

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Council Office**

#### **Present:**

Councillors D Walton, S Lander, R Merry-Howe, M Loseby, D Eden,  
12 members of the public

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#### **Apologies for absence were received from:**

Councillors R Black, M Cadle, N Lewin, County Councillor D Houseman

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#### **Election of Chairman for the Meeting**

Councillor Walton, having been duly proposed and seconded, was elected Chairman for the meeting and assumed the Chair. The meeting was then adjourned to permit the public participation session.

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#### **Matters Arising from the Public**

1. The twelve members of the public present made clear their dissatisfaction with the council's decision to allocate s.106 funds to the provision of tennis facilities and suggested that the funds should be spent on the provision of a permanent 5-side football pitch.

The Chairman explained that the council had been given only three options by Charnwood Borough Council and these were: amenity green space, allotments, or a tennis court. Following the previous meeting attempts had been made to clarify the position with regard to the rules for s. 106 funding as the council had been advised that if the choice of allocation were to be changed then the funding could be lost. These enquiries were still continuing.

In response to questions from the public the Chairman confirmed that the money would go back to the developer if it were not spent by the council, and that the public could not decide how the money should be spent, that was a matter for the parish council to decide.

Councillor Eden wished it to be minuted that he had views on this matter that he did not want to express at this meeting.

2. The public thanked Cllr Lander for her correspondence.

3. The public thanked councillors for their efforts to ensure that the football tournament went ahead.

The public then left.

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#### **Election of Vice-Chairman**

On resumption of the meeting, Councillor Lander, having been duly proposed and seconded was elected Vice-Chairman. The necessary form(s) will be signed at the next meeting.

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**Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Loseby declared a personal interest in the bus shelter proposal.  
Councillor Eden declared a personal interest in the football item on the agenda.

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**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2014 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and were signed as such by the Chairman.

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**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Re: 14/096: Grant for girl guide - further information had been received as requested
- b) Re: 14/089: The gift for the outgoing Vice-Chairman was still outstanding
- c) Re: 14/098: Grass cutting - Councillor Walton asked if consideration had been given to reducing the number of cuts and utilising the savings to finance more cuts on council land. The answer was no.
- d) Re: 14/102: The cheque signatories had been updated
- e) Re: 14/105: It was not known if the council's response to the Post Office consultation had been submitted
- f) Re: 14/110: It was noted that the amendment to the footpath was still outstanding
- g) Re: 14/108: It was confirmed that the meeting between the Clerk and Councillor Lewin had taken place
- h) Re: 14/107: Subject Access Request from resident - it was confirmed that this had been emailed to the resident as requested, within the time limit set by the Data Protection Act.

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**Reports**

There were no reports from the County Councillor, the Borough Councillor, VHMC, Neighbourhood Watch, Long Furrow, Trees, or pavilion.

Councillor Eden stated that there appeared to be a problem with a rack in the pavilion that could make it dangerous. Councillor Black and Mr Shivers to investigate.

The annual meeting with football managers had taken place and there were no problems.

Councillor Training - Councillors Lewin and Merry-Howe are to attend the LRALC training in October.

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**Proposed Accounts**

Owing to the absence of the Clerk there were no accounts to consider.

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**Correspondence**

Items of correspondence were read to those present.

A resident had written making a suggestion about an alternative disposition of the s.106 funds. It was agreed that the council should respond and thank the resident for the calm and considered way in which the suggestion had been made.

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**Planning Matters**

There was a single item for consideration (re Keepers Croft) to which the council had no objections and it was resolved to write and confirm that position.

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**Renewal of the Council's Insurances**

The council considered the report from the Clerk and resolved to renew with Came & Co. on a 3 years long term agreement at a cost of £2,354.99.

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**Adoption of Open Spaces at Rearsby Roses Development**

It was agreed that the council should take over the control and management of the site's play area.

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**Bollard Keys**

It had come to the council's attention that at least one keyholder had passed a bollard key to an unauthorised person on more than one occasion, contrary to the council's terms and conditions. It was agreed that all keyholders be reminded in writing about the restrictions on the use of keys.

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**Bus Shelter - funding bid**

The council was asked to consider supporting a bid for matched funding for a bus shelter on Swallows Dale to a maximum of £3,000. After a short discussion it was agreed that:

- a) the council should submit a bid;
- b) the shelter should be the 'Topaz' design;
- c) Councillor Loseby be authorised to act to secure the funding before the expiry of the deadline (1st October 2014).

Councillor Loseby, having declared an interest, abstained from the vote.

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**Christmas Events**

It was reported that the organisation of the events was in progress and expected to be concluded within the budget of £1,000. The licence from Charnwood Borough Council was required by the beginning of October.

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**Review of Membership of Committee and Representative Groups**

Owing to the small number of councillors present it was not possible to proceed with this item and it was deferred to the next meeting.

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**Football - allocation of junior pitch**

It was agreed that **minute number 14/027 (b) 4** of May 2014, whereby the junior pitch had been allocated to the girls' team, **be rescinded** as the girls' team had been discontinued and, therefore, had no need of a pitch.

Council was then asked to consider allocating the vacant pitch to East Goscote Juniors, a team that the council had decided previously should not be allocated a pitch because of its failure to observe the council's rules and to cooperate with the council.

Councillor Merry-Howe reminded the council of its own policy and previous decision and strongly opposed allocating the pitch to this team. Other councillors stated that they agreed with Councillor Merry-Howe's arguments but nevertheless felt that, for the sake of the children who wanted to play football and because of the change of management of the club, the previous objection should be overruled and the pitch be allocated to East Goscote Juniors.

The matter was put to the vote and Councillor Merry-Howe requested that votes of individual councillors be recorded. The result of the vote was in favour of the proposal to allocate the pitch to East Goscote Juniors by two votes to one, with two abstentions.

Votes were recorded as follows:

Councillor Lander	For
Councillor Loseby	Abstention
Councillor Eden	Abstention
Councillor Walton	For
Councillor Merry-Howe	Against

It was further agreed that, because of this club's poor record, a warning letter should be sent to make those responsible for the club aware that any infringement of the council's rules and, in particular, the Expectations Upon Clubs, would be likely to result in the club's access to the council's facilities being withdrawn.

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**Items of Expenditure Agreed**

Bus Shelter - £3,000 (maximum matched funding)

Insurances - £2,354.99

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**Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

1. It was agreed that flowers be sent to the Clerk on behalf of the council with wishes for a speedy recovery. Expenditure to a maximum of £30 was authorised.

2. It was agreed that two councillors be authorised to attend a training event on section 106 funding that was due to take place in the near future. This decision will be put to the next meeting of the council for ratification.

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**Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

**Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:57 p.m.