

PARISH OF EVERTON
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 12 May 2023
At 7.00 pm in Everton Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Wiles (Chair), Cllr. Bere, Cllr. Spink, Cllr. Troop, Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Topps, Cllr. Mahoney, Dist. Cllr. Pashley & Cty. Cllr. Taylor

A Green (Everton Primary School), J Dunn (Church) R. Scott (Metcalf Trust) and T. Oaks (Metcalf Recreation Committee)

Clerk A Hayward and 1 member of the public.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Chapman (family commitment), Cllr. Upton (family commitment) and A Hickman (HEDS) Apologies were accepted.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting of 9th May 2022 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

I am pleased to be able to report we have held a full complement of nine Councillors for the best part of the year. I would like to thank all Councillors for their support and hard work.

There has been the usual cycle of planning applications which the District Council has invited the Parish to return consultation comments. We increasingly tie in responses to the Everton Neighbourhood Plan and it is encouraging to see this is starting to make a difference to the process. Planning enforcement concerns have continued to be another focus of attention. A system has been developed to bring all case information together and chart BDC Planning enforcement updates.

Other areas where progress has been made during this year include:

- The Councillor sub-committee structure has been kept under review.
- During the year the Council has reviewed and put in place policies and processes including its Standing Orders, Financial regulations and its end of year audit reporting. As part of this review the new Respect and Civility policy has been introduced.
- The Everton Cemetery Regulations and Fees have been reviewed and approved.
- A Friends of Everton Cemetery Group has been established to be a focus for the management of the Mattersey Road Cemetery.
- Ongoing investigations continue to look towards finding a new cemetery, to be able to continue the local burial service for the Parish.
- The Nottingham County Highway Lengthsman scheme has been delivered.
- The Cemetery Grounds Maintenance contract has been reviewed and retendered.
- The PC have been successful in coordinating the regular weekly visit of the Mobile Shop to Metcalfe Recreation car park.
- Community initiatives such as the Church Carols around the Christmas Tree and the Metcalfe Recreation Committee Coronation celebrations have also been supported.

Finally, I would like to express thanks to our Clerk, Angela Hayward for her guidance, hard work and support during this busy year.

S Wiles
Chair

5. EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL & EVERTON AND SCAFTWORTH JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/23

The Parish Council commenced the year with an opening balance of £40,219. Income during the year came to £27,790 and expenditure £25,626, leaving a closing balance of £42,383.

The precept for the 2022/23 was £15,635. The precept claim for 2023/24 is £17,615 (11.6% increase on the previous year).

In addition to these funds there is a balance of £49,753 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money available for the parish council. This money has to be spent on specific types of infrastructure projects/works. This is currently being held with Bassetlaw DC pending a request from the Parish Council to transfer funds to its funds. It is expected that large proportion of this will be used to finance the provision of a new cemetery.

A Hayward
Clerk/RFO to the Parish Council

6. Comments from the Police

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the beat team not being able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting but this has fallen on our rest days this year.

In relation to the Everton Parish, I can report that over the past 12 months I/we have little to report in relation to crime series which require the neighbourhood's input.

We have noticed an increase in reporting of off-road motor vehicles either causing damage or nuisance in the area. This is by no means localised to just the Everton Parish but this is being noticed across the whole county. I am trying to get the regular support of specialist teams (off road bike team / quad bikes) into the area to provide an extra level of support and also to access the areas we cannot get to in a normal patrol vehicle that we currently drive.

I am also looking at other avenues to try and curb the issues of off-road vehicles. I have been speaking to the NFU to support the farmers in the village and also the Crime Prevention Officer from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office with a view to looking at other avenues to try and prevent this from occurring. I would ask that should residents see off road vehicles accessing land it is reported, so it will get logged with NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE. I would encourage this to be either 101 / 999 if safe to do so (try and get the what3words to assist when officers attend) or if this is when people get back this can be reported online (also if what3words can be gathered this would be great in trying to pinpoint access/egress points). Also, if any video / photographs can be obtained without putting anyone in danger this would be of assistance in so much as we can visit local petrol stations where there may be CCTV to try and identify the bikes/riders.

The PCSO John DALE is now the go to for Community Speed Watch which I would encourage people to try and participate in. Please feel free to contact John in relation to any questions that you may have about this.

