

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2013 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr R Black (Chair) Mr Derry Walton
Mrs Kelly Barber Mr Darren Eden
Mrs Sally Lander Mrs M Cadle
Mrs Ellen Hewitt PCSO Geeson
Mr and Mrs Brown Mr David Cannon

13/064 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Y Smith, Mrs J Kyle , Mrs Karen McCalman, Mr Roger Merry-Howe, Mr D Houseman, Cllr C Duffy,

To report any declarations of interest: Mrs K Barber and Mr Black regarding the Village Hall. Mr Black, Mr Walton and Mrs Barber and Mr Eden regarding Football issues, Kelly Barber re Speedwatch, Mr Eden re G Walkers and Christmas, Mrs Lander re Christmas, R Black re the Bus Shelter repair.

13/065 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.06)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

13/066 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 13/046 – Cllr Barber is still not a bank signatory.
- 13/048 - Crime Prevention visits –Dates from PCSO Geeson, Cllrs to agree dates
- 13/048 - Car Cruising – Cllr Lander has been monitoring this and explained that there has only been one incident since the last meeting.
- 13/053 – Community defibrillator – Cllr Eden has visited the chemist to ask if it could be placed on the Chemist exterior wall. He will give the paperwork to the chemist for his consideration. No fundraising has yet taken place.
- 13/059 – Pavilion Driveway – The contract has been offered to Greyhound Leisure after discussions with the Chairman. Work will be carried out in August.
- 13/048 – Dog Muzzle enforcement – Unfortunately the dog has passed away following a terrible accident on the train line.

13/067 **Matters arising from the Public**

Mr Brown addressed the meeting confirming that the twinning association was dissolving both at the East Goscote and French side. He brought the official charters to the meeting and asked the council if they could be displayed. It was agreed that they would be displayed prominently in our village hall. A final dinner is being held for all members and funds are being distributed at the end of September. The Clerk asked if funds would be distributed to East Goscote charities, Mr Brown explained that this was up for discussion. Cllr Eden suggested inviting a football team over from France to play our local team. The Chairman thanked Mr Brown for all his hard work over many years.

Mrs Hewitt asked if we knew anything about the land for sale on Broome Lane. The Clerk confirmed that there were 4 fields up for sale, one with a condition relating to housing, and the cost was in excess of £1 million. Details can be found on the internet.

Mr Cannon addressed the meeting regarding the textile bank at the recycling centre on Merchants Common. It was broken into on 21st June, is in a dangerous condition and is generally in a very poor condition, bringing down the standards of the village. Despite informing Charnwood and Ragtex, nothing has been done to date. PCSO Geeson informed everyone that Ragtex Leicester had closed down, and it had been transferred to Devises.

RESOLVED that we telephone the contact given to us at Devises and ask that the textile bin be removed as soon as possible. Mr Cannon will look into replacing it by another company, which may also generate some funding for local charities.

13/068

Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Geeson has circulated dates for Councillors to agree to carry out crime prevention visits.

He has also made contact with Ellen Hewitt regarding arranging a Neighbourhood Watch event in Sept/Oct and will arrange to have guest speakers.

PCSO Geeson has been into the school and carried out talks on Stranger danger and diversity. Speeding – PCSO Geeson reported that the Speed Gun for the Syston unit is currently not working. Cllr Barber suggested that the speeding van be deployed on Long Furrow and Melton Road, to follow up our hard work throughout the speedwatch scheme. PCSO Geeson will be furnished with the speedwatch data.

Crime since 12th June is mainly relating to car crime, although there was one burglary on Greensward.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Geeson for his help and information.

13/069

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Nothing further to report since our AGM in June, the next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 1.30pm

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: The playground inspections were completed by Mr Walton on 6th July. There are minor issues which will be attended to.

The Pavilion will have a check on Thursday 15th August at 2pm by Mr Kyle and Mr R Black prior to the start of the football season.

LONG FURROW – No meeting. The deadline for articles is August 1st. Mrs Cadle agreed to write the next Long Furrow article. Cllr Walton attended a meeting between the Management committee of the Long Furrow and Pink Pages who had offered to help with the magazine since the editor has given his notice to leave. He suggested that they are looking to retain the financial side of the magazine along with the management committee. There will be another meeting in September.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES – The dead tree on Chestnut Way has been reported to County who have confirmed that it will be removed and replaced. Cllr Walton asked if we regularly check our trees for shape and size. The clerk confirmed that we have a professional survey every 3 years, the last one being in February 2011. All trees are mapped and numbered.

Cllr Lander said that there was a problem with the TPO tree in front of the hall, which was noticed when the lights were fitted last year. She will find out more information.

LCC Conference – Mr Black attended the conference and explained that mainly the financial situation was poor and many changes will be noticed over the next few years.

Christmas Working Party Update – Cllr Lander is yet to supply the date but is working on all other arrangements. She will be organising the same fair as last year, and will give a full report on our next agenda. We are yet to find a replacement Santa.

Councillor Training update – Cllr Cadle said that this was a very worthwhile course and she learnt a great deal. It was for 3 hours and was very informative particularly the legal side of things. She encouraged other councillors to go on the course.

