

# Everton Parish Council

Email: [theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Web: [www.evertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.evertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

---

Minutes of the meeting of **Everton Parish Council** held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, 7:15pm, at The Sun Inn Function Room, Everton.

Present: Cllr. G Thomson (Chair) · Cllr. S Wiles · Cllr. R Troop  
Cllr. L Foster · Cllr. J Bere · Cllr. M Wright

Clerk: Callum Bryant · County Councillor Mike Robertson · 2 Residents

## **1819/26 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. V Oaks, G Waddington and B Upton sent apologies.

## **1820/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Bere declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1831.a.1.

## **1821/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident raised ongoing concerns regarding activities on a parcel of land within the parish, including possible breaches of planning control and enforcement matters. Councillors noted that enforcement had previously been involved and discussed the need for an updated position.

Another resident raised concerns regarding works taking place within the Conservation Area, including the removal of trees and alterations to walls and access arrangements. Concern was expressed about the frequency of such works and the time taken to resolve enforcement and planning matters.

## **1822/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Mike Robertson reported that the county council budget meeting would take place on 26 February, with a proposed 3.99% council tax increase, which it is stated will be delivered without cuts to services. Funding has been requested for a feasibility study into an additional River Trent crossing.

The Divisional Fund for the current financial year has been fully allocated, with a further £3,000 expected in April. Members were encouraged to apply to the Local Communities Fund (capital grants up to £20,000 match-funded and revenue grants up to £5,000), with applications submitted via the county council portal. Cllr. Robertson offered support (alongside the communities team) and endorsement where appropriate.

A community walkabout is proposed for 28 February (time to be confirmed). Work continues with partners regarding drainage issues, and the Highways Capital programme is expected shortly, including resurfacing works within the area. A traffic survey has been completed and data is awaited to inform next steps, including the

zebra crossing project. Members also discussed highways repairs and pothole management.

Cllr. Robertson also advised that he is seeking to improve support available to veterans locally and is exploring the re-establishment of a Royal British Legion branch in Misterton. A minimum of 15 veterans or prospective members would be required to form a branch. Funding may be available from the County Council to assist, and any interested veterans were encouraged to come forward.

**1823/26 CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

The Chair opened the formal session and restated the rules of debate

**1824/26 MINUTES**

Approval of minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

**1825/26 STEP FUSION**

Cllr. Wright gave an update on the STEP Fusion project and the impact that its construction and operation would have on the parish and the wider area. Councillors discussed the effect in terms of congestion, inconvenience and the available affordable housing / property prices. Council to consider engagement with an inter-parish working group.

**1826/26 HIGHWAYS**

Cllr. Wiles reported that the yellow lines near the village hall will be painted on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, asked councillors and residents to report potholes when spotted and noted the condition of the bank where the noticeboard is sited in Harwell.

**1827/26 KISSING GATE REPAIR**

Cllr. Wiles reported that he is awaiting a third quote for the repair, council resolved to defer this item until the inclement weather had passed.

**1828/26 INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was resolved to appoint Anne Daly as Internal Auditor for the Financial Year 2025/26.

**1829/26 POLICY REVIEW**

- a) It was resolved to adopt the draft Communications Policy.
- b) It was resolved to adopt the draft Document Retention Policy.

**1830/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

It was resolved to note accounts presented, agree and sign bank reconciliation and payment list.

**1831/26 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) To discuss planning applications received in advance of the agenda publication.

1. [Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Equestrian Use and Housing of Demountable Horse Walker and Lunge Pen](#)  
Land Including Pusto Hill Farm, Pusto Hill Lane Everton.

Ref. No: 25/01274/FUL. - **No objection, but comments were submitted regarding private non-commercial use, vehicle movements, removal of demountable structures, and lighting control.**

2. [Replacement Front Entrance Door](#)

Marion Cottage High Street Everton DN10 5AR.

