

<b>EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL</b>
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Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Miss S Lander (Chair)	Mr J Malpus
Mr K Preston	Mrs S Gerrard
Miss L Needham	Mr R Merry-Howe
Ms C Duffy	
Cllr D Houseman	PC Stacey

- 16/066     **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**  
No public present
- 16/067     **Apologies for absence:** Mr M Gonulalan, Mrs E Garner, Mrs L Castle
- 16/068     **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Malpus re library and Long Furrow, Cllr Needham re the Library, Cllr Duffy re the Village hall.
- 16/069     **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with one amendment 16/045 should read “his” and not “her”.
- 16/070     **Matters arising from the minutes**  
16/028 – Parish improvements – completing the forms – Cllr Malpus and Preston still to do this.  
16/028 – Lease with Charnwood/scouts – working party to meet July 19<sup>th</sup>.  
16/055 – Cllr Gerrard was asked to request a health and safety inspection to the front of Sims public house. She presented the council with an email dated 6<sup>th</sup> July explaining the process. This will be copied to Cllr Castle.  
16/059 – The Picnic Table has been installed on the village green play area.  
16/061 – Moving the dog bag issue to the library has proved very successful with 60 x 50 bags already given out in the first two weeks. The normal average is 50 per month. This suggests that more residents will collect bags from the library and the cost to us will increase – however, hopefully the village will be free of dog faeces.
- 16/071     **Matters arising from the Police**  
PC 4106 Peter Stacey and PC2966 Jordon Robson have joined our beat.  
PC Stacey gave details of recent crime on the village and surrounding areas. Cllr Duffy asked about the incident in Merchants Common yesterday where many police and vans were in the precinct/flats area. He did not have details of this incident. Cllr Malpus confirmed that PCSO Geeson would be holding police surgeries in the community Library from 6pm – 7pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August.  
This information will be advertised on the website and app.
- 16/072     **Borough Councillors Report**  
Cllr Gerrard issued a written report for all Councillors.  
Nominations for the “unsung hero” - Cllr Malpus asked that Cllr Gerrard complete a nomination form for our Brownie Leader Rosemary Fraser who has carried out this role for over 30 years. She confirmed there were two other nominations: Trish Marsland and one person whom she would not name as had not received their consent for the nomination.  
Melton Road Closure – commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> August – possibly for six weeks for traffic in both directions – between Millstone Lane and Parkstone Road – We will inform residents via our app.  
Cllr Gerrard stated that it has been declared that the cardiac unit at the Glenfield

Hospital is going to be closed. She has sent an email to the clerk and asked that it be circulated to all Councillors.

As requested at our last meeting Cllr Merry Howe presented a proposed format for the Borough Councillor to present her report to Councillors on a monthly basis. He said that the feelings expressed at our last meeting were that there is some confusion with communication between the Parish/Borough and the reports given are not of a good standard. Therefore the four page format would help our Borough Councillor give a full comprehensive report each month.

The Chairman asked that this be presented or sent via email to the Clerk for our next meeting in September.

Cllr Gerrard asked the clerk for copies of all emails and voicemails. The Clerk informed the council that she was the proper officer who deals with all communications on behalf of the council, although if a Councillor did wish to see a specific email, with justification, she would be more than happy to send a copy as requested.

Cllr Gerrard asked if she could pursue the reduction of the village speed limit from 30mph to 20mph – this will be discussed at our next meeting.

Cllr Gerrard also gave an additional £30 funds raised towards a defibrillator.

Cllr Gerrard is away from 20<sup>th</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> August.

16/072

### **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Houseman gave a written report to all Councillors.

- Work continues to upgrade more than 68,000 street lights to LED's. Work to upgrade LED lighting in East Goscote should start in August 2016. Along with introducing money-saving technology, the rollout will also see lights controlled centrally, allowing for them to be switched back on in areas of part-night lighting for example, should the emergency services be called to an incident.
- Evidence collated to date shows that 97.6% of part-night lighting has no detrimental effect on crime or road traffic collisions – in fact – for 97% of the County's population, crime decreased more in part-lit areas that it did in areas where there was no change to street lighting.

16/074

### **Reports from Reps on other Committees**

**VHMC** – The Chairman's report from the AGM was given to all Councillors. It was noted that the hall would be closed from 19-23<sup>rd</sup> July for floor works. The Chairman confirmed that the village hall pre-school had closed and the hall would therefore suffer a shortfall unless other regular users come forward. The next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**LONG FURROW** – The Long Furrow committee met on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Articles to be in for the next edition by July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PAV & PLAYING FIELD** – Playground checks were completed by Cllr Gerrard, and training was given to Cllr Needham and Preston.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** – Cllr Preston advised the meeting that he held a meeting with members of the Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch team. His suggestions were:-

- Renewing the scheme on a small scale, possibly starting with the Rearsby Roses development
- Invite residents to a meeting to discuss the purpose and benefits of a Neighbourhood watch scheme
- Invite the PCSO and beat officer
- Display Neighbourhood watch signs
- Invite all 60 residents to a meeting in the village hall in September
- Create a monthly newsletter

**TREES** – Mr Malpus has carried out a visual check of trees – There are a couple of issues to deal with. There are several tree issues on Lilac Way, which are believed to be LCC trees, Cllr Preston will forward photographs to the office.

**CHRISTMAS EVENT** – Cllr Lander confirmed that the church would be arranging for Santa to be seeing the children alongside the tree festival. The Parish Council will therefore not be arranging the event this year. To be further discussed at the October meeting.

