

Eaton Parish Council – Meeting of the 2nd July 2024

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at Eaton Community Hall.

Members: Cllr. C Van Weerdenburg (Chair), Cllr. S Waltho (Vice Chair), Cllr. M Cohen, Cllr. S Cook, Cllr. C Harrison, Cllr. I Goodwin, Cllr. N Thorpe

Clerk: E. Worrall

PART 1 - PUBLIC AND PRESS

There will be an opportunity for public participation at the start of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman. This period will last for no longer than 15 minutes.

There were no members of the public present.

1990 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been received in advance by Ward Councillor, Lesley Smetham.

1991 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

1992 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of May 2024.

1993 To consider and resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the General Power of Competence, as two thirds of Councillors were elected, and the Councillor has a suitably qualified Clerk.

1994 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

The Clerk provided a brief update on various matters, as shared by Lesley. This included broadband (no update), flooding (Lesley had noted works being completed in Eaton), the Plough (Lesley had noted a police car attending the pub) and the Ward budget (an apology has been received from Cheshire East; Lesley is continuing to pursue this).

1995 To receive an update on broadband and digital provision within the village.

Cllr. Cook noted that a provider had been chosen. However, this appears to have been slowed, pending the upcoming General Election. There are several outlying farms that still require access to broadband. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

1996 To receive an update on known flooding and drainage issues within the village and discuss any new occurrences

Cllr. Waltho said that there had been no progress on this, barring a new fire hydrant being installed. The weather has been dry, which has helped with the progress. Andy Simpson has said that, when wet weather resumes, this will be investigated. A local tenant farmer has offered to complete some digging out of a local field, to help and gain new information regarding the problem. Andy Simpson would like to be in attendance when this work is completed. Cllr. Waltho will follow this up with the tenant farmer (who is currently on holiday).

Cllr. Cook said that, having spoken with Cheshire East workers, the roadworks in the village appear to be completed by Cheshire East and the hole will be filled with concrete. Cllr. Waltho will speak to Andy Simpson to gain an update.

1997 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

There were no planning applications.

1998 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

Cllr. Waltho confirmed that a comment had been submitted on planning application 24/1726C. These comments were circulated around the Council and were then submitted on the 3rd June. The Council are awaiting an update as the decision date on this has been delayed.

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the comments submitted by Cllr. Waltho.

1999 To receive an update on boundary signs and whether the Council will seek to gain quotations and install them in the near future

Cllr. Cook had contacted the sign provider used by North Rode. The signs and post clips, which had been previously reviewed and discussed by the Council, are £192.96 + VAT each with delivery £90.00, based on a purchase of eight. The posts and installation would need to be costed separately.

The Council had agreed that four signs were “definite” and four were “possible”. These will be discussed further with Andy Simpson when he visits Eaton to discuss the flooding issue (Item 1996).

A further costing will be completed, following the discussion with Andy Simpson, ahead of the November meeting to allow the Council to approve when they approve their precept for 2025 – 2026.

The broken boundary sign has been reported to Cheshire East and they are awaiting a further repair – this has been reported to Cheshire East.

2000 To receive an update on the Parish Council’s liaison with the Plough Inn, including related liaison with the Police and Cheshire East Council

The Plough will be invited to the next meeting to discuss matters.

The Clerk had received communication from David Connor (Cheshire Police). David had confirmed that any noise disturbances or anti-social behaviour can be reported to the Police via the non-emergency 101 number. Parking issues can also be reported to the Police via 101.

Cllr. Harrison suggested that an informal conversation held at the Plough with one of the Managers may be better in the first instance. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to discuss informally with the Plough in the first instance at the Plough and then extend an invite to the next meeting. Any out-of-the-ordinary extreme instances of anti-social behaviour will be reported to the Police by the non-emergency number.

The Council agreed their priorities are reducing nuisance noise and asking for a list of ‘event dates’ such as wedding fayres (to allow these to be publicised throughout the village).

2001 To receive an update on village maintenance (including Council owned asset maintenance)

Cllr. Waltho had discussed the park at the last meeting with TARMAC. Regular grass cuts have been requested as part of the ongoing liaison with TARMAC – the grass has been cut and TARMAC have been made aware of the upcoming garden party. Cllr. Goodwin had spoken to TARMAC’s operative, and a cut will be completed this Friday 5th July and Tuesday 9th July.

