

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr B Black (Chair) Mr D Eden
Mrs J Kyle Mrs M Cadle
Mr D Walton

Cllr D Houseman Mr N Shivers
5 members of the public

12/225 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Y Smith, Mr A Hodgkinson, Mrs S Lander, Mrs K Barber, Ms K McCalman, E Hewitt, PCSO B Geeson, Cllr C Duffy

At this point the Chairman made a presentation to Mr D Walton for his exceptional 10 years of service to the village and service to the parish council.

12/226 **Declarations Of Interest:** Mrs J Kyle, Mr B Black regarding the Village hall, Mr D Eden re EGJFC and G Walkers.

Dispensation Requests - None

12/227 **Matters arising from the Public (meeting adjourned)**

A resident advised the council that he has been on the village for 25 years and has never know the ASB so bad as it is now. In the last 18 months he has suffered 6 incidents of snowballing to his windows, one incident lasted from 5.20pm - 7.15pm and there were 25 youths. He has had his front door barged twice. On a recent incident a few Friday's ago, he rang 101 four times, only to be told that they couldn't visit as they were too busy with burglaries and car accidents. He feels very let down by the police, and found out that our PCSO was in fact on the village on that particular evening, and could have attended to catch the youths. He confirmed that he has now been made a priority by the police.

The Chairman advised that he will visit the police station to inform them of this and also feedback their comments to the resident,.

Councillor Houseman advised that there is a special Anti Social Behaviour department at Charnwood Borough Council and he suggested that the resident make contact with them. He also suggested that they try to obtain video footage or photographs.

Mr Shivers advised that the problem of dog fouling is increasing and we need to arrange some street warden visits.

12/228 **Matters arising from the Police**

1 crimes in the last 30 days. PCSO sent in a written report details as follows:-

- Crime prevention visits – available dates 1st March, 12th March, 27th March, 28th March. Councillors please contact the office to confirm which dates
- Speed Gun – Dates to be arranged
- Dog Muzzle – Reported non-compliance to the Magistrates Court.
- Vehicles on the Warren – Road policing unit to be made aware
- Merchants common ASB – Trying to gain information to identify the youths.
- Snowballing incidents – PCSO Geeson has spoken to several youths, a letter was sent to residents.

12/229 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.01)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

12/230 **Matters arising from the minutes**

12/212 – The residents meeting with OM arranged for January was cancelled due to bad weather. It has been re-arranged for Feb 20th at 6pm in the village hall.

12/212 – Letter to residents regarding football parking – DW to email a response as the address was requested but has not been forthcoming.

12/218 – The grant application for £10k worth of outdoor fitness equipment has been sent off to the Awards for all scheme. We hope to hear within 6 weeks.

12/222 – Simms – We have now established that the responsibility for the upkeep of the frontage of the pub remains with the Landlord Prem Kang. We have written to the landlord of the pub “Enterprise inns” and informed them of the complaints that we receive.

12/231 **County Councillors Report**

Councillor Houseman advised that money is available for carers in the form of the “Carers support fund”. A Grant of £100 to £250 per year may be awarded to a carer for a short break or contribution to the costs for labour for doing physical work.

He also advised that Primrose Lodge have been awarded a “dignity award”.

The County Council budget is being finalised next week. The total spend is likely to be £700 million, and the council tax is likely to be frozen. All is subject to full council approval.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Houseman, there were no questions.

12/232 **Borough Councillors Report**

Councillor Duffy sent in her written report as follows:-

- The damage to the pavement and grass verge on Ling Dale by the refuse truck has been reported to Charnwood.
- Graffiti has been removed from the front of the pavilion
- A blocked drain on Broome Lane has been reported to LCC
- Don't Muck around awards – sponsored by SERCO – 5 categories include school and young people, community, working together, environmental star and inspiring others. The event will be held on June 27th – the deadline for entries is Friday April 19th. For more information call 01509 634564.
- The Wild Card – gives holders discounts at more than 40 attractions across the East Midlands and costs £1.50 to children aged 5 – 16 years.
- South Charnwood Leisure centre wins prestigious award.
- The next area forum is on Wed March 13th

12/233 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – 18th Feb is the next meeting.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: - Mr Black/L Pizer carried out the pavilion check recently and Cathy Duffy arranged to have the graffiti removed from the front of the pavilion. We await the professional playground inspection from Wicksteed which is being carried out week commencing 4th March. Weekly written inspections are now in force following advice from our insurance company.

