

PARISH OF EVERTON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 9th May 2022
At 7.15 pm at Everton Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Wiles (Chair), Cllr. Chapman, Cllr. Upton, Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Spink, Cllr. Thomson

A Green (Everton Primary School), J Dunn (Church) R. Scott (Metcalf Trust)
Clerk A Hayward and 3 members of the public.

Cllr. Wiles opened then meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Wright (work commitment), Cllr. Taylor (other commitment).
Apologies were accepted.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 4th May 2021

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting of 4th May 2021 were approved as a correct record.

3. POINTS OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ABOVE MINUTES

No points were raised.

4. CHAIRMAN OF EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

During 2021/2022 Everton Parish Council experience significant change. It also had the ongoing difficulties of Covid to manage which continued to make this another challenging year. However, we said farewell to the more stringent restrictions and zoom meetings at the end of last year. Now, into the new year, we are resuming 'business as usual'

The Council has unfortunately seen two long standing Councillors resign last summer and along with one existing vacancy it was down to 6/9th its complement. But thanks to those Councillors working together and pulling through this period, the Council's business continued. We are also indebted to our Clerk, Angela Hayward for her guidance and support during this year of significant change. Fortunately, by the end of the year, the three Councillor vacancies were filled and new Councillors co-opted.

Looking back at our outcomes, early in the Council's year a key milestone reached was Everton's Neighbourhood Plan being formally made by Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) on May 6th 2021. A huge thanks must be said to all those involved who gave their time to make this happen. It has taken several years and at times not been an easy journey, but thanks to the professionalism, commitment and enthusiasm of the Steering Group, Everton parish now has stronger policies in place. These are already influencing the Planning Authority (BDC) decision making in respect to our local planning applications. During the year there have been in the order of 34 Planning Applications that the District Council have invited the Parish to make consultations comments on, 11 of these were in the first quarter of the year and 6 in the last quarter.

A lot has been considered during the past year, under the 'business as usual' items, there is too much to specifically refer to in this summary. There have been some successful and some, at times less successful outcomes. For many service areas we rely on the District and County Council for delivering services and improvements within the Parish. For these service areas EPC makes the appropriate representation. In order to progress these matters the positive support of our District Councillor Mark Watson and County Councillor Tracy Taylor is appreciated and looking forward, we hope that this continues.

Finally, I would like to recognise and thank our greatest assets, the Councillors themselves for all the time and work volunteered in the interests of maintaining and improving our Parish. There are too many matters, initiatives and projects to list individually, past and ongoing, sometimes little things but significant aspects to others. In summary, there have been some positive outcomes and achievements during this disrupted year. Looking forward, it is hoped that EPC can build on its strengths and be well placed to meet its ongoing and future challenges.

S Wiles

Chair

**5. EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL & EVERTON AND SCAFTWORTH JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE
ACCOUNTS – CLERK'S REPORT**

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT 2021/22

The figures below are the combined figures of the Parish Council and Joint Burial Committee.

The Parish Council commenced the year with an opening balance of £41,628. Income during the year came to £21,745 and expenditure £23,154, leaving a closing balance of £40,219.

The precept for the 2021/22 was £14,910. The precept claim for 2022/23 is £15,635.

In addition to these funds there is a balance of £49,753 Community Infrastructure Levy money (CIL) available for the parish council. This money has to be spent on specific types of projects/works which are classed as infrastructure. This is currently being held with BDC pending a request from the PC to transfer funds to the parish council's funds.

A Hayward

Clerk to the Parish Council and Joint Burial Committee

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report.

7. EVERTON SCHOOL GOVERNORS' REPORT

I am really pleased to provide an update for the Parish Council regarding developments at Everton Primary School over the last 12 months. Firstly, I would like to introduce myself – I'm Andrew Green – the new headteacher at Everton Primary, succeeding Paul Higginbottom. Since starting, the children, parents, staff and community have been incredibly kind and welcoming, which has really helped me settle into my new role and has been very much appreciated.

I feel very honoured to have been given this opportunity to take over the leadership of a school with such a fantastic reputation as that of Everton Primary School, as well as become an integral part of Everton's community and its surrounding areas.

The children have impressed me with their commitment to learning and excellent behaviour. Over the summer I managed to acquire some funding from local child mental health charity 'Help Me I'm Fine' which has enabled us to create a brand new Thrive Room for the children to use. This has helped children with worries when they returned to school and will give many others the opportunity to regulate their emotions when needed throughout the year.

Class 1 became the first class since Christmas 2019 to go to Everton's Holy Trinity Church in order to celebrate Harvest. We were incredibly fortunate that our Class 1 parents were also able to attend, watch and even take part in the singing of our Harvest hymns.

