LANE

CLERK TO PREPARE MAGAZINE REPORT AS DETAILED IN MINUTES