Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 4 March 2024 at 7.15pm at Everton Village Hall. Present: Councillors S Wiles (Chair), R Troop, M Mahoney, J Bere, M Wright, H Spink and B Upton

Public Session

Public: 2 (including the Chair of the Metcalfe Trust)

Public discussion took place about the need to understand the views of the village residents as to the priorities for expenditure. Enquiries were made about how the Parish Council operated and its public accountability. Explanations were offered regarding ongoing processes. The Council accepts that communication can be difficult, but it was reported that efforts are regularly made to try to keep parishioners informed through the new village website and HEDS.

District Councillor's Report

None received

County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Taylor forwarded the following report:

- Ongoing activity re STEP at West Burton
- NCC agreed its budget 22 February; 3 key things: balanced budget, no service cuts, council tax rising by 4.84% (2% adult social care and 2.84% main tax)

1463 | Apologies for absence

Apologies were received as follows:

A Hayward, Clerk – illness

District Cllr. Pashley and County Cllr. Taylor – other commitments

<u>Resolved</u>: to accept apologies and reasons given

Cllr. Upton offered to take minutes.

1464 Declarations of Interest

- 1. Advice was requested and received about a possible conflict of interest for Council members who were also members of The Metcalfe Trust and The Metcalfe Recreation Committee. It was agreed that Trust members and Councillors shared common objectives in relation to serving the needs of Everton Village community but some disagreement about the interpretation of when conflicts of interest arise. Historically, councillors who held these joint positions did declare an interest and took no part in discussions on proposals and requests relating to the Trust. This was not the case currently. It was noted that in the past some Trustees who represented the Parish Council were not members of the Parish Council. Concerns were expressed as to the manner in which guidance had been sought and the Chair apologised if it seemed a clumsy approach. It was proposed to look at the matter further and place it on the April agenda for resolution.
- 2. Cllr Troop declared an interest in 1478 on the agenda (non-pecuniary).

1465 | Recording of Meeting

No intentions to record the meeting were received.

1466 | Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2024, having been circulated, were accepted as a true and correct record. No changes were proposed.

1467 | Matters arising from the minutes/Points of Information

A second site meeting with NCC Highways had been held with Cllr. Troop to investigate the road width
restrictions caused by visitors to Harwell Woods and to see if the situation could be improved. It was agreed
that contact with the new Scaftworth Estate Manager might be useful, via a letter from the Clerk.

1468 Highways Matters

- Repair to the damaged signs on Eel Pool Road at Drakeholes still outstanding.
- Awaiting NCC Highways recommendations in relation to speed limit investigation on Mattersey Road.
- Ongoing concern about the Flooding on Mattersey Road at the corner of Mill Lane and Broomhill Lane. No further details available

1469 | Planning Applications

<u>Carry Out Works to Trees Within a Conservation Area - Nine Over Mature Horse Chestnut Trees to Remove and</u> Replant with Pyramid Oaks

Gordon House Chapel Lane Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5BH

Ref. No: 24/00152/CAT

Resolved: No objection/no adverse comments.

Rear Single Storey Flat Roof Extension (Resubmission of 23/00810/HSE)

1 Rose Villas High Street Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5AR

Ref. No: 24/00233/HSE

Resolved: No objection/no adverse comments.

Noted: vary minor changes at rear of property and not overlooked.

1470 | Planning Applications (received after agenda was printed)

None

1471 Planning Enforcement

Clerk to request a further meeting with Bassetlaw District Council Planning Team to ascertain why more action has not been carried out, especially where enforcement orders have lapsed.

