

EASTOFT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY

8 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Public Forum 7.30-7.45pm. Any members of the public attending the meeting may be given (at the chairman's discretion) a combined 15-minute time slot to address Councillors on any items of concern or interest. After this period the public are welcome to stay for the full parish council meeting but CANNOT speak nor offer advice/opinion on any matter. This public participation is NOT part of the parish council meeting and as such there are no rights to record this part of the meeting in any way.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 7.30-7.45.

Julie-Ann Whall was unable to attend as planned due to unforeseen circumstances. She hopes to attend the March meeting.

Councillors present: Cllr R.Burke (Chair), Cllr E.Yorke (Vice-Chair), Cllr M.Everratt, Cllr H.Fillingham, Cllr P.Fillingham, Cllr J.Bramhill, Cllr A.Woodhouse, Cllr T. Moody.

52/2324 APOLOGIES

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr J. Briggs. Cllr J.Reed had sent her apologies to Cllr A.Woodhouse.

53/2324 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

54/2324 BANK ACCOUNTS

As at 31 December 2023:

Current Account-£7242.33

Business Money Manager-£797.64

55/2324 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk & Councils Direct Magazine

Eastoft Gardening & Craft Club. Request for letter of support re their application for direct funding from SSE. The Clerk advised that this had been dealt with by himself and the Chair.

Information from Neil Thomas, NLC, following the site meeting held to identify possible sites for Speed Indicator Devices in the village. (See 58/2324 ii.)

56/2324 WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE

No Ward Councillor was in attendance.

57/2324 PLANNING

No Planning Applications had been received.

58/2324 ONGOING ISSUES

i. Change of Banking Provider-The Clerk informed Councillors that Nationwide do not offer Business Current Accounts so could not be considered. This left Unity Trust and the Co-operative Bank as possible candidates. Councillors discussed the merits of both and put each one to the vote. The result was Unity Trust 7 votes; Co-operative Bank 1 vote. Councillors requested that the Clerk starts to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of banking provider to take place to coincide with the start of the 2024/2025 Financial Year and to keep them updated with progress.

ii. Speed Indicator Devices-A meeting had taken place in November 2023 with Neil Thomas and three possible sites had been identified. Photographs of these together with North Lincolnshire Council policy for the use of privately funded vehicle activated speed signs on the highway had been received and forwarded to Councillors on 30 November 2023. Councillors requested that the Clerk obtain a full quotation from NLC so that a grant application can be made to SSE.

iii. Road Gulleys, Drains, poor state of Footpaths and provision of Double Yellow Lines at the Junction of High Street and Yorkshireside-The Clerk informed Councillors that following their instructions at the November meeting, he had emailed Cllr J.Briggs asking for a progress update and was advised that the matters had been passed to Mick Johnson at NLC. The Clerk will contact him for the latest information re progress.

iv. Path adjacent to Play Area-ONGO advised that this is the responsibility of NLC who state that it is not adopted highway having been transferred to the Parks Dep't. An inspection is to be arranged with a view to remedial works being carried out. The Clerk will check on progress.

v. Communication methods-It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr M. Everratt meet in the near future to examine the use of social media.

vi. Untidy property in the village-The has been a little improvement but nothing of any consequence.

vi. Christmas tree and new lights- There is a tree on Washinghall Lane that may be suitable for transplanting. Cllr J.Bramhill is to check. Cllr M.Everratt advised that she had recently purchased three trees and she look at future availability. Some of the lights were damaged by the recent high winds and will have to be replaced.

59/2324 NEW ISSUES

The Gardening and Craft Club have asked if the hedge adjacent to th picnic area on Wassinghall Lane could be cut. Cllr. J.Bramhill is to inspect.

60/2324 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillors requested that the untidy property be included as an agenda item.

61/2324 DONM

Monday 11 March 2024, 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:16pm.

Signed

Mr R.Burke
Chair