

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr R Black(Chair) Mr D Eden
Mrs J Kyle Mrs M Cadle
Mrs K McCalman Mr Roger Merry-Howe
Mr D Walton Cllr Dave Houseman

Mr N Shivers Mrs E Hewitt PCSO Geeson 1 member of the Public

- 13/087 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Duffy Cllr Sally Lander, Cllr K Barber
The Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Councillor Yvonne Smith due to other life commitments. Councillor Smith joined the Council on 5th July 2004. A presentation will be held at our next meeting.
- 13/088 **Declarations Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** Mr R Black and Mrs J Kyle VHMC, Mr R Black/Mr Walton/Mr Eden re Football issues
- 13/089 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.07)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 13/090 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 13/046 – K Barber has been to the bank and completed paperwork to become a cheque signatory.
 - 13/048 – Crime Prevention visits – all arranged, details given to PCSO Geeson
 - 13/053 – Community defibrillator – The Chemist has the paperwork. Cllr Eden said the football club would be fundraising and contacting other organisations to try to raise the £1500 required.
 - 13/059 – The pavilion driveway has been re-tarmacked and the Chairman said that it was an excellent job which we monitored whilst in progress.
 - 13/068 – The neighbourhood watch event has been arranged for 18th September at 7pm. Ellen Hewitt will be marketing the event.
 - 13/069 – The pavilion was checked on 12th August and is now ready for the start of the season and the tournament this weekend.
 - TPO tree in front of village hall – no update from Cllr Lander
 - 13/069 – Cllr Barber will also be attending the Councillor Training course.
 - 13/075 – The Bus Shelter floor has been repaired
 - 13/077 – A Smith's seat has been repaired and repainted.
 - 13/080 – We did not continue with the wildlife grant due to excessive costs
- 13/091 **Matters arising from the Public**
Mr Shivers felt that still there continues to be a speeding problem around Long Furrow, particularly on the bend adjacent to Watergate, before cars speed up on the straight by the brook. Mr Shivers asked if PCSO Geeson would spend some time on that bend, particularly at school times when they walk to Wreake Valley ie: 8.15am and 3pm to warn children of the dangers and for cars to see some police presence.
The Chairman asked why Queniborough has so many traffic calming measures, whilst we do not have any. It was confirmed that this is because their measures were part of a Section 106

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scheme paid for by the developer due to the additional highway pressures on the infrastructure following a major development.

13/092

Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Geeson advised the council that speed checks were carried out on Long Furrow, by the playing field, and Broome lane on 6th August. The average speed at this time (10.25am) was found to be below the speed limit. The Chairman was very disappointed that these locations were used, as all our stats showed the speeding hotspots to be the Long Furrow “straight” adjacent” to the brook and Melton Road. It was felt that the speed gun deployed at these locations was a complete waste of time, and the police should have known, having been given our speedwatch data which areas to target. Also the worst times when speeding occurs were 8.15am – 8.45am and 3pm – 4pm. The police were aware of this information. PCSO Geeson said he would be trying to obtain the speed gun again to run more checks.

Crime figures were given to the Council, there were no house burglaries in the last 30 days, but a caravan was stolen off the village.

13/093

County Councillors Report

Councillor Houseman discussed fixed speed camera locations and the fact that for traffic calming measures a very expensive consultation has to be undertaken along with a full risk assessment. The accident rate is a factor.

The Leicestershire county council budget cuts survey has been distributed to all householders for consultation as huge savings have to be made. Councillor Houseman stated that when the impact of these savings are known, they will be very painful to us all.

13/094

Borough Councillors Report

Absent: No report

13/095

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Summer improvement works are underway with a new kitchen door, and new signs. The floor has been stripped, polished and the lines re-painted. The next VH Meeting will be held on 2nd September.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Pavilion Check was completed on the 12th August by Cllrs Black and Kyle. The Caretaker will be informed of the issues. Playground Checks were completed by Cllr Cadle on 10th August – issues will be corrected as soon as possible.

LONG FURROW – No Report. The new edition is on our Website.

N/HOOD WATCH – RE-Launch 18th September 7pm in the village hall.

TREES – Cllr Merry-Howe completed a full visual check of our trees and a report has been given to the clerk. Some low branches and broken branches require removal.

YOUTH UPDATE – No update due to the absence of Councillor Lander

FOOTBALL MANAGERS MEETING -

The football committee met with the managers on Monday 12th August. We now have all our pitches full – East Goscote United = 5 teams, East Goscote Roofing = 1 team, East Goscote Athletic = 1 team and East Goscote Juniors = 1 team. (4 Pitches – Maximum 8 teams)

The meeting was productive, deposits were paid, Conditions of hire were signed by all managers, and supporting evidence will be given for those teams who asked for the reduced rate.