Rev. Becky Hancock spoke to the children about 'sharing the load' and this was very poignant for the children in school, who have been very supportive of each other since returning to school full time in September. In fact, our new ethos at school is that once you are a member of Everton Primary School you are part of our 'EVERTeam', and when you leave and move on you will remain part of our 'FOREVERTeam'. We want our children to know that they are all important to this school and our community; can rely upon each other; and are always safe, cared for and welcome here, not only today, but for the rest of their lives.

At school we have been able to gain an amazing insight into the talents of the children at Everton Primary School through our Achievement Board. It is incredibly important that we celebrate all our children's talents and achievements and individualism.

We have arranged for several visitors to come into school over the course of the year:

- WO Johnson of the RAF to take an assembly and field questions from the children with regards to his time and experiences in the forces. He also talked to us about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we still observe it each year. This all culminated in Remembrance Day itself.
- Suneeta Kaur, who is Sikh, joined each of our classes and discuss what Diwali is and how it is celebrated, as well as what it means to both Sikhs and Hindus. She also discussed the similarities and differences between many religions and why that shows that we are all equal and one as part of the same world.
- Gavin Extence came in to discuss his life and career to date as an author, as well as give valuable advice and techniques to the children about their reading and writing in the future on World Book Day
- Governors – governors have been into school to do 'Learning Walks' and to help support the education of our children e.g. Sue Hughes dissecting owl pellets.

As part of the build up to Christmas we managed to hold our first ever Christmas Craft Afternoon in school. Each family were able to have a chosen adult come into school for the afternoon to work alongside them. They made a whole range of things, from decorations for the tree to delicious Christmas tree biscuits and marshmallow snowmen to share with their families. It was a lovely event and so pleasing to have adults back in school to enjoy and play an active part in their child/ren's education.

Our Class 3 children worked incredibly hard in the run up to Christmas and upon their return on their Christmas Performance – 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. Unfortunately, due to a number of covid cases within school, we had to stream the performance live via Zoom, but this showed the maturity and resilience of the children and again how supportive and understanding our parents have been over this tricky time. The children are going to finally get the opportunity to perform it to an audience this month.

This academic year Choir Club, run by our Year 3 and 4 teacher Miss Spencer, started up. It is wonderful to hear the songs sung so beautifully down our corridor. We have also taken part in numerous sporting events:

- The Indoor Athletics team took part in the Bassetlaw Finals and finished a very credible 7th out of the 25 schools that took part in the competition overall.
- Our Orienteering Team competed in the Bassetlaw Finals and finished a lofty 2nd out of the 15 schools that took part.
- Our football team finished 5th in a Doncaster school tournament at Doncaster Rovers' ground and have played several other matches throughout the year.

Another project of mine was to get parents more involved with school, particularly male parents. Therefore I have started a parents' football club once a week, where I play football with

any parents that wish to enjoy a friendly game whilst having the chance to discuss anything 'school' with me in a less formal setting. As we try to integrate even more into the local community, the school has also started a new Parent Teacher Association (PTA), who have started fundraising events for library resources.

Before the Easter break our Year 5 and 6 children completed their DAaRT course – learning about keeping themselves safe and reacting responsibly to different social situations as they grow up and move onto secondary school – and then took part in their DAaRT Graduation. The Year 5 and 6 children also took part in an informative 'Flooding' talk with the Canal and River Trust. Mr Scott introduced the whole school to a 'Neuro-diversity Week' where the children learnt about the variety of different ways in which they might learn, react and behaved to various situations.

Throughout the year we have tried to give the school and uplift too. We have had Class 2, the corridor and the hall painted, and all classrooms now have interactive whiteboards. We are equally delighted with our new 'Willow Dome', which was kindly donated to school by Mrs Lee from the village and put together by PTA parents and carers.

I'm delighted to inform you that applications for Reception places to start September 2022 were oversubscribed again this year. Obviously, I'm sorry not to be able to offer places for all families who choose us, but it does certainly mean that we can continue to be a key part of the village with the knowledge that we are a school of choice in the village and surrounding areas.

Andrew Green
Head teacher

8. METCALFE CHARITABLE TRUST REPORT

The Trust is working to a five-year strategy and this report is organised accordingly

Financial Report.

After a major restructuring in 2018/19, most of the assets of the trust are now managed by our financial advisors "The RU Group". The scheme adopted by the Trust seeks to cover all annual operating costs (currently ~ £75,000) and grow investments to cover inflationary pressure so the Trust remains viable in perpetuity.

For the first three years of this approach, we have also set aside additional annual funds to deal with a backlog of dilapidation work that we have identified as requiring urgent attention (£30,000/year until March 2023).

