

Everton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 2 September 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors S Wiles (Chair), B Upton, J Bere, R Troop, M Wright, V Oaks. Apologies: L Foster

Also Present: District Councillor Steve Pashley

Clerk: C Bryant

The chair opened the meeting at 7:17pm

Public Session

1558/24 Chair's Comments:

The chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting, introduced the new clerk and thanked the outgoing clerk for her hard work, both in-role and during the transition between clerks. No members of the public attended, and the chair asked District Councillor Steve Pashley to give reports.

Steve Pashley gave a report about the planning application for Poppy View Farm, which is under appeal after a notice was given.

1559/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given.

Lee Foster sent apologies.

1560/24 To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests.

No declarations of interest were recorded.

Councillor V Oaks entered the meeting at 19:22

1561/24 Co-option of New Parish Councillors.

Standing item – no co-option took place at this meeting.

1562/24 To receive intentions to record the meeting.

The Clerk stated the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes.

1563/24 Notes of the meetings held on 1 July 2024 (attached) to be approved as the minutes and to receive any minor points of information relating to the minutes (not otherwise covered on the agenda).

It was resolved to accept the minutes with the above notes for item 1548 with note: [Governance for nomination for Metcalfe trust needs to be clarified, Cllr Bere stated that no resignation had occurred from the Metcalfe trust and councillors to seek further information from the trust – Cllr Wiles gave opinion that representative needs to be a parishioner at least.]

1564/24 To receive any updates on Highways, Footpaths and Public Rights of Ways issues and report any new defects

We received an email from Stagecoach about struggling to get a public service vehicle down Ferry Lane, turning left onto Chapel Lane around the school. It was resolved to contact County Councillor Tracey Taylor and ask for any assistance she can offer.

Middle Cross Lane PROW: grass was cut by EPC's contractor North Notts Landscapes. Overhanging edges unresolved – we have written to the Metcalfe Trust who are one of the landowners.

Ongoing parking issue at Mattersey: Understood it is still unresolved. Cllr Troop stated that Highways are having limited success.

Cllr Wright reported that there was a large pothole when leaving the village towards Harwell, this was subject to a temporary repair which is now failing and will only get worse throughout the winter months.

Cllr Bere raised the speeding on Eel Pool Road.

Cllr Troop reported the poor condition of Harwell Sluice Lane (North end) – Highways attended but did not entirely survey the correct location.

1565/24

Matters for Consideration

1. To appoint an additional Parish Councillor to represent the Parish Council at the Metcalfe Trust.

Matter was discussed in 1563/24 and it was resolved to contact the Metcalfe Trust for a meeting to clarify governance rules on this matter. It was also resolved that our appointees should meet the council's eligibility requirements.

1566/24

Planning matters

Cllr Upton proposes not suspending meetings for the planning committee in August as the opportunity to comment on important planning matters is being missed.

Cllr Bere reports large concrete spheres a resident had placed on the grass verge near the highway, Gainsborough Road or Bawtry Road – Cllr Wiles to assess and possibly report to the relevant authority.

1. To give consideration to planning applications received from Bassetlaw District Council:

Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Consisting of T1 Lime Tree - Fell to Ground Level

Planning Application
Metcalfe House High Street Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5AR
Ref. No: 24/00881/CAT

No adverse comments or concerns.

2. To give consideration to planning applications received after the agenda was published.
None.

3. To receive update on outstanding enforcement cases and agree any further actions.
Report received.

4. To receive planning determinations since publication of last agenda:

Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension and Alterations to Existing Bungalow

Freshfield Everton Sluice Lane Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5AX
Ref. No: 24/00749/HSE
Decision: **GRANT**

Proposed Side / Rear Extension, Existing Roof Pitch Amended to Incorporate a Previous Rear Extension, Construction of a new Access leading to a new Double Garage

Pinfold Cottage Pinfold Lane Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5BU
Ref. No: 24/00626/HSE
Decision: **GRANT**

Works to Trees Protected by a Tree Preservation Order - T1 Sycamore - Crown Reduction 1.5m from Tops and Sides

Glebe House Everton Sluice Lane Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5AX
Ref. No: 24/00474/TPO
Decision: **GRANT**

Create Drive to Rear, Including Detached Garage, Relocate Existing Gates to Rear Drive and Rear Personnel Gate to Existing Drive. Infill Access Gate with Existing Personnel Gate and Matching Side Panels. Convert Existing Garage to Study Room.

Heruelle Lodge Harwell Sluice Lane Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5BU
Ref. No: 23/00837/HSE
Decision: **GRANT**

To receive Councillors' Reports and Feedback from meetings:

1. Metcalfe Trust & Metcalfe Recreation Committee Meetings.

Cllr Bere reports that the trust is starting their work on the playground to form the new access, hopefully at the end of Sept. NCC require 2m wide footways.