The Clerk explained that all the new pitch sizes were given to our contractor to mark out. Unfortunately he did not mark them out to the correct dimensions as recommended by the FA and the senior team complained about the size of the penalty box. The Clerk measured each pitch and every pitch was incorrectly marked. She gave the correct dimensions to the contractor who then re-marked the pitches. Now however, there are burnt in lines that should not be there and the pitches are confusing. The Clerk and Chairman have re-measured the new lines which are all now correct.

RESOLVED to hold a meeting with the contractor to ask him to rectify the pitches so that they may be playable, by means of “painting in” with green paint the lines that should not be there. We will withhold payment of the pitch marking until this situation is remedied.

As a goodwill gesture to all teams, a 10% discount off the seasonal fee, will be given for their inconvenience.

The Clerk will contact the FA regarding the initial mark as Councillor Eden suggested that they should not be burnt in.

Cllr Eden suggested that the pitch lines are also abysmal and not at all straight. He suggested that in future years we appoint a new contractor to mark out our pitches.

The clerk confirmed that the new goalposts 16 x 7 require nets. (To be provided by the team using them).

13/096

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3932.60

13/097

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was given out to all Councillors present.

- Charnwood civic service – Our Chairman will attend
- Road Safety – January to June accident stats – East Goscote had no accidents reported in this period in 2012 or 2013.
- South Charnwood Area Forum – next meeting 5th September.
- Dog Fouling – the council agreed to provide Charnwood with our three suggested areas which are Weavers Wynd, Jubilee Playing fields and the area by the village hall/Church and shops.
- Clerk Conference – The council would like the clerk to attend on Friday 18th October at a cost of £49 plus VAT.
- Salary award for Clerks – to be discussed at the next salary review.
- Resident letters re swing – to be replaced this week
- Resident letter re fence at Lilac Way – will be repaired in due course.

13/098

Planning Matters

P13/1353/2 Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extensions to front and rear of 6 Pedlars Way – The Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman visited the site and felt that there was no reason for any objection. RESOLVED no objections

P13/1369/2 Erection of 60 dwellings (Reserved matters – outline application P12/1709/2 refers) Former Rearsby Roses Limited, Melton Road. East Goscote, Leics.

The Clerk informed the council that this area, despite many objections won its appeal to erect the 60 houses. The Section 106 agreement was approved and currently there are discussions between the developer and Charnwood, Highways have yet to comment. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk decide if a response is necessary, once resident’s comments are taken in account. We will also contact the resident who led the objection campaign to ask for her views.

13/099

Water Usage – Outcome of monitoring of Scout Usage

The Clerk advised that we have received a water invoice which amounts to £411.34. This equates to an average daily usage of 1.17m³ which is 257 gallons of water per day. Prior to this bill our 6 monthly invoice was less than £100 with an annual budget of £200.00 and our consumption was between 0.1 and 0.5 m³ per day. There is clearly a leakage somewhere.

Since February we have been monitoring the usage of the scouts, where it is metered when water leaves the pavilion to go across to the scout hut. On 14th February the reading was 00612 and on 20th June it read 00796. This means that 184m³ of water has been leaked/used by the scouts at a cost of £282.37. The invoice however, dates back to November, but we do not have the readings dating back to this date.

We have carried out several tests and met with Severn Trent on two occasions. There is no sign of a leak from the boundary box (footpath) down to the pavilion or in the pavilion. When the scouts turn off their stopcock in their kitchen, water usage is minimal. We therefore believe that the usage/leak is wherever the pipework is within the scout hut.

Any repairs to pipework are the responsibility of the owner and not Severn Trent, who only repair to the boundary.

RESOLVED that an invoice be sent to the scouts for their usage between February and June which amounts to £282.37. We will continue from now on to invoice for the scouts actual usage rather than an annual fee. The scouts will be asked to investigate the possibility of a leak and we will take daily readings of both meters in the roadside and under our sink. We will ask the scout group to attend to this leak as soon as possible. If a leak is found, there is a claim form where we can ask for a goodwill gesture in the form of a refund to be made.

13/100

Christmas Events Update

No Information as Councillor Lander not present – Next agenda.

13/101

To consider the VHMC Donation

The Council were asked to consider purchasing the village hall signs at a cost of £585 + Vat and donating the signs, rather than offer a £500 donation.

The sign work includes two signs for the Council office, which would amount to at least the £85 additional cost to the normal donation.

RESOLVED that the parish council would purchase the signs, the invoice would be made to the parish council, and the VAT reclaimed. These would then be donated to the village hall.

13/102

To consider the Replacement of our Textile Bin.

Mr Cannon had written a briefing note and all councillors were issued with information regarding the textile bins provided by the Salvation Army. Pictures of the bins were also provided.

RESOLVED that we ask Mr Cannon to arrange for installation of a Salvation Army textile bin as soon as possible. We will investigate the possibility of a share of the profits being returned to village organisations.

13/103

Maintenance

Sheets were handed in by Cllrs: Kyle, Merry Howe, Walton, Cadle and Eden

- 13/104 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Signs for village hall/proposed accounts
- 13/105 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
None
- 13/106 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**
Wednesday, September 11th 2013

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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