LONG FURROW – All reports were sent to the editor for inclusion in the next edition. The February edition will soon be on our website and the magazine will be issued at the end of February. No meeting was held.

NHOOD WATCH – A report was received from E Hewitt regarding the thefts of Catalytic Converters.

TREES – No Report

YOUTH COMMITTEE – The Clerk reported that a meeting was held on 14th January when a few youths attended. Ruth Peake (Youth worker) can no longer attend and therefore to continue another Councillor is required to help run the sessions. Cllr Cadle informed the Council that she is now working full time and cannot help. The next arranged meeting will be held on Monday April 8th.

12/234

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4329.65

12/235

Correspondence

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

- Awards for all – Outcome expected 60 days from 21st January
- SLCC Conference – 5th March – The council agreed to the Clerk attending
- Inclusion and equality training – Councillors could not attend
- Purchase of additional VAS batteries was agreed
- Enterprise inns confirmed as owner of Simms Building. The lease is with Mr Kang who is responsible for the upkeep of the building exterior.
- Periodic inspection for pavilion – completed and in sound condition
- Request for mound fence – Councillors to visit to look at area. Next Agenda
- Rearsby Roses site – Resident raised concerns that an area of hedging and fencing has been removed which was previously forming a boundary to the site leaving it readily accessible. She has informed the Charnwood Planning Dept.
- Increase in dog fouling – 2 letters – street warden visits to be arranged
- Pitch fees – request for leniency – EG Roofing – football committee to consider
- Vehicles racing on The Warren – reported to police – asking for vehicle patrols and possible road blocks.

12/236

Planning Matters - None

12/237

Football Issues – (Councillor Eden declared his interest and took no part in the votes).

Following a meeting of the Football committee held on 23rd January 13, the committee have sent out several proposals for the full council to consider:-

a) Review of pavilion and pitch conditions of hire

Proposal 1 – To change condition 17a to read – The senior pitch will be closed for a period of 3 months between May and August to allow old lines to be re-seeded.

Proposal 2 – To change condition 28 to read – The pavilion changing rooms are to be swept after matches, and all kit must be removed, changing rooms are to be left clear after each use.

Proposal 5 – To write to EGJFC and ask them to remove all their kit from the changing room within 30 days.

The committee were happy with all other to conditions of hire to remain unchanged. All of the above proposals were approved by the full council.

b) The FA have proposed new recommended sizes for all age groups and a three tier system for ages 11 – 16. Review of pitch sizes.

Proposal 3 – We will offer junior pitches for ages 7 yrs to 12 yrs only. All our pitches will be altered to accommodate as best we can the new recommended sizes. We will no longer be able to provide a pitch for the Under 13's next season.

Proposed new pitch sizes are Under 7/8 – Reduce to 40 x 30
Under 9/10 – Increase to 60 x 40
Under 11/12 – Reduce to 80 x 50
Senior Pitch – Lengthen to 105 x 65

RESOLVED that the Council approve proposal 3.

c) To consider the purchase of junior football goals

Proposal 4 – With the junior pitch becoming suitable for ages 11/12 only and teams being 9 v 9 the goal sizes required is 16 x 7. These can be purchased with ground sockets at an approx cost of £400- £500.

Councillor Eden suggested that EGJFC would be willing to donate these to the Council. They currently use their own plastic 16 x 7 goals but could get a grant for steel goals. The Clerk asked if he was representing the club views and if this could be put in writing before our next meeting. NEXT AGENDA

d) To Consider proposals for new hire charges.

