

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair)
Mrs L Castle
Mr J Malpus
Mr Kevin Preston
Mr Roger Merry Howe
Miss Laurie Needham
Mrs Elaine Garner
Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant) PCSO Jo Freeman
1 member of the public Cllr Dave Houseman

15/228 **Matters arising from the Public**
None

15/229 **Matters arising from the Police**
PCSO Jo Freeman attended. The crime statistics for February were noted. No information on the recent burglary on Long Furrow.

Cllr Preston raised a query he had received from a resident from the Rearsby Roses area. PCSO Geeson is to see the resident and reassure them of their concerns.

15/230 **Apologies for Absence:**
Cllr D Eden, Cllr C Duffy and Cllr S Gerrard.

15/231 **Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr J Malpus re Library and Long Furrow, Cllr L Needham re Library and Cllr S Lander re Village Hall (Other personal interests).

15/232 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

15/233 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 15/210 – Cllr Gerrard to confirm if she has made contact with the resident re the footpath.
- 15/188 – A letter is still to be sent to the Chief Constable.
- 15/212 – Cllr Gerrard to confirm that the work to Fleury Court is complete.
- 15/212 – The Chairman asked that Cllr Gerrard forward the Council tax base information to the Clerk as previously requested.
- 15/212 – Grant for Healthy Living – the Chairman/Clerk are speaking with the play equipment provider (Streetscape). Next Agenda.
- 15/213 - No reply from Jelson regarding the industrial estate.
- 15/215 – Cllr Gerrard to confirm discussions with Charnwood and if there has been any progress regarding the front of Sims re Health & Safety.
- 15/216 – Unauthorised structure 6 Broomfield – No application received as yet.

15/234

County Councillors Report

Cllr Dave Houseman presented his report to the Council. The main items are;

1. A new national campaign being launched by the Department of Education in March encouraging people to report concerns about child neglect and abuse to their local council. The First Response Team will be monitoring any rise in calls. The details will be on the County website and will becoming more public.
2. The Green Plaque Awards Scheme – the aim of this scheme is to bring people together and recognise and celebrate the achievement of others (Leicestershire residents). Nine plaques have been unveiled so far. On 2nd March the Council launched the next round of nominations and the closing date is 30th March. Nominations can be made on line.
3. There is no spare money in the budget and things are only going to get tighter. The Council are looking into an LED street lighting programme and this will be rolled out across the county. There are 63,000 lights and they are cheap to run, install and can be operated from County Hall.

Cllr Malpus mentioned a Leylandi hedge that covers the pavement and Cllr Houseman suggested he email the Highways Customer Services and they will assess the problem.

15/235

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr S Gerrard was absent and has sent her report by email. This will be emailed to the other Councillors.

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Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – The clerk confirmed that a meeting was held on 18th Feb.

- The Front Porch Roof will be replaced
- PAT testing was carried out on 19th January
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2015 was £2153.77
- Hire charges were reviewed and parties/hourly rate was increased.
- The committee are applying for a grant to replace the roof – 3 quotes are being obtained and initially we are to apply to the Charnwood Community Facility Grant
- New curtains and tracks are being installed in the hall with a view to improve the sound quality and retain heat.
- Next meeting 28th April

PAV/PLAYING FIELD -

The pavilion check will be completed by Cllr Lander in March

Playground checks will be completed by the Caretaker and Clerk prior to the professional play check later this month.

The Clerk advised the Council that the previously approved work to the multi-sports court could no longer be undertaken by the contractor due to his licence problems. We are looking into obtaining new quotes – for the next Agenda.

LONG FURROW –

Our Annual Meeting agenda was placed on the front cover of the Long Furrow to inform residents. There were other articles relating to the Tennis court, parish app, caretaker vacancy and neighbourhood watch co-ordinator vacancy. Cllr Malpus asked if someone else could take on the responsibility for the report from the Parish Council he has now taken over the role of Editor. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk/Admin Assistant would take this on for the next edition.

NHOOD WATCH – Advert went into the Long Furrow. No-one has come forward as yet for the role of co-ordinator.

TREES – None

LIBRARY –

Cllr Malpus said that everything was going well and on stream for handover 31st May 2016. There has not been a decision about when the re-opening of the Library will happen as yet, but this will be decided at the next Library meeting when the opening event is discussed. A training leaflet has been created and forwarded to all volunteers.

PARISH APP –

Total users February 119 (86 January). Up to and including 8th March the total users is now 142. Looking into revamping it. One of the ideas that the Community Groups could use the App (through the Office). We are now advertising the App on the side of the van and all tennis bookings will be made via the app. A meeting is being held with the App Office to look at promoting the app further.

CHRISTMAS EVENT –

Cllr Lander is in talks with the Church to see if they are willing to take this on.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION UPDATE –

This was finished ahead of schedule on the Thursday of last week. Waiting for the “spinner” to be installed in the next 2 weeks. Extra materials were left courtesy of the developers. The Chairman said the company were very professional, did an excellent job, used good equipment and worked over and above our expectations. The gap that was left due to ground fluctuations was discussed and it was proposed to consider purchasing a further piece of equipment. To be placed on the June agenda.

15/237

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £27,023.15.

15/238

Correspondence

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

- LCC website – new framework – May agenda
- Council tax base for East Goscote is 905.5
- Letter from Syston town band was read out to Councillors
- Scouts request to hire playing field was approved subject to receiving a copy of their insurance and risk assessment.
- U13 Girls want to host a charity tournament for Sports Relief on 19th March.
RESOLVED to write to them saying that due to the state of the pitches and the fact that league games come first, to perhaps postpone the game until the end of the season.
- Senior Charity Match – a proposal has come from one of the Senior teams to have a charity match on Easter Sunday in relation to the death of a child on the Village.
RESOLVED to authorise this charity match should a written request be received.

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Planning Matters

None

- 15/240 **To approve Petty cash payments**
Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £6.67, income £100.00 and expenditure of £101.04.
Carry forward £5.63. RESOLVED that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.
- 15/241 **To consider the professional playground inspection**
The inspection company has yet to carry out the inspections therefore it will be deferred to the May meeting.
- 15/242 **To consider the cost to plant a tree and roses to commemorate the Queens 90th Birthday**
There is no budget set for this. The Admin Assistant advised the Council that the cost of buying a British Oak of reasonable size would cost £140, a rose plant £11.50/each, plaque £30. Also discussed was a coin for the school children. The Admin Assistant also advised the Council of Commemorative seeds which have been organised for the Queen's Birthday. There is a contingency budget which will cover the cost of this. RESOLVED to purchase a British Oak, and plaque which will be planted in "The Chase" to replace the lost tree, and seed bombs comprised of cornflower seeds subject to Broomfield agreeing to a planting event around the mounds next to the tennis court. It was agreed the planting event would take place in June. All to be undertaken within a budget of £500.
- 15/243 **Maintenance**
The new bus shelter will be stained in dryer weather.
- 15/244 **Items approved for expenditure**
Petty Cash
Tree, plaque & seeds
- 15/245 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
Floods in the area – Cllr Needham asked for information.
Saturday morning footballers are parking on Huntsman's Dale and blocking the road.
At the entrance to the Playing Field cars are also parking on the grass verges.
A complaint was noted re the scouts overnight stay – contact details will be passed onto the Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

C Taylor
10/03/16