Once again, should you or anyone have any specific concerns in relation to the parish please contact either myself, or PCSO John DALE. Please do not wait until there is a meeting to bring the issues to light. Contact us and we can, if we cannot attend the meeting, pass on a written response for dissemination within the parish council meetings.

I am hoping over the coming months either myself or John will be able to come to a parish council meeting.

PC Pickersgill

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Steven Pashley introduced himself as the newly elected District Councillor for the Everton Ward and conveyed his thanks to the parishioners who cast their votes. Cllr. Pashley continued to comment as follows:

As a new District Councillor, I will be on a very steep learning curve as I get to grips with the workings of Bassetlaw Council so, please bear with me whilst I settle in to the role. I'm not new however to the workings of Parish Councils as I have been the Vice Chairman of Barnby Moor PC for the last 15 years and I am aware of the frustrations that you often face.

I am looking forward to my new challenge and pledge to support all the Wards Parish Councils with their issues, acting as a conduit between the PCs & Bassetlaw District Council.

I have recently retired which has given me the time to commit to the role of District Councillor, I will endeavour to attend all your PC meetings and look forward to meeting you all at your next meeting.

You may be aware that Brendan Clarke Smith's office recently carried out a Rural Crime Survey in our Ward to understand residents' concerns. I also recently made contact with the Police & Crime Commissioners office who have employed an ex-Police Detective (David Elms) to focus specifically on Rural Crime. If you have any Rural Crime issues that you would like me to raise with Dave then please let me know. Dave has also agreed to attend PC meetings, so again if you would like to have Dave to attend one of your meetings let me know & I will see if I can facilitate.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Taylor outlined the major projects which will affect Nottinghamshire in the coming year including the devolution deal and mayoral elections next year, the STEP Fusion project and the freeport deal which has now been signed off.

9. EVERTON SCHOOL REPORT

In the last year the children have engaged in many experiences within our community and beyond. Highlights have included attending the Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham; visiting the Natural History Museum and Houses of Parliament in London; taking part in residential visits to Hagg Farm and Walesby; inter school competitions such as the Swimming Gala (2nd place) and Orienteering (3rd place); our choir taking part in the Everton Primary Musical Spectacular and singing hymns around the Christmas tree; children designing front covers for the HEDS magazine; the School Council leading our 'Plastic Pollution' endeavours; classes leading church services at the end of each term and much more.

The school building itself has also been through a lot of change in the last year with our hall being opened up and a new library and staffroom being created. The front of our school has

been smoothed out with concrete with a new sign and bench added. Our PTA are in the process of fundraising for a new multi-purpose building to sit next to our Foundation Stage Log Cabin, with the aim being to raise £50,000 to do so.

At the beginning of this academic year, we welcomed a new Foundation Stage Lead – Amy Oakley – and in January we welcomed a second Assistant Headteacher – Lindsey Lewins – to work alongside Richard Scott until his retirement at the end of this month. Life will be very different without Richard at school, but we wish him a very happy retirement and look forward to welcoming him back for various events and support in the future.

Ofsted: On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th April 2023 Everton Primary was assessed by Ofsted. The report has not been made public yet but whatever the result, the governors and staff and me are all proud of what we have achieved and the direction that the school is going.

I would like to thank all members of the local community for their support of our school and the opportunities that they have offered us. I look forward to continuing our positive relationship throughout the next year and beyond.

Andrew Green
Head teacher

10. METCALFE CHARITABLE TRUST REPORT

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

1. 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 2022/23 (Not yet audited)

Summary of Trust Finances to nearest £1,000		
Value at 31/03/22	Expenditure for 2020/21	Value at 01/04/2022
£3,409,000	£89,000	£3,220,000

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	1/4/23

£2,587,000	£3,276,000	£3,409,000	£3,220,000
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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. We regularly review the position after discussions with our financial Advisors

In September, Trustee Diane Alty completed her term of office and was replaced by fellow parish councillor Howard Spink. We thank Diane for her work over the last 4 years, and already have Howard hard at work.

