

# Everton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of **Everton Parish Council** held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7:15pm, at  
Everton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. G Thomson (Chair) · Cllr. S Wiles · Cllr. R Troop · Cllr. V Oaks · Cllr. B Upton  
Cllr. L Foster · Cllr. M Wright

Clerk: Callum Bryant · Bassetlaw District Councillor Steve Pashley · 3 members of the public

**1853/26**

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Jean Bere and Cllr. Gaynor Waddington. County Councillor Mike Robertson also sent apologies.

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## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of Everton Knitting Group introduced themselves and asked to make representations on item 1864/26. The Chair advised that this item would be brought forward.

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

This item was taken later in the meeting following the arrival of Cllr Steve Pashley (BDC). He reported on his attendance at parish, licensing and planning meetings and a recent site visit. He noted free cycle training sessions supported by Clancy Briggs Cycling Academy and a 2.99% increase in BDC Council Tax. He outlined a recent motion regarding pothole repair equipment and reported that 24 new homes had been added to housing stock. He also highlighted the availability of the District Councillors' Community Fund.

An update was provided on ongoing enforcement matters within the district, where a permanent enforcement officer is now in place. Investigations have identified potential non-compliance and landowners are to be invited for interview under caution, with prosecution papers being prepared for magistrates' court; it was noted that one case is expected to proceed to court. In response to a query, Cllr Pashley explained how non-aligned councillors are allocated to meetings through shadow arrangements.

**- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -**

**1857/26**

## **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

The Chair reported that it had been a busy month, including a successful litter pick and work to close down the financial year. Members were reminded of the rules of debate and expected standards of conduct.

**1858/26 MINUTES**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> March meeting as accurate.

**1864/26 POPPY KNITTING FUNDING REQUEST**

It was resolved to approve a funding request of £200 from Everton Knitting Group and Everton WI towards knitting poppies for a village display.

**1859/26 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTALS**

- a. Members discussed highways and environmental matters, including the condition of pavements and the general appearance of parts of the village, particularly towards the Sun Inn. Concerns were raised regarding unfinished development works and the need for improved continuity and quality of footpaths. The council also considered the cemetery and grounds maintenance contract for the forthcoming year.
- b. It was resolved to continue with North Notts Landscapes for the Lengthsman and Cemetery Maintenance contracts with the condition that maintenance can be balanced between the two contracts by the council if necessary.

**1860/26 WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION**

It was resolved to approve £50 in funding towards the event and noted that the rededication will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, all councillors and members of the public are welcome to attend.

**1861/26 NOTTS ALC / NALC SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription was considered, noting an increase from £276 to £297. It was resolved that the subscription be approved, with the additional cost to be met from general reserves.

**1862/26 KISSING GATE REPAIR**

It was resolved that the repair be commissioned, including painting, at a cost of up to £400 including VAT, with a maximum of £450 if required from Goodalls.

**1863/26 EVERTON:RESPECT PLANTING PROJECT**

It was resolved to approve a payment of £500 to the Garden Holders Association to perform planting for the parish council as part of Everton:Respect.

**1865/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

- a. It was resolved to note accounts presented, and agree and sign bank reconciliation and payment list. The Chair noted that the Clerk's contract includes a standard annual increment in line with the NJC SCP scale.

**1866/26 PLANNING MATTERS**

- a. To discuss planning applications received in advance of the agenda publication.
  - i. [Extension of Existing Dormer, Including Extending Roof Line and Adding New Gable Wall to Rear Elevation with New Dormer Window](#)  
Orchard View Nutcroft Way Harwell Everton DN10 5BU | Ref. No: 26/00270/HSE  
**No Adverse Comments**

- b. To discuss planning applications received since the agenda was published.
- c. To receive update on outstanding enforcement cases and new determinations.

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## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS**

- a. Cllr. Foster gave a report for the Metcalfe Trust: One meeting had taken place since the last Parish Council meeting, with work ongoing to introduce clearer roles and responsibilities to improve structure. The changing rooms are nearing completion, and options are being considered for gate safety, including self-closing mechanisms, and for securing the playground. The next phase will consider the area near the front, including options for a covered external space.
- b. Metcalfe Recreation Committee: SW discussions about updates such as the village hall and ongoing work, the planned redecoration of the VH which would take a week, the trial of the new booking system for the village hall with the potential for expanding its use to include other services and concerns regarding covered facilities at the recreation ground. Alternative meeting facilities were also discussed, as well as reinstatement and preservation of the wall-hanging in the Village Hall.
- c. Parish Council Website: Cllr. Upton gave an update on the ongoing website work and the static section for news updates now, removing the need for constant editing of the front page.
- d. Crime and Policing Update: Cllr. Troop reported on ongoing issues with motorbikes and quad bikes, although activity has reduced recently. A small number of incidents were noted, and three fallen trees were cleared from Harwell Sluice Lane. It was also reported that concerns had been raised with enforcement officers, supported by submitted video evidence.
- e. Everton Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Upton reported that significant progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan, with a near-complete draft expected to be ready for review before 11 May. The document has been substantially rewritten and will be presented without appendices or images at this stage.

Members will be asked to review the draft ahead of formal consultation, which will follow as part of the Regulation 14/15 process. It is intended that the Council will approve the final version as a complete document rather than in stages, with a target adoption date of May 2027

- f. Visual Appearance Lead update: Cllr. Waddington sent apologies for this meeting. Cllr. Wiles noted a successful litter pick, despite the wind, lasting approximately two hours and collecting 15 bags of waste.
- g. PROW update: Cllr Thomson reported that concerns were raised regarding the use of quad bikes on the Polly Bell Bank bridle path, and discussions have taken place with the police and the Public Rights of Way Officer, with a potential solution involving installation of a bridle gate. It was also reported that further discussions are ongoing regarding restricted byways and access routes. Issues relating to a gate

on Pinfold Lane were noted, and it was confirmed that contractors are working on installing new fingerposts. Interest has also been expressed in reinstating a historic Public Right of Way link, and it was suggested that the Council should support this in principle.

**1868/26      JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS**

- a. **Update from Friends of Everton Cemetery Group:** Cllr. Wiles noted that the planned rededication service is progressing as discussed. Members were informed of an offer to install a granite plaque near the white letterbox, with a possible contact identified to undertake the inscription. Arrangements have been made for the next annual headstone safety inspection to be carried out. It was noted that progress continues to be made overall. A meeting has also taken place with a contractor regarding hedge infill works; however, no further update has been received at this stage. Update regarding proposed new cemetery and land acquisition.
- b. **Update regarding new cemetery and land acquisition:** Cllr. Wiles reported that feedback had been received from VIA, indicating that the initial site investigation results are positive. Analytical comparisons have been undertaken and the findings suggest the site is suitable, with ongoing ground monitoring continuing as part of the process. It was noted that the next stage requires input from the Environment Agency; however, the Agency has advised that any formal review or comment will incur a fee.
- c. **To approve environment agency certification for new site:** It was resolved to approve the Environment Agency fees for examining the VIA report and providing documentation.

**1869/26      CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED**

Members noted correspondence received and discussed local concerns including road safety and parking issues.

**1870/26      NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at Everton Village Hall, with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Items for the next meeting were discussed and noted by the clerk.

- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 21:19 -