# Everton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of **Everton Parish Council** held on Monday 1st June 2026, 7:15pm, at Everton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. S Wiles (Vice-Chair) · Cllr. R Troop · Cllr. B Upton · Cllr. L Foster · Cllr. J Bere
Nottinghamshire County Councillor Mike Robertson · Bassetlaw District Councillor Steve Pashley
Clerk: Callum Bryant · 3 members of the public

**1889/26 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Thomson, Oaks, Wright and Waddington.

**1890/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**1891/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to be heard during the public session.

**1892/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

**District Councillor S. Pashley**: Outlined the background of outstanding enforcement cases spanning four years across multiple officers. A new Enforcement Lead is in-role and actively pursuing outstanding cases in Everton. Following discussions with Craig Taylor (Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods), a comprehensive update was received. Three high-priority cases are currently moving toward formal legal action, with one case being invited to an interview under caution. Regular updates will now be provided for the eight outstanding cases.

A resident raised an issue with Cllr. Pashley regarding the total removal of a hedgerow on Roe Lane. An emerging pre-application development proposal for the site may carry enforceable conditions requiring the hedgerow's replacement. Cllr. Pashley offered to look into funding or sourcing replacement whips/trees from the Forestry Commission if required. Cllr. Pashley also shared information regarding new Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Bassetlaw targeting nuisance vehicles and anti-social behaviour, making breaches a criminal offence.

**Nottinghamshire County Cllr M. Robertson:** Reported that Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has reviewed its Local Communities Fund (LCF) framework. While grant thresholds remain unchanged, application criteria regarding criteria fit (e.g., tackling social isolation) will be strictly monitored and enforced. He also confirmed an upcoming visit to County Hall on 15th June 2026 for seven student council members from Everton Primary along with the Headteacher, Mr. Green, and parents to meet the council leader and present correspondence they have prepared.

Also raised was the requested zebra crossing scheme. The technical highway survey put the average approach speed at 34.4 mph. As crossing installations are generally restricted where approach speeds exceed 34 mph, the proposal falls short of the

criteria for hazard by a narrow margin of 0.6 mph. A meeting to challenge this with Via's Operations Director has been rescheduled for 11th June. Cllr. Wiles also raised issues regarding the condition of Eel Pool Road.

**- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -**

**1893/26 CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

The vice-chair opened the meeting and restated the rules of debate.

**1894/26 MINUTES**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 11th May meeting as accurate.

**1895/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

a. It was resolved to note accounts presented, agree and sign bank reconciliation and payment list.
b. It was resolved to receive and approve the internal audit.
c. It was resolved to approve and sign Section 1 of the AGAR (Governance Statement) for 2025-26.
d. It was resolved to approve and sign Section 2 of the AGAR (Accounting Statements) for 2025-26.
e. It was resolved to note the arrangements and dates for the Exercise of Public Rights, which will be July 1 to August 11.

**1896/26 RISK ASSESSMENT**

It was resolved to approve a risk assessment for the Council and review in 3 months.

**1897/26 PARISH PLANTERS**

It was resolved to defer this item.

**1898/26 HONOURS BOARD**

It was resolved to defer this item.

**1899/26 EXCESS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROJECT**

It was resolved to defer this item.

**1900/26 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTALS**

The council agreed to restate that residents should use the NCC Smartphone application where possible to report local potholes directly to expedite their repair. It was noted that while a recent community litter-pick had a strong turnout of roughly 20 volunteers, fly-tipping and roadside litter continue to reappear rapidly on village periphery routes such as Eel Pool Road and Mattersey Road.

**1901/26 PLANNING MATTERS**

It was noted that a recent planning application for field access at Claybank Farm raised no adverse comments or objections.

**1902/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS**

**a. Metcalfe Trust:** The Trust is continuing to work through final planning approval blockages regarding the installation of clubhouse solar panels.

**b. Metcalfe Recreation Committee (MRC):** Report received from Cllr. Oaks. Main village groups are thriving. Village Hall internal decoration is finalized with minor snagging in progress. The wall hanging noticeboard has been cleaned and successfully rehung. Three large gazebos remain available for community group usage. The FCC Playground Grant application has been submitted, with a final determination due in September. New heating boiler controls are scheduled for installation this summer. Attendance tracking baselines have been requested across all groups to measure active village participation.

**c. Parish Council Website:** Clerk reported that the digital audit is concluding, and a tutorial on utilizing an advanced page builder tool will be provided to members shortly.

**d. Crime and Policing:** Noted reports of off-road motorbikes operating illegally within the Harwell area. Residents are urged to log incidents via the non-emergency 101 line.

**e. Everton Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Upton requested that all councillors review the current online version and submit comprehensive feedback by 1st July 2026 to ensure public consultation on policy statements can begin on schedule.

**f. Visual Appearance Lead Update:** Report received from Cllr. Waddington. Village remains largely clear of litter and dog fouling. Council formally recorded its thanks to Cllr. Gary Thomson for carrying out local bench repairs. Cemetery plaques and a post box sticker from McGuigan Designs remain outstanding.

**g. PROW Update:** No separate updates recorded.

**1903/26 JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS**

**a. Friends of Everton Cemetery:** The friends group completed a routine safety inspection. No significant safety or infrastructural hazards were identified. Maintenance teams are on-site managing grass cutting, and recently planted boundary hedges remain stable and successfully watered.

**b. New Cemetery & Land Acquisition:** Received formal approval from the Environment Agency regarding the site layout. Received an outline fee proposal from a Grimsby-based civil engineering firm for structural scoping, topographical mapping, and detailed highway entrance designs. The competitive cost estimate sits at £2,938, which can be distributed across two financial cycles. Public consultations are being projected for September/October 2026.

**1904/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED**

Councillors stated that they wished the council to respond to BDC regarding correspondence related to the removed hedgerow on Roe Lane, expressing the council's dissatisfaction with the planning enforcement outcome and noting grave concerns regarding the negative precedent set by the ruling.

**1905/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Items for the next agenda were relayed to the clerk.

**- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9:23PM -**