**PARISH APP** - Total users up to the end of May was 189 users it now stands at 205. We continue to give out a lot of information and notifications via the app.

**WEBSITE** – is now fully functional and has all the information loaded. All comments from Councillors were good and some changes were made to reflect the suggestions made.

**AWARDS FOR ALL** - Unfortunately our application was refused, however we have made further comment and re-submitted. Cllr Gerrard asked for a copy of both applications, this was considered and refused as it was not for the benefit of East Goscote.

16/075

**Proposed Accounts**

Accounts to the sum of £5006.23 were accepted by the Council

16/076

**Correspondence**

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

- LCC Consultation on how they look after roads, pavements and verges in the future. Consultation workshop will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Views are requested by 25<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Needham, Malpus and Gerrard will attend. Clerk to complete survey on behalf of the council.
- Overhanging willow tree outside Sims – problem solved by Cllr Houseman who requested LCC cut back the low branches
- LRALC Liaison Event – notes were circulated by Cllr Needham who said the LCC are looking to devolve more services to Parish Councils. Cllr Needham attended the workshop “community resilience and emergency planning at local level, she would like to follow this up for East Goscote and create our own emergency plan. She will investigate it further and aim to get more information.
- Response from Cllr Houseman regarding trees on Huntsmans Dale
- Traffic calming by developer – no update since April 2015 – The Clerk informed Cllr Gerrard that her email to Mr Thompson contained incorrect information.
- Lilac Way – query re ownership of trees – Cllr Malpus and Cllr Merry Howe to deal with this issue.
- Query re Fleury Court – Cllr Gerrard confirmed that she has replied in writing and will send the clerk a copy.
- Problem regarding ball games Lilac Way – The Council felt sympathy for the resident, although it was not a council issue – they will suggest that he speak to our PCSO at the beat surgeries.
- Request from EG Juniors to store goal posts in our store area. This was considered, however, in November 2015, a similar request was refused due to lack of space and setting a precedent for other teams who use their own goal posts.

- ALCC (association of Local Clerks Union) – The clerk confirmed that she would be joining this association.
- Traffic calming – Melton Road – the Council asked that Cllr Gerrard write to Neil Chantrill and Helen Robinson regarding the possible breach of conditions at the Rearsby Roses development. She was asked to keep pursuing this issue until plans for the traffic calming have been provided and consulted upon.

16/077

**Planning Matters -**

P/12/1709/2 – Alleged breach of conditions play area – Rearsby Roses development. – Hopefully the works will be all complete by the End of August.

P/16/1413/2 – Change of use to dwelling – The old pumping station, Broome Lane, East Goscote – No objections, we note that no trees/hedgerows will be affected by this development.

P/16/0143/2 – Variation of condition 1 – to remove the word ‘buffer zone’ – this application has now been withdrawn.

16/078

**Review of our dog bins.**

The Clerk agreed to review the village dog bins, as she is accompanying the caretaker on the weekly run on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

16/079

**Budget update (April, May, June)**

The clerk gave a fully comprehensive spreadsheet to all Councillors listing expenditure to date, and the variance to budget. There were no questions and the update was approved by the Council.

16/080

**To consider updates to Policies**

- 1)Safeguarding Children
- 2)Equal opportunities
- 3)Safeguarding/vulnerable adults.

All policies had minor amendments and were approved by the Council

16/081

**To consider a Christmas Project – J Malpus**

Cllr Malpus suggested that he would like to speak to the many library volunteers at a meeting later this month, to ask for ideas of a scheme specifically for the elderly generation of the village, which could be considered and implemented next year ie Christmas 2017. Therefore the budget will not be used this year.

16/082

**To arrange a football Managers Meeting**

Cllr Merry Howe will hold a meeting with all prospective football managers for the season commencing September 2016 on Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

16/083

**Bus Stop enhancements Melton Road – Update – to consider which shelter to install.**

All Councillors were in receipt of proposals for S106 bus stop improvements On Melton Road Details included options and costs. The amount available is £14,338.34.

The scheme includes the provision of a new wooden shelter at a cost of £6,000. However, we have previously had shelters provided at a cost of approximately £2,000. The Clerk said that the LCC officer has agreed that we could use the £6k budget to purchase 2+ shelters from our approved contractor provided that the Parish Council maintain them. RESOLVED that we agree to the lower priced shelters, and we would maintain them. The officer also said that consultations must be carried out with residents who may be affected by the bus shelters – this will be ratified at our next meeting.

It was noted that included in the costs of this project was a £2000 amount for “fees”.

The Clerk confirmed that this was officer fees for managing the project, site visits, project management and design, it was suggested that we may need to revisit our Section 106 payment for the tennis court, as the office spent many hours with this project and may also be able to reclaim fees.

Cllr Preston suggested that we need to bring to the attention of LCC officers the plans for the proposed traffic calming measures – in order that the departments are aware of both schemes.

16/084 **To sign the Website General Service Agreement**

The Finance Committee were given copies of the agreement to read prior to the meeting. RESOLVED that the agreement is acceptable and was duly signed by the Chairman.

16/085 **Maintenance** – Cllr Duffy and Malpus gave in maintenance sheets.

16/086 **Items approved for Expenditure**

16/087 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**

Cllr Gerrard – gave the clerk a copy of Personal safety guidance she had received from Charnwood Borough Council – this will be copied to other Councillors.

A query was raised regarding the Private property sign – previously requested by the Church. The Chairman stated that the sign will not be installed.

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016  
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

L. Pizer  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2016