

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr R Black (Chair)	Mrs J Kyle
Mrs S Lander	Mrs M Cadle
Mr D Eden	Mrs T Beaver
Mr R Merry Howe	

Cllr D Houseman	Cllr C Duffy
Mr N Shivers	Mrs Ellen Hewitt

- 13/107 **Presentation to Retiring Councillor Yvonne Smith**  
The Chairman presented Yvonne Smith with a certificate of thanks, some flowers and a gift from the Council for all her hard work during her 9 years with the council. (05.07.04 – 14.08.13) Yvonne worked extremely hard to ensure the Christmas Celebrations went well, even purchasing toys herself, she served as Chairman of the Council between 2010 and 2011 and also served as Chairman to the village hall Committee and the area forum. Her work was greatly appreciated and she will be missed. Yvonne received a round of applause.
- 13/108 **Co-option of New member**  
The vacancy was posted on 15<sup>th</sup> August in noticeboards and on the website. Mrs T Beaver has written in and completed the co-option questionnaire which was read out to Councillors. A secret ballot was held and Mrs Beaver was duly co-opted. Mrs Beaver signed the declaration of interest form and will complete her register of interest in due course.
- 13/109 **Apologies for Absence:** D Walton, Mrs K Barber, Mrs K McCalman, PC C Hall
- 13/110 **Declarations Of Interest:** Mrs J. Kyle, Mr R Black for VHMC, Mr D Eden Football and Christmas Committee, Mrs S Lander – Youth and Christmas Committee.
- 13/111 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (08.08)**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 13/112 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 13/091 – PCSO Geeson was asked at the last meeting in August, if he could spend some time on the bend at Long Furrow/Watergate at school times to warn children of the dangers now that they have started back to school and also for motorists to see a police presence. The resident has not seen any police there, although would like confirmation if this has happened.
  - 13/102 – Textile bin – The salvation army bin will be monitored until early December. Paul Ozanne the recycling co-ordinator has confirmed that the bank's performance will be monitored and financial support will be considered for a village project (Charity) such as the village hall roof.
- 13/113 **Matters arising from the Public**  
Mr Shivers once again stated that speeding was an issues and we need the police to take more action.  
Mrs Yvonne Smith thanked everyone for the presentation of flowers, certificate and gift.

13/114 **Matters arising from the Police**

No police present.

13/115 **County Councillor's Report**

Mr Houseman stated that Mrs Smith was an excellent Councillor and worked very hard on the South Charnwood Area Forum, for which he would like to record his thanks.

- Speed limits – information was produced regarding the current limits
- Rearsby Roses – 60 houses – County Highways commented on 21<sup>st</sup> August and refused the current layout.
- Part-night lighting – The consultation period has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> October and a speaker will be attending our next parish council meeting. Leicestershire County Council savings has now risen to £110 million.
- Mr Houseman has suggested that the current LCC mowing contract, when at the end of its' term is offered to Parish Councils.

There were no questions for Mr Houseman.

13/116 **Borough Councillor's Report**

Mrs Duffy reported on the following Charnwood Borough Council issues:-

- Green Deal – loft insulation/cavity wall insulation cash back scheme. For more information contact 01509634937.
- Council Tax Support – Residents are being urged to have their say on how much benefit claimants should pay towards Council Tax bills from 2014. Forms can be obtained from Charnwood or telephone 01509263151.
- Tourism gateway signs competition – closing date Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Council services – have your say – to get a form Tel 01509634584
- Micro chipping dogs – By April 2016 all dogs are required to be chipped.
- Social media – Charnwood have a twitter feed, a Flickr account and a you tube channel.
- Two new scrutiny committees have been set up to look at council policies for managing student occupancy in Loughborough and the Council's complaints procedures.
- Icelandic bank – 94% of the money invested has been returned.
- Resident issues.
- The Mound – holes filled in.
- Surgery held 7<sup>th</sup> September – no visitors.
- Finally Mrs Duffy wished Yvonne Smith all the best for the future.

13/117 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – A meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Issues discussed were as follows:-

- ❖ Approval of risk assessment and fire risk assessment.
- ❖ The Summer holiday work including a new kitchen door, awaiting new signs and works to main hall floor. A roof Survey has also been undertaken and work needs to start with regards to fundraising for a new village hall roof.
- ❖ A new cleaner has been appointed
- ❖ Approval of a new 3 year gas contract
- ❖ Updating of cheque signatories
- ❖ The next meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: The playground inspections are due to be carried out by Mrs McCalman.

LONG FURROW – The deadline for the next issue is November 1<sup>st</sup>. A Christmas article will be written for inclusion.

