Everton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of **Everton Parish Council** held on Monday 6th July 2026, 7:15pm, at Everton Village Hall.

Present: Gary Thomson (Chair) · Cllr. S Wiles · Cllr. B Upton · Cllr. J Bere · Cllr. V Oaks · Cllr M Wright
Clerk: Callum Bryant · Work Experience Partner A Bryant · 1 member of the public
County Councillor Mike Robertson.

1906/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. R Troop, L Foster and G Waddington, as well as District Councillor S Pashley.

1907/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

1908/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that an overgrown hedge on Roe Lane, near the junction of Croft Way, was impairing visibility and presenting a hazard to traffic.

Before the public session closed, Aneurin Bryant, attending as the clerk's work-experience partner, presented a policy-review report he had prepared after reviewing the Council's minutes from the previous two years. The report recorded the policies reviewed during 2026 and recommended that the Equality and Diversity Policy, Model Publication Scheme and Code of Conduct be reviewed within the next twelve months. It was also noted that the cemetery regulations should return to full Council as soon as practicable. The Council received and noted the report.

1909/26 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Nottinghamshire County Cllr. M Robertson reported that officers were recommending the withdrawal of discretionary transport support for pupils attending faith schools from 2027, with a report due to Cabinet on 16th July. He was also raising concerns about inconsistent application of statutory school-transport rules in rural areas where homes may be almost equidistant from two schools. The Local Communities Fund remained open for applications until 24th July, and a separate recycling and waste-reduction grant scheme offered awards of up to £1,000. A Government decision on local government reorganisation was expected during July.

PC Samantha Wood had been confirmed as the area's beat manager. A cross-party group, working with the NFU, was lobbying for a dedicated Rural Crime Action Team for Nottinghamshire. Regarding the requested zebra crossing, earlier information about the speed criterion had been clarified; the scheme was not expected to enter the immediate capital programme because of cost, although improved road markings and signage would be considered. Planned resurfacing through Everton was likely to be brought forward. The letters presented by Everton Primary School pupils at County Hall

were being used to support the case for improvements to the school hall.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

1910/26 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

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

1911/26 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the 1st June meeting as accurate.

1912/26 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

It was resolved to note the accounts presented and to agree and sign the bank reconciliation and transaction list. The account balance, excluding CIL funds, was £43,706.42. Payments totalled £14,757.95 and receipts totalled £45.10. The Council also noted that £55,518.31 of CIL funding remained ring-fenced and would continue to be protected in the event of local government reorganisation.

1913/26 PARISH PLANTERS

The Chair reported that a six-foot rustic trough planter had been purchased using expenditure previously approved for the village gardening work. A proposed position on the grass beside the main road, near Chapel Lane and visible to traffic entering from either direction, was discussed. It was agreed that the planter should be placed as far back from the carriageway as practicable, avoiding utility covers and subject to any highway requirements.

1914/26 HONOURS BOARD

The Chair reported an estimated cost of approximately £500 for an honours board, with a possible position between the Metcalfe board and the tapestry in the Village Hall. Members discussed wording which would recognise service and contribution to the Everton community rather than imply that all nominees had won the Bassetlaw Achievers Award. Final costings and proposed wording would be brought to a future meeting.

1915/26 NEW CEMETERY NEXT STEPS

The Council considered the proposed expenditure of up to £3,060.50 for architectural, topographical and highway-design work. It noted the Environment Agency's approval letter and agreed that the full consultant's report should be circulated and published. Members discussed the need for reliable cost information, the financial and governance risks of the wider project, the remaining capacity in the existing cemetery, and the importance of demonstrating public support before significant further expenditure.

It was resolved not to approve the proposed expenditure at this meeting. It was further resolved to undertake a hybrid consultation on the principle of a new cemetery: this would run at the same time as the Everton Neighbourhood Plan consultation but would be presented as a focused exercise, with its own information and questions. The possible purchase of the land and its eventual development as a cemetery were recognised as linked but distinct decisions. The purchase of the site would therefore be placed on the next meeting agenda as a separate item. Supporting material, including

the Environment Agency correspondence and the letter offered by Mr Pinder, would be circulated for the consultation.

