Everton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr. G Thomson (Chair) · Cllr. R Troop · Cllr. J Bere · Cllr. S Wiles · Cllr. B Upton · Cllr. L Foster Cllr. M Wright (from 7:18pm) · Cllr. V Oaks (from 7:34pm) · Bassetlaw District Councillor Steve Pashley Clerk: Callum Bryant · 2 members of the public

1924/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Nottinghamshire County Cllr. M Robertson. Cllr. V Oaks had advised that she would arrive late and joined the meeting at 7:34pm. The resignation of Councillor Gaynor Waddington was noted and The Council thanked her for her professionalism and hard work on behalf of the parish.

1925/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the opening of the meeting. During the District Councillor update, the Chair declared an interest in relation to a proposed meeting with Craig Taylor, who sits on the board of the company for which the Chair now works, and indicated that another councillor may attend in his place.

1926/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns about the number and duration of caravans on land at Mill Lane and about structures and the operation of a game farm on the same site. Contact details were provided for the concerns to be raised with the appropriate authority.
A further concern was raised regarding waste remaining at a Gainsborough Road development site, the status of the former access, incomplete access works and surface-water runoff onto the highway. It was agreed that the Council would write formally to Planning Enforcement, establish the relevant planning permission and conditions, and pursue compliance. The Council would also write to the landowner regarding the condition of the site.

1927/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR

District Cllr. S Pashley: Reported a new electrical-safety fund of up to £10,000 for charities and community organisations and reminded members of the Doncaster Airport airspace consultation. He reported that local government reorganisation had been put on hold and that district elections were expected to proceed in May 2027. He also advised that early scoping work for the Bassetlaw Local Plan 2045 was under way; no immediate action was required from the Parish Council.
On planning enforcement, Cllr. Pashley had circulated a confidential case spreadsheet. He reported that two cases had been prepared for prosecution, one had gone to appeal, three were under investigation and three historic cases had been reopened. He had requested a meeting with the Director of Regeneration, the enforcement officer and parish representatives because progress remained slow. In one case officers had

requested police attendance at a site visit.

Nottinghamshire County Cllr. M Robertson: A written report was read in his absence. It covered the pause in local government reorganisation; the secondary-school application deadline of 31st October; a review of the school-transport policy; work with a cross-party group and the NFU to seek a dedicated rural crime team; availability of the divisional fund; and feedback that the proposed 20mph scheme had not been supported because of the absence of recorded accidents. The Chair had challenged that reasoning on the basis that the concern related to vehicle speed in the context of the village road network.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

1928/26 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

The Chair opened the formal meeting and restated the rules of debate. Cllr. Upton raised difficulty accessing zipped meeting papers; the Clerk confirmed that papers would also be made available individually through the councillors' page.

1929/26 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 6th July meeting as accurate.

1930/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

It was resolved to note the accounts presented and to agree and sign the bank reconciliation and transaction list. Balances as of 2nd September were: current account £11,353.69; business reserve £29,363.15; liquid manager £1,060.46; total £41,777.30. The 2026/27 precept was noted as £24,534. Members were reminded that the live financial tracker was available.

1931/26 HONOURS BOARD

Two quotations were considered: £567 excluding VAT from honors-boards.co.uk, including lettering, and £836.99 excluding VAT from Green Barns, with lettering charged separately. It was resolved to purchase a light-wood board with gold lettering from honors-boards.co.uk at a cost not exceeding £600 excluding VAT. The order would be placed once the next Bassetlaw Achievers recipient was known, with completion expected in early December. A query regarding previous local award recipients would be checked separately.

1932/26 LAND VALUATION

The Clerk presented an indicative valuation of the Council's landholdings, totalling approximately £374,000 using the stated valuation basis. The land had also been plotted on a map and made available through the parish website.

A Definitive Map Modification Order application concerning Everton Bridleway FP30 and a proposed Y-shaped extension towards the historic ferry crossing was also discussed. Members wished to inspect the location and clarify land ownership and possible maintenance implications before taking a view. It was agreed to place the matter on the

next agenda following a site visit.

1933/26 LAND PURCHASE

It was resolved to defer any decision on exercising the option to purchase land on Everton Sluice Lane until the proposed cemetery consultation had been completed. Members noted the time limit applying to the option agreement.

1934/26 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

To receive and consider funding applications from:

a. **HEDS:** It was resolved to award the usual annual grant of £600.
b. **Girlguiding Retford:** No award was made at this stage. The applicant would be asked to complete the Council's standard application form and provide further information, including the number of Everton residents benefiting. Previous support for Scouts would be checked for comparison.

1935/26 POPPIES

A representative of Everton WI reported on the Remembrance poppy project. The Parish Council's £200 grant had been fully spent and further support had been received from the Recreation Committee and coffee mornings. The project had produced 1,277 knitted poppies, 659 felt poppies, 618 plastic poppies and 29 ceramic plate poppies, a total of 2,583. Ten larger displays and four street-sign decorations were planned. The launch/open day would be held on 25th October, with installation during the following week. The Council raised no objection to the proposed use of Council-controlled locations, including the cemetery gates, and noted the proposed displays on other village street furniture. The Remembrance service would be held on 8th November at the cemetery memorial; the Chair would coordinate arrangements with community organisations.