Ref. No: 25/01288/HSE. - **Objection, with comments supporting the Conservation Officer's recommendation that the door be painted and maintained in a visually regressive colour (preferably black) to preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.**

3. [Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construction of Detached Dwelling with Integral Garage and Boundary Wall/Gates](#)

Briarwood Mattersey Road Everton DN10 5BN.

Ref. No: 25/01315/FUL. - **Objection, with comments regarding overdevelopment and excessive scale harming village character and the adjacent Conservation Area, potential overbearing impact on neighbours and the street scene, and loss of a more affordable housing unit contrary to neighbourhood plan objectives.**

4. [Reserved Matters Application following Outline Application 20/01484/OUT to Erect 8 Detached Dwellings \(Approval is being Sought for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale on Plot 7\)](#)

Plot 7 Land West Of Stonegate Farm Bawtry Road Everton.

Ref. No: 25/01347/RES. - **Objection, with comments regarding overdevelopment and excessive scale harming village character and the setting of the Conservation Area, poor integration at the village edge, and potential overbearing impact on neighbours and the street scene.**

5. [Notification for Prior Approval To Install a 3.8kw Solar System with 5.32kWh Battery Storage to Roof of the Amenity Block](#)

Amenity Block Metcalfe Recreation Ground High Street Everton.

Ref. No: 25/01382/PDN. - **No adverse comments**

6. [Works to Trees within a Conservation Area Consisting of Full Removal of One Mature Cherry Tree.](#)

2 Rose Villas High Street Everton DN10 5AR.

Ref. No: 25/01394/CAT. - **No objection, but comments were submitted regarding replacement planting (with specified species, size and location) and timing of works to protect nesting birds, given the tree's contribution to the Conservation Area and streetscape.**

1832/26

## COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

- a) Cllr. Bere reported that a Metcalfe Trust meeting had been held two weeks previously and work is ongoing to prepare a grant application for improvements to the playground, with an aim for submission in May. Works have begun at the Village Hall, with the trust contributing significant funding, and the improvements are expected to enhance the facility. It was noted that, at an appropriate time, consideration should be given to preparing to appoint a replacement Parish Council representative to the Trust.

- b) Cllr. Foster reported on the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, an amenities grant was discussed.
- c) The clerk reported that work on the website was ongoing.
- d) Cllr. Troop reported on rural crime and policing, noting a recent rural crime spree across North Nottinghamshire, with farm break-ins reported, including incidents at Thoresby Estates, Pollybell Farm and other farms and small businesses.

It was noted that PC Pickersgill has recently left the force to take up alternative employment, and there is currently no dedicated officer assigned to the parish. PC Johnson (Tuxford Beat) is presently the nearest officer covering the area. The Sergeant has suggested that the Parish Council write to the Chief Inspector regarding local policing capacity. Ongoing concerns remain regarding the use of off-road bikes and quad bikes.

A meeting has been held with the owner of the Scaftworth Estate, who is aware of the current situation. A spring walk-through of the woodland perimeter is planned. It was also reported that two individuals have recently been taken to hospital by ambulance with broken limbs in separate mountain bike incidents.

- e) No ENP update was available this month.
- f) Cllr. Wiles gave a visual appearance update, covering issues such as the gaps in the cemetery hedge, litter picking dates (provisionally the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> of March) and new bin locations; one on the corner of Church Street and Chapel Lane, one on Chapel Street opposite the school and one at the junction of Middle Cross Lane and Harwell Sluice Lane. The dog waste bin on Church Field has been removed.

**1833/26      JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS**

- a) No friends group meeting has been held since the last parish council meeting. The council agreed to pay the shortfall on the War Memorial work outstanding and attempt to recover any grant monies still owed by the district council.
- b) The borehole work has been completed and found 4m of sand, the water-table monitoring is ongoing.

**1834/26      CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED**

The Chair raised the idea of an annual council plan, tying together budgeting and forward planning. Cllr. Wiles reported on the North East Bassetlaw Forum and expectations for Local Government Reorganisation.

**1835/26      NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Agenda items were discussed for the next meeting which will take place at Everton Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:15pm