Investments are held in three separate funds, short term-low risk funds (~£240,000) giving us a rolling 3-year fund to cover annual costs. A mid-term higher-risk fund (~£1,000,000) balancing growth and mid-term funding needs, and a longer term, higher risk (10 years + fund) aimed at capital growth into the future (£2,000,000). In discussion with our financial adviser, the Trust reviews the performance of each fund twice yearly and moves money between the funds as and when appropriate.

Summary Financial Position for year 2021/22 (Not yet audited)

Summary of Trust Finances to nearest £1,000		
Value at 31/03/21	Expenditure for 2020/21	Value at 01/04/2022
£3,276,000	£98,000	£3,409,000

Long Term Asset Valuation

Summary of Trust Finances to nearest £1,000		
Trust Value 1/4/2020	Value at 31/03/21	Value at 01/04/2022
£2,587,000	£3,276,000	£3,409,000

Whilst the mid-term trend of asset growth has been strong, The Trust is conscious of the impact that a period of high inflation could have on future finances

The Village Hub

The village consultation in September 2021 gave strong support for the building of a new hub facility at the grounds to replace the existing buildings and improve parking and access. After discussion with planning and conservation – as required in the Neighbourhood Plan- we have made a number of changes to the design to ensure it is “subservient to the building of interest” it is adjacent to. We are now awaiting a site meeting with planning to consider these changes prior to submitting a planning application.

Environmental improvements

Thanks to the hard work of many individuals we have seen the laying and replanting of the hedge on the eastern boundary of the recreation ground (thanks Penny Howe , Sue Hughes and team), the reinstatement and enhancement of the gardens around the car park (thanks Bill Howe senior) and the development of ideas to bring the “Lost Gardens” to the north of the village hall back into community use (Thanks Doug Haynes, Sue Ross and team)

Develop a rolling programme of updates and improvements to the playpark area.

Toddler suitable equipment has been chosen and should be installed this financial year.

Promote greater use of the Trust facilities by engaging with the community in the area of benefit.

We are seeing an increased age of the facilities, particularly the village hall.

I wish to extend the Trust’s thanks to our team Rachel Hyland (Secretary and Finance Officer), John Leach (Operations Manager), Doug Haynes (Caretaker/Bookings) and Nancy Rees (Cleaner) for their hard work this year and to our volunteers Mick Boulby and Bill Howe Senior for their continuing support.

We also thank the volunteers on the recreation committee for their time and effort. They will give their own separate report of their activities over the year.

9. HEDS TOGETHER REPORT

The last year has been busy with several notable events for us. We are now delivering again to houses in the village which was welcomed as some people do not have the facilities to read HEDS on the computer.

For the first time we decided to have a front cover with a picture on it and this has been very successful with local artists producing one each month. We printed our 400th edition, amazing where the time has gone to. The school helped us by getting the children to design the cover for this. Subsequently they produced the front cover for Easter which gave us another first as we printed our cover in colour. As a result of that we are printing the Jubilee cover in colour too - but this will not be a regular occurrence due to the limitations of cost.

We continue to record events and life in HEDS. It has been good to have new contributors but more would be welcome. Sadly, we have recorded a lot of tributes to villagers no longer with

us. Of especial sadness to us was the loss of Val Kirk and Mollie Hall, both of whom were instrumental in the setting up and early editions of HEDS.

We are looking to the future too. We are aware with the rise in social media and the local Facebook pages that we are not getting the volume of advertising that we used to... We are aware that our revenue will drop from this source and also there are rising costs with paper and printing. At the moment it costs about £150 per month to produce HEDS.

Finally, could I thank everyone for their support of HEDS and the team that gets it through the letter boxes. They are all amazing and deserve the thanks of the village. I feel I must especially mention Adrian who gives his design services for free and who is responsible for the smart look of HEDS.

Ann Hickman - Editor

10. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Like everyone else, the Church has been affected by the Covid pandemic. As a result there have been:-

- Enforced closure of the building
- Services reduced in number
- Restricted numbers at some services incl. funerals
- Loss of Community engagement through events such as Carols, Cheese and Wine

Perhaps the only positive point has been that our Vicar, Becky Hancock has been doing online services at regular intervals which have been watched by many from within the Parish and far and wide in UK and abroad.

Not only have these restrictions meant a reduction in face to face ministry and care, but also our finances have been severely affected due to lack of collections and funds raised by our community events. In total over the past two years we have had excess of expenditure over income of about £5000.

We hope to be taking steps to alleviate this problem in the coming months in order that we can keep the building available for future generations in a good and safe order. Currently, though there are always upkeep jobs that need doing, the fabric is in reasonable condition. One of our projects will be to sound out enthusiasm for a 'Friends' group who will work together to look after the fabric, leaving the PCC and Vicar to look after ministry and ministry costs.

We would like to thank all those who already give regularly, support and help at our events and think about maintaining the Church by other means.

11. POINTS OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE PARISH

None raised

Meeting Closed: 7.53 pm.