1936/26 NOISE COMPLAINT

The Chair outlined complaints regarding two late-night noise incidents from a residential property and concerns about associated parking. It was resolved that the Chair write on behalf of the Council expressing the community's concerns, including a paragraph on parking, and copy the correspondence to relevant authorities. The Council noted that statutory enforcement powers rested with other bodies.

1937/26 ARCHIVE DIGITISING

The Chair reported that, because of a short application window, a grant application for £4,750 had been submitted to the National Archives to support digitisation of village historical records. No Parish Council match funding was anticipated at this stage. It was resolved to establish a working group, initially involving Cllrs. Upton and Wiles, to oversee the project if funding was secured and to involve other interested volunteers as appropriate. Original records would continue to be retained.

1938/26 BACKUP PROJECTOR

Following continuing problems with the Village Hall projector, it was resolved to purchase a suitable backup projector for Parish Council use at a maximum cost of £1,000, with the aim of having it available before the next meeting. The existing hall projector would continue to be pursued as the primary installation.

1939/26 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTALS

Cllr. Wiles reported that the A631 verges remained untidy and that the matter was being chased. Members noted the highways surface-dressing programme and the wider Trent Valley "Know Your Place" consultation, including the likely future traffic impact on the A631. The Chair had received no further response from NCC regarding the proposed planter location and would continue to pursue it.

Further matters raised included missing give-way road markings at the Ferry Lane/Church Street junction, recurring flooding on Mill Lane and an update that a hedgerow concern had received a positive response from the countryside officer.

1940/26 PLANNING MATTERS

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

   i. **26/00879/FUL – Claybank Farm, Clay Bank Lane:** It was resolved to support the application subject to caveats concerning non-commercial use, appropriate lighting and biodiversity/landscaping measures suitable to the open countryside. Cllr. Wright would draft the detailed comments.

   ii. **26/00854/HSE – Edem Barn, Gainsborough Road:** It was resolved to raise no objection, subject to comments regarding noise, biodiversity and landscaping.

b. No planning applications were received since the agenda was published.
c. **Determinations/enforcement:** It was noted that the application to demolish and replace the bungalow at Briary Wood had been approved notwithstanding local and highways objections. The wider enforcement update had been received under item 1927/26.
d. No delegated decisions were reported at this meeting.

1941/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

a. **Metcalfe Trust:** An application for playground-related funding was awaiting a decision. Ongoing work relating to recreation facilities and cricket/green maintenance was noted, together with the need for a new Village Hall caretaker.
b. **Metcalfe Recreation Committee:** Attendance figures for village groups had been requested and will be provided. Members expressed the view that the official portrait of the King should be displayed publicly in the hall rather than stored out of sight.
c. **Parish Council Website:** Cllr. Upton reported little change beyond routine news and updates. The newsletter continued to be used for time-sensitive information.
d. **North East Bassetlaw Forum:** Cllr. Wiles reported discussion on local government reorganisation, a proposed joint meeting with the police regarding rural policing, and an update from the new head of planning.
e. **Crime and Policing:** Ongoing reports of motorbikes/quad bikes and a recent theft on Mill Lane were noted. The Chair had met the police inspector responsible for rural areas and reported that a new local officer was in post. The Chair also outlined a possible professionally monitored CCTV/ANPR scheme on the A631 and at another village access point. Costs and specifications would be brought to the next

meeting; members agreed that village consultation would be required before any decision.

f. **Everton Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Upton presented the updated draft policy sections, covering biodiversity and green infrastructure, heritage, design, housing, business, recreation/community facilities and cemetery provision. Members were asked to send comments before the planned public consultation meeting, intended for October if venue/timing allowed.
g. **Visual Appearance Lead:** Following Cllr. Waddington's resignation, a new lead would be required once the vacancy had been filled.

1942/26 JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. **Friends of Everton Cemetery:** No formal meeting had taken place, but work continued. The adjacent landowner had agreed to maintain the boundary hedge on a two-year cycle; new saplings had been planted and watered through the dry weather; and work on the consultation questionnaire had continued.
b. **Regulations, memorial application and fees:** Members noted that current cemetery charges were substantially below many comparators and were estimated to recover only around 25–30% of costs. It was agreed that the fee schedule would be reviewed using further comparative and ICCM information and brought back to the next meeting. It was resolved to approve the revised cemetery regulations and memorial application, with the fee schedule excluded pending that review.
c. **Proposed new cemetery and land acquisition:** No further decision was taken pending consultation. The time-sensitive nature of the option agreement was noted.
d. **New Cemetery Questionnaire:** Members discussed the draft at length. Concerns were raised about whether the questionnaire should be issued in the name of the Friends of Everton Cemetery or the Parish Council, and whether it gave enough context on affordability and competing priorities. The Chair agreed to prepare a revised, balanced draft for circulation. A working-group discussion would be arranged and the financial appraisal/phasing information would be shared before the questionnaire was finalised. The deferral of the land-purchase decision under item 1933/26 was confirmed.

1943/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

The Clerk reported expressions of interest in the councillor vacancy. A standard co-option application form would be sent to interested persons and completed applications circulated to members before the next meeting. No other substantive correspondence was raised.

1944/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items arising during the meeting, including the FP30 modification application, CCTV proposal and cemetery-fee review, were relayed to the Clerk for the next agenda.

- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9:53PM -