NHOOD WATCH – There have been 2 burglaries on the village in the last few weeks.

The re-launch of the neighbourhood watch scheme takes place in the village hall on 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

TREES – No report

YOUTH UPDATE – Mrs Lander will not be re-launching the youth committee and no further meetings will be held. Mrs Lander keeps in touch with the 5 – 7 youths who had an interest in the committee and if anything relevant comes to light, she will make contact.

FOOTBALL UPDATE – The Chairman updated the council on the following issues:-

- a) A meeting was held with our contractor who was very apologetic with regards to the poor standard of pitch marking. We advised him that we were offering all teams a 10% discount and that efforts to “paint in” the incorrect lines needed to be made until the grass grows back. Our contractor was happy to reimburse our loss ie not to bill £100 and to provide line marking paint to the outstanding amount. He also agreed to mark the incorrect lines green until they have grown. We questioned our contractor regarding burning in of lines on initial mark, and he confirmed that this is normal practice for the many schools, authority pitches that he does. We also checked the wording in the FA guidance which states it is only permissible to use a total herbicide which is approved for use on sports turf, also the user must have a certificate of competence. Both these points are adhered to.
- b) We have received a call from the FA regarding East Goscote Juniors and the fact that they have had to split up. I confirmed that our pitches are now to FA guidelines and that we only can provide pitches for up to 12 years of age and then Seniors.
- c) Tournament – incident with resident – The Clerk is in receipt of the risk assessment for the tournament and also has a copy of the FA insurance policy for future reference. The resident who had the accident is still under the doctor.

DEFIBRILLATOR – Mr Eden said that he still has not visited the chemist to take this project further. He is hoping to work with Mrs Lander to commence fundraising.

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### **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £11,297.63. This is unusually high due to the invoice for the driveway being paid. The Clerk advised that since the bank moved over to TSB from Lloyds we have had many problems. Many cheques have been returned unpaid including all staff wages. She has spent a lot of her own time sorting this out. She will claim compensation from the bank along with any charges we incur because of their error.

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### **Correspondence**

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

- Snow Warden Scheme – RESOLVED to continue as in previous years.
- Part-Night Lighting – Details will be placed on our website and in the local shops.
- Cllr request for football lists – The chairman confirmed that team lists were not available, but numbers registered for each team who live on the village will be.
- Bollard cover – sticking – will be attended to.
- Broomfield School – request for flower bed – further information required.

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### **Planning Matters**

P13/1626/2 – Erection of garage to side of dwelling at : 2 Foresters Row, East Goscote. – No objections.

- 13/121      **Christmas Events Update**  
Cllr Lander confirmed that the event would be taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to run in conjunction with the tree festival. The theme for the tree festival is celebrations. She would like the council to have the theme of "celebrating voluntary groups in East Goscote" and she intends to take a photo of all the groups. This was agreed.  
The Chairman confirmed that all spending must be approved by full council and asked Mrs Lander to provide a budget for approval at our next meeting.  
Quotes are required for the installation and removal of the tree lights. (Installation date 7<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Santa has still not been appointed.  
The suit needs cleaning – S Lander to ask Y Smith  
A new display is being created for the grotto.  
Fundraising from the event to be considered at our next meeting – proposals are V Hall Roof or Community Defibrillator.  
Proposals and costs will be agendered at our next meeting for decisions at that meeting.
- 13/122      **To consider the Leicestershire Common Code of Conduct.**  
The clerk confirmed that the new "common code" has little changes although did increase the threshold for gifts from £25 to £50. Councillors were invited to look at the two versions, but declined and it was RESOLVED to keep with our current code of conduct.
- 13/123      **To consider the letter regarding the buffer stop aggregate.**  
A letter has been received complaining about the local youths gathering at the end of the Warren, adjacent to the buffer stop, and throwing the aggregate onto adjacent factory units and also at passing trains. After much discussion it was felt that this is a matter for the police to deal with, as the problem is the anti-social behaviour not the aggregate that needs to be dealt with. The police have been informed by the complainant and a meeting has been held with PC Hall to ask the police to visit the area in question. It was also suggested that the transport police are made aware. Therefore this problem will be monitored for a few months and hopefully dealt with by the police. We will write back to the resident with our decision not to remove the aggregate at this time.
- 13/124      **To consider the renewal of the Parish Council Insurance Policy**  
The insurance policy is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. We are currently in a long-term agreement which is due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The premium amounts to £2478.94 and there are no changes to be made to the current level of cover.  
RESOLVED that the policy be renewed.
- 13/125      **Maintenance**  
None
- 13/126      **Items approved for Expenditure**  
None
- 13/127      **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**  
None
- 13/128      **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm  
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