TARMAC have also agreed to complete some work re-levelling underneath the swings and the slide. This is to be arranged.

Cllr. Harrison has completed some maintenance to the gates to avoid pinching. Some remedial work is needed to the metal, and this is still to be completed. Cllr. Harrison will also clean the signs ahead of the garden party. The rotten bench will be removed by Cllr. Harrison.

TARMAC will ask Landale fencing to attend site and review the fencing as several of the posts are rotten and not fit for purpose.

2002 To receive an update on the Council's ongoing liaison with TARMAC, including the issues of flooding on the permissive path

Cllr. Waltho shared an update on the flooding. TARMAC are liaising with the adjacent landowner whose ponds are overflowing and causing the flooding. The Manager at TARMAC is dealing with this and liaising with Cllr. Cook.

The quarry said that they would be willing to consider hosting an 'Open Evening' (probably Summer 2025) to allow residents to visit site and gain a sense of how the quarry operates. This will also give the villagers chance to ask questions of TARMAC.

The quarry are planning to next expand northwards (towards Marton), extracting from Capesthorpe land.

TARMAC have changed their donations policy.

2003 To receive an update on online banking

The Clerk now has access to the online banking.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Waltho will also have access to making payments.

2004 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT
£8,763.85 as of 2nd July 2024

PAYMENTS MADE

Zurich (Insurance)	£378.00
ROSPA	£112.80
CHALC	£121.22

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clerk Salary (July)	£237.99
Clerk Expenses Allowance (July)	£13.00
Clerk Salary (Aug)	£237.99
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Aug)	£13.00
Clerk Expenses (TARMAC)	£50.91
Adam Keppel Green	£150.00
Cheshire Community Action	£20.00

Please note the above payment assumes less than 1,000 people are resident within the Parish.

RECEIPTS

Interest (end May)	£4.39
Interest (end June)	£3.97

Councillors confirmed that there were less than 1,000 people residents in the Parish. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments. The Clerk's salary will be paid on the last Friday of each month.

2005 To consider what may included in the Parish Magazine article

The Clerk will submit a report summarising the grass cutting and the improvements made to the Park. The Council also want to note that they are aware of the permissive path closure and are being kept informed of progress by the quarry. The Council note

that the hedges adjacent to pathways (footpath from School Lane to Crauford Road and the footpath from the A536 to Crauford Road) are the responsibility of the resident to maintain for accessibility – Cheshire East no longer maintain these. The Clerk will also introduce herself to the Village.

2006 Any other correspondence / business

Cllr. Van Weerdenburg noted that workmen attended the premises on Moss Lane where planning had been refused and that development still seemed to be taking place. This will be discussed with Ward Councillor Smetham when she is next in attendance at a meeting.

Cllr. Thorpe will share the website log in detail with the Clerk. The Clerk will update the website.

Cllr. Van Weerdenburg noted that several footpaths within the village are now impassable due to hedges. The Council will post a request in the Parish magazine to remind individuals that the hedges are their responsibility to cut.

2007 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 3rd September 2024 7pm

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Action:

- To visit the Plough informally to discuss the matters raised above (NT, MC, SW)
- If required, to extend an invitation to the Plough to attend the next Council meeting (CVW)
- To extend an invitation to the PCSO to attend the next Council meeting (Clerk)
- To gain an update on broadband installation (SC)
- To speak to Andy Simpson regarding an update on the hole and whether this has been suitably filled in (SW)
- To liaise with the tenant farmer and Andy Simpson to arrange a time to investigate the flooding (SW)
- To discuss possible sites for boundary signs with Andy Simpson (SW / SC)
- To complete a more detailed costing of signs, following the discussion with Andy Simpson, to be presented at the November meeting (SC)
- To mention the broken boundary sign to Andy Simpson (SW)
- To complete some park maintenance (as detailed above) (CH)
- To submit a short written report to the Parish newsletter (Clerk)
- To share the website log in details with the Clerk (NT)
- To update the details on the website (Clerk)