EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2014 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:	Mr R Black (Chair)	Mrs Sally Lander
	Mr Darren Eden	Mrs M Loseby
	Mr R Merry Howe	Mrs J Kyle
	PCSO Geeson	
	8 Members of the Public	

14/064 **Matters Arising from the Public**

4 members of the public asked the council if there was anything they could do regarding a caravan causing obstruction in a private car parking area and on a grass verge. Unfortunately as it is private land there is little that the police or council can do, although PCSO Geeson did confirm that he would speak to the resident concerned.
One Councillor suggested that they contact the landlord to make a complaint.

14/065 **Apologies for Absence:** Mr D Houseman, Cllr C Duffy, , Mrs T Beaver, Mr Derry Walton, Mrs M Cadle

To report any declarations of interest: Mrs J Kyle and Mr Black regarding the Village Hall. Mr Merry Howe, Mrs Lander and Mr Eden regarding Football issues,

14/066 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (11.06)**

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

14/067 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 13/239 – Jelsons have agreed to pay for the works on the cedar tree by G Walkers
- 13/239 – The Clerk has contacted Klargester to find out more information regarding the scout hut cesspit.
- 14/025 – Cheque Signatories – the process of changing signatories will commence and Cllrs Loseby and Merry Howe will complete the forms. For approval next agenda.
- 14/034 – Standing orders require review.
- 14/045 – Willow tree overhanging footpath outside Sims has been lifted.
- 14/051 – Cllr Loseby has applied to become a Community Governor at Broomfield School
- 14/052 – Cllr Loseby has contacted Charnwood to complain that some of East Goscote's planning applications are not appearing on the Website.
- 14/061 – Cllr Beaver and Lander to complete their maintenance sheets
- 14/063 – The Vice Chairman attended the licensing of our new vicar Rev Timothy Day and said it was a very pleasant evening.

14/068 **Matters arising from the Police**

PCSO Geeson informed the council of crime incidents during June.
The council has suffered damage to the wet pour on the park outside the school. It was agreed that the Chairman would speak to the school head teacher about this. Discussion regarding closing the park at 8.30pm ensued, however it was agreed that this would not be suitable. Once section 106 funding is received we should be able to install CCTV to cover this area.
Cllr Lander thanked PCSO Geeson for attending the licensing of the vicar.

14/069 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – Nothing further to report since our AGM in June, the next meeting will be held on Monday 1st September at 1.30pm. New members wanted.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: The playground inspections for June are due to be completed by Mr Walton. The Pavilion will have a check prior to the start of the football season when all works have been completed.

LONG FURROW – No meeting. The deadline for articles is August 1st. Mrs Cadle will write the next Long Furrow article.

NHOOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES – No report

CHRISTMAS WP – Cllr Lander will confirm the date at our next meeting. Jelsons have agreed to install the lights (labour) and we will have to pay for the cherry picker.

YOUTH SHELTER LIGHTING UPDATE – Next meeting 16th July to consider the quotes received.

JELSON MEETING – All issues were discussed with Stuart Wilson of Jelsons. He has agreed to provide us with a quote for the village hall roof and has agreed to offer us two men to install the Christmas lights. Other litter issues/fencing to brook etc he was made aware of.

14/070 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4162.80

14/071 **Correspondence**

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

- LCC grass cutting – the parish council have been offered the chance to take over all County grass cutting (47872m2) and offered funding of £3422.84 to do this work, based on 5 cuts per annum. We will be looking at costings and we cut all parish grass 15 times per year. We are awaiting a map and spec to get costings. They are asking for a decision by 31st July although I have asked if this date can be extended. An extraordinary meeting may need to be called.
- Car parking questionnaire – will be completed on behalf of the council by Cllr Merry Howe.
- Casual vacancy – now to be filled by co-option – Next agenda.

14/072 **Planning Matters**

P14//1112/5 - Erection of two storey extension to front and side of dwelling at Lilac Way, East Goscote – deadline for comments was missed. Councillors were asked to ensure that when planning application documents are circulated that they make their opinions and return to the office by the deadline.

14/073 **East Goscote Library a) Feedback from the LCC consultation on 18th June.**

The Chairman, Clerk and three Councillors attending this consultation event regarding the library. The presentation was circulated to all Councillors for their information.
The facts are as follows:-

- 23 residents attended the consultation

- There are currently 467 Registered users of which 347 live at East Goscote which is 12.1% of our current population
- The total cost stated to run the library is £31,919
- There are currently 52 libraries in Leicestershire and the proposal is to keep the most used 16 libraries(nearest Syston) and the remaining 36 will be offered as community partnership libraries to community groups/Businesses and the Parish Council.
- If no partnership body comes forward the library may have to close and a mobile library service would replace the current provision.
- The partnership body would be responsible to all staffing resources, to meet the 19 hours per week, the maintenance repairs or replacement of existing fixtures and fittings, insurance cover for the loaned book stock and public liability insurance.
- Any transfer to a community partnership library would take place from April – Dec 2015.
- The library consultation ends on 7th July

b) To consider a library consultation with residents

All councillors were issued with a draft letter to residents informing them of the situation and asking them if they wished for the parish council to become the partnership body and pay for the staff and other requirements to keep the library open.
It was agreed that the consultation would be delivered to each household in August and The deadline for replies would be 5th September so that we can discuss again at our September meeting. The consultation would also be on our website for residents to complete online. Replies can be posted back to the post office, library and council offices.
The cost to carry out this consultation would be £264 for printing of leaflets and envelopes, and £20 to be delivered with the pink pages. We would also ask if it can be front page news on the next edition of the Long Furrow. RESOLVED that we go ahead with the consultation as above.