R Scott
Chair

11. METCALFE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It has been a busy year at the Metcalfe Recreation Committee. We have been working hard to maintain our facilities, promote their use and support the community in general. The Metcalfe Recreation Committee hold 6 meetings each year which are well attended by the committee members and club representatives. Next meeting is on 22nd May 2023.

Football

Our Football teams have formed a strong association with Bawtry Juniors under the supervision of Dave Richards. Training and Fixtures are regular during the season.

Cricket

Our Cricket Club is currently merging with Bawtry Cricket Club. It is hoped that this will increase coaching opportunities for younger players and strengthen teams on match days.

Bowls

Bowls has just commenced for the season and the green is looking excellent this year.

Tennis

The tennis courts are in regular use with many new members participating. New nets are to be ordered by the MRC and we are in discussions regarding the court surfaces.

Garden Holders

The Village Garden Holders hold a number of popular events throughout the year as well as supporting the Everton School Garden.

Village Hall

The Village Hall remains an important venue in Everton generating useful income for the MRC from regular bookings (Saturday Church Group) and one-off bookings (Children's Parties).

Other Involvements

- Jubilee Oak Tree planted on trust land at the top of the horse field now in its second season.
- Lost Garden Project Has been adopted by Sue Hughes and the blue-sky Community?
- Event committee successfully put on the Jubilee Fair, Barn Dance and Coronation Fair, Party

I would like to thank the Metcalfe Trust and the Parish Council for their ongoing support and cooperation. I would like to thank the Metcalfe Recreation Committee members for their

efforts and hard work.

T Oaks
Chair

12. HEDS TOGETHER REPORT

This has been another successful year. We are grateful to our regular contributors and our occasional contributors.

We had a hiccup in February when our printer, Lorraine was taken ill very suddenly and it was too late and too expensive to get the magazine printed. We therefore had our first two-month edition when we combined February and March into one issue. I am glad to report that Lorraine is better now. It is the first time in over 300 editions that we did not get it out in time.

Our front cover has appeared in colour twice, for Xmas and the Coronation, both covers having been designed by students at Everton Primary School. Also, our regular front cover artists have given us much pleasure with their designs.

Our main worry is the drop in the number of advertisers. We understand the reasons for this but it does make it a long-term worry. We are grateful to both the Metcalfe Trust and the Parish Council for their continued financial support of HEDS.

Our project for 2023 is to update the Welcome booklet which is sadly out of date.

We always welcome new contributors, new ideas and new artists for the front cover.

HEDS would not happen without the assistance of a lot of people. Adrian who puts HEDS together, Mick who proof reads with an eagle eye and finds all my typos, Tony who watches over our finances, Ann who deals with the advertising and Sue who organises the wonderful team of volunteers who trudge the streets in fine and foul weather to deliver the magazine each month.

The village owes them a large debt of gratitude.

Ann Hickman - Editor

13. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The Church has got back to normal after the enforced lockdown and the precautions that had to be followed because of the Covid pandemic. We are looking at ways to re-engage with the Community to encourage thought and action about links with the parish. The lighting of the Christmas Tree event was a great cooperation between the Parish Council, Community Choir and the Church and seems to have been appreciated by a lot of parishioners. Latest initiative has been to take over the running of the Cheeky Monkeys which were due to close as the previous organiser was retiring from the role. It has been renamed Little Lambs Everton and is being run in a largely unchanged format by The Church's Children and Young Families Officer supported by volunteers from the Village.

An inevitable issue caused by loss of services in Church over the pandemic has been a big reduction in collection income though, thankfully, there are villagers who generously give on a regular basis through a gift aid scheme. This has enabled us to finance the regular and necessary maintenance but longer-term care for the fabric has been put on hold. We have

unfortunately, and for the first time ever, not been able to pay our share of Ministry and support costs to the Diocese though we are endeavouring to budget to pay in full this year.

A recent workday to clean the interior of the Church was well supported by villagers and the building is looking cleaner and fresher for services and those who visit for historical interest or a bit of peace and quiet in this busy world.

14. POINTS OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE PARISH

- Cllr. Bere praised the community choir who had been excellent at the coronation event.
- A thank you to the organisers of the coronation event would be put into HEDS
- There was a question about whether or not there would be a 'coronation' tree planted. The MRC would consider this.

Meeting Closed: 7.45pm.