Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Present: Councillors S Wiles (Chair), L Foster, M Mahoney, B Upton, M Wright, J Bere and District Cllr. Pashley

Public Session:

Tony Hercock attended to present information on HEDS, the challenges and changes which will predictably drive-up costs for this community newsletter. Essentially, printing costs are rising and advertisement income is declining due to competition from other media outlets. The parish council have financially supported HEDS from when it was established and recognises it as the means of communication within the Parish. Tony was thanked for his presentation and the PC hope to be able to continue to financially support this valued community resource.

District Councillor Steve Pashley gave an update report of BDC matters.

- Currently we are in Purdah, and little is happening, I am currently out supporting Brendan Clarke Smith in his efforts to get re-elected.
- Last year I was on the Overview & Scrutiny committee, which helped me better understand the operations of the BDC. I have now been given a permanent position on the Planning Consultation Group as well as being on the Planning Committee, this will give me a say on any planning applications and decisions relating to the Ward I represent.
- BDC Press Release. Free expert energy advice for Bassetlaw businesses to help them cut their Carbon Emissions, they can then apply for grants of up to £5k.

1541 | Chair's Comments

The Chair welcomed everyone and was pleased to invite two new Councillors who had come forward to contribute to Everton PC., Lee Foster and Victoria Oats.

Following on from issues of previous meetings reference was made to the previously circulated Code of Conduct training notes and the Chair asked all Councillors to read these and consider how these can be applied to maintain good order in meetings, and for Council members applying identified good practice. Particular reference was made for the need to declare interests and apply all aspects of the Code of Conduct to enable the council to best serve the Parish. The Chair reiterated the need for all Councillors to work collaboratively together as an effective team. It was unanimously agreed to move forward in this respect.

1542 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received as follows:

Cllr. Troop (work commitment)

Resolved: to accept apologies and reasons given

Apologies were also received from the County. Cllr Taylor due to other meeting commitments

1543 **Co-option of New Councillor**

Resolved: to co-opt Victoria Oaks onto the parish council.

1544 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1545 | Recording of Meeting

No intentions to record the meeting were received.

1546 | Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2024, had been circulated prior to the meeting **Resolved**: to approve the minutes.

A discussion was prompted by Cllr Bere on thoughts regarding the level of detail included in the minutes and sort clarification as to when a closed session of discussion was appropriate. The Chair commented that the Council is guided by the Clerk and it is where there is financial confidentiality, land matters and, in exceptional circumstances, where

members have requested this. A comment was made (JB) about the long time it takes to produce the minutes but as explained this is due to the current circumstances.

1547 Updates on Highways, Footpaths and Public Rights of Way.

It was reported that a section of hedge line had been removed to accommodate improved access at the top of Pinfold Lane, Harwell. It was thought this was a private land matter as Pinfold Lane is not adopted highway, In general, the overgrowth of vegetation, and unmaintained private boundary hedges on the Public Rights of Way network was mentioned as of concern. The respective landowners are asked that the public footpaths are maintained to an appropriate standard to enable access at all times.

1548 Matters for Consideration:

1. Village Maintenance Work

The following maintenance work was approved:

- a) Cutting back of overgrown foliage at Cross Lane.
- b) Cutting grass verge at bridge near Mattersey/Everton border

2. Review of Roles and Responsibilities.

Cllr. Foster agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

Metcalfe Trust (MT) - PC Representatives

It was noted that one of the PC Metcalfe Trustee representative roles is now vacant due to a resignation. No parish councillors were able to fulfil that role for various reasons. In such cases the PC invites non-Councillor representation, a resident of the Parish, into that role. The other EPC Metcalfe Trustee representative role is currently undertaken by ClIr Bere who wished to continue in that role. The MT supported the case for continuity. There being no other interest coming forward that request was approved by council. However, some members expressed concern that undertaking the two roles of Parish Councillor and Metcalfe Trustee was difficult and, in some cases, led to conflict of interests which impacted on the role of being a Councillor. A request was made by two councillors that this matter be considered further and the term of duration be reviewed from 4 years to less. It was also proposed that the policy of having 2 PC MT representatives should cease due to the above reasons. It was agreed that it would be useful to arrange a meeting with the Trust where this can be discussed in more detail.

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.

There were no other changes to councillors' roles and responsibilities

1549 Planning Matters

1. New Planning Applications

Variation of Condition 1 to P/A 23/00471/RES for Substitution of Plans to Allow Minor Alterations to Layout and Window Positions

Plot 6 Land West of Stonegate Farm Bawtry Road Everton South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 24/00623/VOC

Resolved: to adverse comments to make

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

No: 24/00626/HSE

Resolved: to adverse comments to make

2. Planning Applications Received after the agenda was published None received.

3. Planning Enforcement

Cllr. Pashley provided an update of the last BDC meeting with the Head of Planning in relation to outstanding enforcement cases. An update of the Mill Lane case had been given earlier in the meeting during his district councillor update.

4. Planning Determinations

Proposed Rear Lean-to Conservatory with Glass Roof

Oatville Bawtry Road Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5BT

Ref. No: 24/00330/HSE Decision: GRANT

1550 Councillors' Reports

Metcalfe Trust

The recent public open meeting to present the delivery plan for replacing the Tearoom and improve off-road car parking was explained.

Metcalfe Recreation Committee No

report.

Crime and Policing Update

No information available apart from the Worksop and Retford Police newsletter.

Village Website

It was noted that there are links for directly reporting defects and concerns to the respective authority.

Recruitment of New Clerk

The position is currently being advertised.

1551	1.	Financial Report The monthly financial report and bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting.				
	2. Approval of Financial Report and Payments					
		Payee	Ref No.	Matter	Amount £	
		Staff	OL067	Salaries and expenses	1,020.69	
		Sharpe Group	OL068	WIFI costs	80.40	
		North Notts Landscapes	OL069	Cemetery maintenance	584.50	
		Resolved: to approve paym	ents and fin	ancial report.		
1552	Joint Burial Committee Matters It was reported that the annual headstone safety check has been planned for 2 nd July. It was noted that the large trees will soon require a specialist tree survey to be undertaken.					
1553	Risk Review and Asset Inspection. Everton Parish Council Land Tree surgery work to be organised with the contractor after bird nesting season at the Pusto Hill woodland area.					
1554	Consultations/Upcoming Events None reported.					
1555	Correspondence None presented.					
1556	Items for Inclusion on the next agenda None					
1557	Date and time of the next Meeting The date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 2 nd September 2024 in the village hall					
	The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.17pm					
Signed Date						

S Wiles, Chair