1916/26 EXCESS FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROJECT

The Council supported the proposed fruit and vegetable exchange in principle. Cllrs. Oaks and Upton would publicise the idea and seek a volunteer or community group willing to coordinate the project.

1917/26 LAND VALUATION

The Council discussed its holdings, recognising that their community and environmental value should be considered alongside any financial valuation. It was agreed not to commission a professional valuation at this stage. The clerk would instead prepare a report showing the acreage of each parcel and an indicative nominal value based on average local land prices, for the Council's information and future asset-management discussions.

1918/26 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTALS

It was noted that road-lining and pothole works were taking place around the A631 junctions. Concern remained regarding the unfinished access road at the Hall Farm development, including the absence of gullies and surface water draining onto the A631. The matter would be pursued with Highways Development Control and the relevant planning enforcement team, with County Cllr. Robertson copied into correspondence.

Further fly-tipping on Sluice Lane was reported and members were advised to provide photographs to the enforcement team. The Council also discussed overgrown vegetation and branches adjoining local rights of way. The Public Rights of Way team would be asked to include the relevant works in its autumn programme.

1919/26 PLANNING MATTERS

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

i. Outline application for a Single Self-build Detached Dwelling and Detached Garage with All Matters Reserved Except Access and Siting
Land South Of Nutcroft Way Harwell Everton
Ref. No: 26/00760/OUT
It was resolved to delegate this decision to the clerk in consultation with the planning committee and councillors.

ii. Proposed Change of Use from Domestic Garage to a Single Dwelling
Domestic Garage Wesleyan Court Everton
Ref. No: 26/00685/FUL
It was resolved that the council's previously stated position remains applicable.

iii. 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
It was resolved to delegate this decision to the clerk in consultation with the planning committee and councillors, further resolved to ascertain whether this

application was a new or amended application prior to comment.

b. No further applications were received after the agenda's publication.
c. Discussion of enforcement was deferred to the September meeting.
d. No further delegated decisions were recorded in the log for this month.

1920/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

a. Metcalfe Trust: No substantive update was received.
b. Metcalfe Recreation Committee: No substantive update was received.
c. Parish Council Website: The clerk reported that a new interactive parish-boundary map was available on the front page of the website. The clerk and Cllr. Upton would meet to review and simplify arrangements for website updates.
d. Crime and Policing: The appointment of the new beat manager was welcomed. The Chair reported that a landowner had agreed to address material tipped onto Council land, undertake screening planting and cut up fallen trees close to the public footpath.
e. Everton Neighbourhood Plan: Cllrs. Upton and Wiles would meet the planning consultant later in July to discuss housing and the suitability of different housing types. It was proposed that the September consultation should present the key objectives from each section rather than require residents to respond to the full draft document.
f. Visual Appearance: It was noted that planting work was progressing and the area around the Blacksmiths was beginning to look tidier.
g. Public Rights of Way: The outstanding kissing-gate work was discussed and the possible trimming of hedges along the alleyway.

JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. Friends of Everton Cemetery: A meeting had been held on 24th June. The vicar had offered to hold a Remembrance service at the old cemetery at 10:45am on 8th November. The memorial inspection carried out on 3rd June identified no significant issues; the report and photographs had been passed to the clerk. A revised quotation was awaited for the plaque on the white letterbox, and work to produce a physical plan of the memorials would be undertaken when capacity allowed. It was formally recorded that approximately 30 burial spaces remained in the newer part of the cemetery.
b. Proposed new cemetery and land acquisition: The principal update and decisions were recorded under item 1915/26. The letter from Mr Pinder would be circulated, and he had offered to attend a future meeting to explain his professional view of local burial provision.

1921/26 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

Cllr. Wiles reported on the North East Bassetlaw Forum and would send the forum minutes to the clerk. A formal report would be included on the September agenda.

1922/26 NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Council to identify and agree items for next meeting agenda.

- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:42PM -