Everton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of **Everton Parish Council** held on Monday 11th May 2026, 7:30pm, at Everton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. G Thomson (Chair) · Cllr. R Troop · Cllr. V Oaks · Cllr. B Upton
Cllr J Bere · Cllr. M Wright

Clerk: Callum Bryant · Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mike Robertson · 3 members of the public

1871/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

It was resolved to elect Gary Thomson Chair and Steve Wiles Vice Chair.

1872/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Martin Wright, Lee Foster, and Steve Wiles, as well as Bassetlaw District Councillor Steve Pashley.

1873/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

1874/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised strong concerns about the removal of approximately 100 metres of mature hedgerow within the parish and the lack of enforcement relating to it. The Chair advised the resident that there had been correspondence with Bassetlaw District Council as the Parish Council are also concerned by the lack of enforcement.

1875/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mike Robertson gave an update including highways funding and planned highway works. He reported additional funding for Streetscene, bus lane and road safety initiatives, and a local government works loan intended to increase investment in road maintenance. He explained that the capital plan was being reviewed to bring forward year-two and year-three projects where possible.

For Everton, the A631 works from the Harwell junction through towards West Wells Lane / the Everton to Gringley route were discussed as a scheme that may be brought forward. The Parish Council asked that the requested zebra crossing be considered alongside any resurfacing if the works are advanced.

County Cllr Robertson also reported that two JCB Pothole Pro machines had been leased, one of which would cover Bassetlaw and nearby areas. Household waste recycling centre pressures were discussed, including extended hours, trade waste concerns and the need for improved skip exchanges and longer-term capacity solutions.

The county consultation on discretionary school transport for faith schools was noted. County Cllr Robertson also reported that the Councillor Divisional Fund had been

allocated, and that the Local Communities Fund remained available, with support offered for pre-applications.

The recent walk-around at Everton Primary School was welcomed. County Cllr Robertson reported that the school hall issue had been raised with the relevant Cabinet Member, and that schoolchildren intended to prepare persuasive writing for delivery to County Hall.

The Council noted that no update had yet been received regarding planters. County Cllr Robertson had begun discussions with VIA about whether the Everton Parish Road / Everton Respect proposals could be included in future plans.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

members of the public may remain to observe but can take no further part in the council meeting

1876/26 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair closed the public session and restated the rules of debate.

1877/26 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 30th March meeting as accurate.

1878/26 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTALS

Cllr Upton reported a temporary road closure / traffic control issue affecting Gainsborough Road. The date would be included in the newsletter and had been updated on the website.

The Chair reported discussions with the owner of the Scaftworth Estate regarding Theaker Lane, the byway running from Scaftworth towards Pasture Lane. The aim is to seek restricted access for motor vehicles beyond the public footpath leading into the woods, approximately 800 metres from Scaftworth, to help address motorbike and quad bike access.

Discussions were also taking place about making historically used paths in the woods permissive rights of way. This would not be intended to close pedestrian access, but to help address damage, liability and unauthorised motorbike, mountain bike and quad bike use. It would also support Rural Watch in challenging inappropriate use with the landowner's permission.

A possible gateway on Polly Bell Bank bridleway, designed to remain bridleway-friendly while discouraging quad bikes, was also discussed with neighbouring stakeholders.

1879/26 BENCH REPAIR

It was resolved to approve expenditure of up to £200 to repair two benches in the parish.

1880/26 EXCESS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROJECT

It was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting.

1881/26 INSURANCE

It was resolved to accept the quote from Zurich to insure the council at a cost of £459.

1882/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

a. It was resolved to note accounts presented, agree and sign bank reconciliation and payment list.
b. The council received the end of year budget report.

1883/26 PLANNING MATTERS

No new planning applications were presented but general enforcement issues were discussed by the council.

1884/26 POLICY REVIEW

It was resolved that we adopt the draft Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. It was resolved to defer the General Risk Assessment to the next meeting.

1885/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

a. **Metcalfe Trust:** Cllr. Bere reported on the ongoing upgrades, that the toilet block was almost completed and access arrangements still under discussion.
b. **Metcalfe Recreation Committee:** Cllr. Oaks reported that there was nothing further since the last update.
c. **Parish Council Website:** Cllr. Upton reported minor issues with consistency of the old and new web and email address across print and other media.
d. **Crime and Policing Update:** Cllr. Troop updated the council on antisocial behaviour within the parish, Cllr. Thomson updated the council on the ongoing fly tip issue and the Twenty is Plenty survey, relating to the parish North of the A631, which ended with 77% in favour of the speed reduction and 9% against; The Chair has been invited to speak at the next WI meeting.
e. **Everton Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Upton talked about the hard work that had gone into the Neighbourhood Plan update and how it would encompass and inform the work of the Parish Council. Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan should begin in the autumn.
f. **Visual Appearance Lead update:** Cllr. Waddington updated the council on the parish's visual appearance, noting that, thanks to The Chair, the bins were all sited and in good order; dog fouling
g. **PROW update:** Public rights of way matters had been covered earlier under Highways and Environmentals.

1886/26 JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS

The Council recorded that the War Memorial rededication service on 28 April 2026 had gone well. Thanks were recorded to all involved, including the vicar, the headteacher, Everton Primary School, the British Legion and those who assisted with the event.

Cllr. Waddington reported that the White Postbox project was progressing. A plaque was being designed and the Friends of Everton Cemetery group were arranging a granite plaque, with a dedication to follow.

There was no further update regarding the proposed new cemetery and land

acquisition. The environmental certification / report remained awaited.

1887/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

No further correspondence was raised, other than that discussed in the meeting.

1888/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st June 2026 at Everton Village Hall. Items for the next meeting were discussed and noted by the clerk.

- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 21:22 -