13/070

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4256.26

13/071

Correspondence

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

- East Goscote Girls FC – request for tournament – 25th August 1/2 day.
Agreed to offer the tournament at 50% of the daily rate. Friendlies will be offered to our regular teams in the afternoon.
- Tree Chestnut way – replaced by LCC
- Graffiti has been removed by Charnwood from the industrial units.
- East Goscote JFC – Pavilion hire on a Saturday morning. Will be offered on 20th and 27th July only at a cost of £15 per hour.
- East Goscote united – training pitch request by the factories (50 x 30) Cllr Eden also suggested that the JFC wanted a training pitch (60 x 40). The clerk will offer teams the pitch – marked one inside the other, which will be available until Saturday 24th August only. Once the season commences, juniors are not allowed on the senior side of the field. The cost of marking out must be met by the clubs themselves (approx. £25 each)
- New football team East Goscote Athletic – request to use senior pitch, and request for a first year discount to help them get established. The council will offer the senior pitch at the non-resident rate, no discount was approved.
- Goscote services – Delivery of parts during the night. Mr Hodgkinson has confirmed that he is trying to change delivery times to 7am at the earliest.
- Honour for Dr Shah – One resident has asked that the council nominate the Doctor for a Queens Honour. The council will look at the nomination forms, although preferred personal nominations from Councillors rather than being a full council decision.

13/072

Planning Matters

P13/1153/2 - Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling at 19 Weavers Wynd, East Goscote – No Objection

13/073

To discuss the Dissolving of the Twinning association and display of the Charters.

A letter has been received from the twinning association to say that they will be dissolving the association. They have offered the charters, which are official and form part of our village history (Twinning was formed in 1979) to the parish council. Both versions, English and French were shown to the Council. Other memorabilia which has been collected by the association over the years, has been distributed to members. The Charters will be displayed in the hall and funds distributed by the Twinning members.

13/074

To Consider taking over the LCC Mowing contract

The Clerk has held discussions with Stuart Sirrell and Debbie Payne regarding the parish carrying out mowing on behalf of LCC. She was advised that the parish can carry out mowing of County land, however it would be at the cost of the parish and no financial payment would be made by County. We can do areas of Land if we feel some are more important than others. A map of county land which is mown will be put together and further discussion will be held on this topic before we precept in November.

- 13/075 **To consider quotes for the bus shelter repair (R Black took no part)**
The bus shelter by the brook on Long Furrow has a crack in the floor. This was not raised as a health and safety hazard during the risk assessments, although we did precept an amount of £250 to get the floor repaired. We have received a quote to remove the existing floor, and relay the floor with steel re-enforcements. The cost to do this work does exceed the budget. The chairman has visited the site and suggested that rather than remove the floor altogether, that we simply screed over the crack. Blackstone builders will repair the floor to remove the trip hazards, and infill the crack for a sum of £50. RESOLVED that we make small repairs and monitor the floor.
- 13/076 **Speedwatch update – to consider any further action.**
Cllr Barber gave the speedwatch data to all Councillors. In total there were 293 vehicles caught speeding who received letters from the police.
The average speed on the Long Furrow was 40.1mphr in a 30mphr limit. 84 vehicles were caught speeding around the Long Furrow. Melton Road found the highest numbers of speeding vehicles (204) with an average speed of 40mphr.
Follow-up action is now being requested by the Police to deploy the Speeding van in the two areas highlighted within the speedwatch campaign. PCSO Geeson is trying to arrange this.
- 13/077 **To receive the Risk Assessment action plan for street furniture/pavilion/office.**
A copy of the action plan was sent to all Councillors for their consideration. The Clerk updated the Councillors on works which have been carried out to date:-
 - All no smoking signs have been re-painted in the bus shelters.
 - Bus shelter holes still to be repaired
 - Andy Smiths seat – Cllr Eden to update us on this repair
 - Training in the use of fire extinguishers has been carried out by the Caretakers and the Clerk.
 - All Heaters require PAT Testing/checking for suitability – A full periodic electrical inspection was carried out in October 12 and heaters were described as in “A1 condition”.
 - Spillage signs have been placed in the pavilion.
- 13/078 **Review of our dog bins.**
Cllr Eden completed the review of our dog bins. He stated that most areas around our dog bins are overgrown, and the bin at the Meadows requires the post replacing.
- 13/079 **Standing Orders – to consider changes/updates**
The clerk reviewed the standing orders with the model orders suggested by NALC. A list of amendments and also additions to our existing standing orders were circulated to Councillors with the agenda.
RESOLVED to adopt and approve all amendments/additions. All Councillors will receive a new set of Standing orders.
- 13/080 **Wildlife Grant – update**
Cllr Cadle explained that the deadline for this grant was the end of July. She has created a plan of the wildlife area, and to date obtained one quote which amounted to £1500. The council have to pay one third of the cost. So that this can be applied for if the quote is appropriate, the council RESOLVED that the ceiling amount for their contribution would be £250

13/081 **Budget Update**

The clerk confirmed that the first quarters' spending was on track.
All Councillors were given a breakdown of the first three months expenditure. There were no questions.

13/082 **Staffing Update following consultation.**

A review of staffing hours/days worked has taken place and all members of staff are willing to give the new proposals a try.

Therefore, the staff will offer a better service to the village by:-

1. Opening the office on four part-days per week.
2. Offering a caretaker service on a daily basis ie 5 days per week (part) subject to holidays.
3. Strimming and pitch marking will be carried out on a Friday
4. During the week, time will be allocated for the caretakers to work together.

Staff have agreed to implement these changes with effect from Monday 15th July 2013.

13/083 **Maintenance**

13/084 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Proposed accounts/Wildlife area/bus shelter floor repair

13/085 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

13/086 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

Wednesday, August 14th 2013

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

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