Proposal 6 –

- a) The current fees will remain unchanged for the next season 2013/2014. The banding for “Non East Goscote teams” will attract a premium of 40%. Teams will be classed as Non East Goscote if they have less than 50% of players signed on, who are residents. This is because our facilities are primarily for residents and are heavily subsidised by Council Tax payers of East Goscote.
- b) Tournament fees will increase to £150.00 which does not include pitch marking. This can be arranged at an additional cost of £20 per pitch or can be carried out by the club.
- c) Payment system to be changed – The deposit to be paid in September, 50% of fees to be paid in September, and the remaining 50% to be paid in January.

Councillors had a long debate about this proposal, mainly regarding the change in the payment system. After a long discussion it was RESOLVED to approve proposal 6a and 6b but to object to proposal 6c and leave the payment system as it is now (Deposit to be paid in Sept, 50% in January and 50% by the end of March). Cllr Eden suggested that the seniors be offered the chance to pay on a match by match basis, to the maximum cost of the seasonal fee. The Clerk confirmed that pitches can be hired on a match by match basis, and if the league is small, this may be the cheaper option.

12/238 **Annual Parish Meeting – to Ratify the Agenda**

The Annual Parish Meeting Agenda was agreed in its standard format. It will be on the front page of the next Long Furrow.

12/239 **To arrange a meeting to a) Review Hire Charges with effect from 2nd April b) Review Salaries for 30th April implementation.**

The council agreed that a meeting would be arranged between the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr Barber and Cllr Walton at the end of February (Date to be arranged). NEXT AGENDA

12/240 **To consider joining the LRALC from 1st April 2013.**

RESOLVED that we would join the LRALC from 1st April for one year as we believe the service has greatly improved along with the training available to Councillors.

12/241 **To Consider Councillor Training Courses**

The Clerk advised Councillors of all the available training at a reduced cost of £30 per day. RESOLVED the following Councillors attend the Courses listed below:- Cllr Eden, Lander and Cadle would be given the dates for “Councillor Training and development” courses, Cllr

Black would like to attend the “Chairman’s Training” and the Clerk would like to attend “The increasing employment liabilities of local councils” training. It was RESOLVED that we do not set a maximum spend on training as it is vital for Councillors, and also, if a course is paid for and the Councillor fails to attend, then the cost of the course should be paid for by the Councillor themselves.

12/242 **To consider allowing a fair ground on our playing fields.**

In the absence of Councillor Lander this will be deferred to the next meeting.

12/243 **To Consider using the remaining play equipment budget for a Whirlybird roundabout.**

The Clerk confirmed that our annual inspection last year suggested that we replace the whirleybird on the village green due to lateral movement within the column assembly. In Feb 12 it was recommended that the unit was replaced within the next 12 months. A follow up letter in August 12 suggested that we should monitor the lateral movement to see if this increases.

We do have the funding to pay for a replacement whirleybird in this year’s budget, which we will not have after 1st April. RESOLVED that we order and install the whirleybird this financial year.

12/244 **To Review the cost of Water Rates which we charge the Scout Group.**

The Clerk advised that currently we charge the Scouts £30 per year for their water supply from the pavilion. This year our charge amounted to £140, and is only used at the weekends during the football season, and by our staff.

RESOLVED to monitor the usage of the scouts for a period of 3 months. We will hold the charge this year at £30.00.

12/245 **Maintenance. (Completed sheets required from all Councillors).**

Completed sheets were handed in by all Councillors: Walton, Cadle and Kyle

12/246 **Items approved for expenditure.**

Proposed Accounts, Whirleybird, LRALC subscription, Councillor training

12/247 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**

Details of the issue of dog bags for 2010, 2011 and 2012 were given to all Councillors.

	2010	2011	2012
Free Issue Dog bags	24,650	25,900	26,750
Purchased Bags	7,050	6,550	11,250
Average no of residents per month	42	43	45
Total Bags Issued	31,700	32,450	38,000
Total Cost	£358.80 (32k bags purchased)	£419.70 (38k bags purchased)	£451.75 (42k bags Purchased)

Councillor Kyle asked that this information be placed in the next Long Furrow.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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