2. Crime and Policing Update.

Cllr Upton raised the issue that we haven't had community policing, nor consultation with/information from local law enforcement in a long time and that this would be very helpful for the Parish Council.

Cllr Troop reports that he has had regular contact with law enforcement because of poaching and found them to be present and relatively responsive.

Cllr Pashley raised the possibility of contacting PC Pickersgill with any issues, but advised we forgo the expectation that he would have the capacity to attend our meetings.

Cllr Bere raised the possibility of a community forum where Parish Councils could discuss common issues and present these to law enforcement.

Cllr Pashley reported that poachers had been apprehended by police in Ranskill recently.

Cllr Wiles suggested we keep asking for local liaison, but that Parish Council involvement in a wider forum would also be worthwhile and to comment similarly in the open policing consultation.

County Councillor Tracey Taylor entered the meeting at 20:20 and was briefed on the meeting so far.

3. Village Website.

Cllr Upton reported that he will be meeting with Cllr Oaks regarding the management of the website, to not burden the new clerk with extra work. The previous domain name has now expired.

Cllr Wiles expressed the council's gratitude for Cllr Upton's hard work modernising the website.

4. New Parish land for cemetery.

Cllr Wiles presented the Increased costs for procuring the right to buy land for expanded cemetery use, costed at approximately £5418 with survey costs estimated at £9600.

Cllr Wiles reminded council previously voted to undertake the site investigation on the basis that we had an informal Option to Purchase agreed. An update on this reported that the landowner's agent wants an Agreement in Principle that the Parish Council will be responsible for their and their client's legal fees. Also, that our solicitor in this matter have requested an upfront payment for disbursements of £780.

Cllr Wright gave a dissenting analysis of the business-case for the cemetery expansion.

Cllr Bere raised an opinion that the covenant makes any cemetery land purchased of no material value.

Cllr Wiles gave his opinion that this isn't solely a business venture, it potentially could be a long-term service for the parish. The land could be used for parish access as an environmental area. There also may be the longer-term opportunity to review its land holding which may help with the future funding.

Cllr Upton suggested this not be heard again by full council until the subcommittee had a report and recommendations to full council.

Cllrs Wright and Bere requested it minuted that they are unhappy with proceeding.

Cllr Upton gave a view that this opportunity will not arise again, and that despite the high cost, we have a duty to the area and while he recognises there is a cost, he thinks the cost is acceptable to secure the future of the Parish Council as a burial authority.

Cllr Wright suggests that more specificity in the figures should be provided.

Cllr Upton reiterates that this issue ought to be taken to subcommittee and a full recommendation be brought to the next meeting.

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Financial Matters:

1. To receive the financial report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

Clerk without bank access but provided payments and receipts lists.

2. To approve payments.

It was resolved to approve payments presented.

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Joint Burial Committee Matters (Mattersey Road Cemetery)

1. Update from Friends of Everton Cemetery Group.

Cllr Wiles: Maintenance work is of a good standard, grass cut, water-butte reinstated, advisory signs have been installed, the safety inspection for the headstones has taken place, one or two loose stones have been made safe and another was laid-down by a contractor because it was unsafe. This was all done through the work of the ECG, mainly Peter Borrowdale and me.

One of the group has asked if we could improve the, border of the Peace Garden. That's where the ashes are laid. Council has been asked to fund compost up to £40.

Cllr Bere asks if we have had a tree inspection.

Cllr Wiles reports that he's sought a quote from a tree surgeon for £370.

It was resolved to proceed with a tree survey at £370.

Cllr Bere asks if we have a burial survey

Cllr Wiles reports that the Clerk has burial records, but not a decent plan: the friends group are seeking a detailed drone-survey. It was estimated that there were 50 burial spaces left in the cemetery.

Cllr Pashley suggests that free tree surveys may be available and will look into this before the council spends money on a tree survey.

Cllr Wiles: finally, we have a £1500 grant pledged from Bassetlaw conservation heritage on condition that we spend in the financial year. The ECG applied for the shortfall from the War Memorial Trust but were unsuccessful. Suggesting that we fund the shortfall of £600 as a council.

It was resolved to fund the shortfall of £600 for the War Memorial repair.

1570/24

Risk Review and Asset Inspection

1. Parish Woodland: Pusto Hill tree work.

Cllr Wiles suggests that the previously planned work on the trees at Pusto Hill be carried out to make it safe, at a cost of approximately £1500.

It was resolved that the council proceed with the work at a cost of approximately £1500

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Correspondence (for information only and not dealt with anywhere else on the agenda).

Winter assistance from NCC: Council to ask for 5 free bags of salt, but no extra.

Chair closed meeting at 9:17pm

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