1472 | Planning Determinations

Construction of Front Porch and Rear Extension Including Demolition of Existing Outbuilding

Thyme Cottage Chapel Lane Everton Doncaster South Yorkshire DN10 5BJ

Ref. No: 23/01395/HSE Decision: GRANT

Replacement Boundary Wall to Bawtry Road and Chapel Lane Elevations

Laurel Cottage Bawtry Road Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5BS

Ref. No: 19/00198/HSE Decision: Finally disposed of

Discharge of Condition 17 on P/A 23/00040/VOC - Demolition of Agricultural Barns and Erection of Five Dwellings

Agricultural Buildings at Hall Farm Gainsborough Road Everton South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 24/00030/COND Decision: Condition Discharged

1473 | Finance

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Ref No.	Matter	Amount
			£
Staff	OL046	Salaries and expenses	714.47
Sharpe Group	OL047	WIFI costs	80.40
HMRC	OL048	PAYE	564.66
North Notts Landscapes	OL049	Cemetery maintenance	511.20

b) Resolved: to approve the payments and financial schedules

Enquiries were made as to the current progress in paying the clerk "owed" hours. It was suggested that in order to help reduce the workload, the clerk could send out notifications and business papers in pack form only on the Wednesday before the meeting. This would give sufficient time for councillors to prepare for the meeting. Any items arising after that could be presented at the meeting. Where urgent action/feedback is required, these could be sent as necessary. 1474 **Risk Review and Asset Inspection** No further information on previously reported concerns. The BDC road sweeper has been noticed carrying out a 2nd village sweep this year. 1475 **Footpaths and Public Rights of Way** Previously notified fallen/broken signposts have not been re-erected or replaced. Cross Lane at Everton end has been blocked with hedgerow trimmings. 1476 **Donations Policy and Application Form** Resolved: to adopt the NALC model Donations Policy and form. It was agreed that the Parish Council maintains current levels of donations which, typically, is £2,000 per annum. It was agreed that the Metcalfe Recreation Committee would receive a set allocation and that other requests could be made via the Metcalfe Recreation Committee. This approach to be reviewed as appropriate. Three points were raised and noted: Having to be specific about the purpose of the donation at the early stage of application might prove difficult given tight deadlines. Joint fund-raising should be possible. It was suggested that the application process has very rigid time frames. It was stated that this should be workable and aids the budget setting programmed 1477 **Parish Council/Metcalfe Trust** Discussions held earlier in the meeting were aiming to build a consensus as to how the relationship could best serve the village. 1478 **Land Tenancy Rent Review Resolved**: to discuss in closed session due to commercial sensitivity. 1479 **EMAS Defibrillator Training** Notice should be put into the next edition of HEDS to allow for wider participation. 1480 **BDC Dog Control Order** It was agreed that the Council continues to support the BDC proposal to extend the Dog Control Order for another three years. The order includes 1) dogs on leads at the Churchyard and Cemetery and 2) no dogs allowed on the MT playground. The Metcalfe Trust also has a policy of no dogs allowed on the recreational ground. 1481 **Update on Land Purchase for new Cemetery** A summary of the report prepared by Cllr. Wiles was presented to the council. The focus is now on a specific site where the land costs are affordable and offers opportunities for a new recreational/environmental space. It was agreed that before any further action is taken, a copy of the report should be sent to Councillors and a discussion and vote on the next step to be included in April's agenda. 1482 **Cemetery Matters** Item deferred including approval to purchase Cemetery Management Software. 1483 **Councillors' Updates** Metcalfe Trust: no meeting held since February meeting. Metcalfe Recreation Committee: no meeting held since February meeting. Police Matters/Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (using the Nottswatch Scheme) has still to attract sufficient interest for a co-ordinator to take this forward. Spring Clean Arrangements: Idea of 'own streets cleaning' approach as included in March HEDS. Website: information and village-wide launch has been once again delayed because the article prepared for publication three months ago still has not been published. Chair to follow this up with the HEDS committee.

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1484	84 Correspondence (For information only) None			
1485	Exchange of Information The article in HEDS detailing an informal proposal for the field off Roe Lane for future developmed Parish Council was not aware of this.	nt was raised. The		
1486	Discussion held in closed session Land Tenancy Rent Review Resolved: To send a reply to the tenant restating that the raise in charges were both realistic and request based on current market values. A letter to be sent to the PROW Officer re access to Parish Land via a designated public right of waccessible to vehicles.	·		
1487	Date and time of the next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 8 April 202 The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm	24 at 7.15pm.		
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