14/074 **Football Reps :-**

a) To consider recinding the previous decisions regarding allocation of pitches.

Due to a lack of Councillors this item was deferred to the next meeting.

b) To consider recommendations from the football reps

Defer to the next meeting.

c) To consider conditions of hire regarding pavilion use for training.

The football reps proposed that all clubs should pay a nominal annual payment for use of the pavilion on a Saturday only. After much discussion, a further proposal was made as follows:-
"That the pavilion would be available for hire on a Saturday at a rate of £5 for a 2 hour session. This must be booked on a weekly basis, first come first served. The club hiring the pavilion would then be totally responsible for its use. This would be on a trial basis of one year." RESOLVED that this proposal be adopted and included in the terms and conditions of hire. Cllr Merry Howe was against this decision.

d) To arrange a football reps/managers meeting in August

The Clerk will discuss dates with the football representatives, it will most likely be week commencing 18th August.

14/075 **Speedwatch Update**

Following our advert for volunteers, only one resident offered to help with the speedwatch scheme. We will re-advertise in the August edition of the Long Furrow and hopefully defer the scheme until September.

14/076 **Review of our dog bins.**

Cllr Eden will complete the review of our dog bins and bring his findings to the next meeting.

14/077 **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. RESOLVED to accept the budget update.

14/078 **To consider the revised Clerks Job Description**

The staffing reps met to look at the new job description provided by the LRALC and the existing job description. Their recommendations were sent to all councillors with their agenda. It is a much more comprehensive list of key duties and responsibilities and includes those duties carried out by the Responsible Financial Officer.
RESOLVED that the job description be adopted. It was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

14/079 **To consider the quote for the re-painting of the village sign.**

A quote to repaint our village sign has been received and amounts to £220.00
However the problem is removing and replacing the heavy sign. The Chairman agreed to arrange for the sign to be delivered to the signwriter.
RESOLVED to have the sign re-furbished on both sides at a cost of £220.00.

14/080 **Playing Field Lease – Update**

The Clerk has been in negotiations with Charnwood Borough Council regarding the lease For 1.2169 hectares – an area of land incorporating the pavilion, car park, scout hut and area to the rear of the 5 houses on Huntsmans Dale. When the lease was agreed in 1980 there was a payment of additional rent of £2189.88 pa for a period of 21 years, which was paid as part of the "Parish projects five per cent scheme" where the sum equal to five per cent of the excess over eleven thousand five hundred and sixty five pounds and twenty seven pence, of the cost of causing to be erected a sports pavilion car park and any other associated amenities which may be required. Once the scout hut was built a deed of variation was placed on this lease in 1994 which allowed for rent reviews in 2001, 2008 and 2015, the lease now ends in 2017. Charnwood Borough Council failed to review these rents on all of the above dates.

Charnwood have now confirmed that they have reviewed the original lease and agree that the supplementary rent of £2189.88 should have ceased on 31st October 2001 and therefore we have overpaid the Borough Council by £26,278.56. This was refunded on 1st July 2014. However, the rent reviews were not carried out and they have instructed a District Valuer to do this. The original rent of £578 has been re-valued and will be charged at the rate of £650.00 backdated to 2008.
We will be receiving an invoice for £650 for 2014 and 6 years at £72 (£432.00)
The council asked the clerk to write to Charnwood to ask what their proposals are regarding to the payment of interest on our money which they have held over the 13 years.
The Clerk has researched minutes and found a note that in Jan 1982 the total cost of the pavilion was £52,345.
The Chairman and Councillor Loseby commented that the Clerk has worked extremely hard to get this refund and must be commended for researching and resolving this issue.

The Scouts have written in suggested that they wish to get the ball rolling with their extension and proposed plans. They are in a position to appoint a solicitor and also asked if they should negotiate with Charnwood to agree their own lease terms.
The Clerk advised that this lease ends in 2017 and is currently at a cost of £650 pa with a further review in 2015. The scouts is a deed of variation to our original lease.
A working party to look at the terms of the lease and also consider the following options:-

1. Do we wish to renew the lease and deed of variation in 2017 – should the scouts have their own lease with Charnwood ?
2. Do we wish to terminate the lease – what will the effects be of the termination ?
3. Would we be able to purchase the land from Charnwood rather than lease it. How much would the land be if available to purchase.
4. The lease with the scouts needs to be looked into as currently the lease states the scout hut is for scout use only, and yet is being used by other parties.
5. Terms for maintenance of the car park/driveway may need to be incorporated into the scout lease.

A meeting may need to be held with Charnwood's legal department to discuss the above before we consider any further action.
It was agreed that the working party would be Cllrs Walton, Loseby and Merry Howe.

14/081 **Maintenance**
The office shredder has broken and therefore a new shredder will be purchased at a cost of £174.99 (inc Vat). This was not budgeted for and will be taken from the contingency budget.

14/082 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Office Shredder/re-furbish village sign/Library consultation

14/083 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
New bollards have been installed on Melton Road.

14/084 **Email from resident – to receive recommendation from Staffing Reps (Confidential)**
Standing order 17 was invoked - See confidential Minute

14/085 **Standing orders and code of conduct – Recommendations by Staffing Reps**
Standing order 17 was invoked - See confidential Minute.

14/086 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

Wednesday, August 13th 2014

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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