

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Miss S Lander (Chair)	Mr J Malpus
Mr K Preston	Mrs E Garner
Ms L Needham	Mr M Gonulalan
Mrs L Castle	Mrs S Gerrard
Cllr D Houseman	

16/088 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**

16/089 **Apologies for absence:** Mr R Merry-Howe, Ms C Duffy

16/090 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Malpus re library and Long Furrow, and Cllr Needham re the Library

16/091 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting held on 13th July 2016**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

16/092 **Matters arising from the minutes**

16/070 – Parish improvements – completing the forms – Cllr Malpus and Preston have now done this.

16/072 – The Melton Road closure in August was postponed until further notice.

16/072 - The Borough Councillor's new report format is to be presented at the next meeting or sent via email to the Clerk. The clerk sent the format via email on 14th July to Cllr Gerrard, however, she said that she did not receive it.

16/074 - Trees – Cllr Preston forwarded photographs to the office as discussed, some work remains outstanding – Cllr Preston will forward further information.

16/074 - Christmas Event – The Church have confirmed that there will be no Santa at this year's event alongside the tree festival.

16/076 – LCC Consultation workshop will be held on 13th September. The Clerk has completed the survey on behalf of the Council and booked places for Cllrs Needham, Malpus and Gerrard. Cllr Malpus provided notes to all Cllrs present and explained LCC's vision for the future. The main concern is that they are hoping to reduce the number of items that they look after and/or reduce how regularly they maintain certain items ie verges/shrubs/bollards etc. It was suggested that individual Councillors also complete the survey, which is on our website.

16/076 - Lilac Way – Cllrs Malpus & Merry-Howe dealt with this issue and the works to the trees have been approved.

16/076 - Traffic calming on Melton Road – Cllr Gerrard was asked to write to Neil Chantrill and Helen Robinson regarding the possible breach of conditions at Rearsby Roses. Cllr Preston has been corresponding with Charnwood and LCC regarding this matter. Cllr Gerrard was asked to obtain a copy of the revised traffic-calming plan.

16/078 – The Clerk reviewed the village dog bins on 1st August.

16/083 – The Clerk has asked the Borough Council about reclaiming officer hours from Section 106 payment for the tennis court and is currently waiting for a reply.

16/093 **Matters arising from the Police**

PC Stacey was present and gave details of crimes for August and September. The next beat surgery will be held in the Library on 27th September. Cllr Preston informed the police about the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch event.

16/094

County Councillor's Report

Cllr Houseman said that he was dealing with our complaint regarding grass cutting. He gave the latest information regarding the Rearsby Roses development - David Wilson Homes have submitted a revised traffic-calming plan, which has been approved by LCC. It is now with the legal department. Cllr Houseman confirmed that currently LCC have not adopted any land or verges in this development. With regards to the agenda item, "to consider the reduced speed limit" Cllr Houseman felt that currently drivers do not stick to the 30mph limit, and it was highly unlikely that the police would support this scheme, nor would the County Council. Details of the annual adult social care complaints and compliments report were handed out to Councillors present. Cllr Malpus said there was a problem with street lighting and the spread of the light in certain areas.

16/095

Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Gerrard sent a report through, however, it was not prepared in the format that was requested at our July Meeting. Cllr Gerrard has confirmed she has now received the template. The Chairman re-iterated that we would like the Borough Councillors report completed in the new way.

The report contained details of the unsung heroes scheme, Road Closures, the partnership of the River Soar and Grand Union Canal, and the Gym Equipment. Discussion took place regarding the unsung heroes scheme, and it was agreed that we would obtain details of the scheme from Charnwood Officers. With regards to the Melton Road closure – no official notice has been received yet, so the office will try to obtain this prior to advertising details of the closure.

16/096

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – Nothing further to report – The next meeting is on 22nd September.

LONG FURROW – Articles to be in for the next edition by 14th October.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Playground checks were completed by Cllr Preston, and the Pavilion was checked by L Pizer.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Cllr Preston will be inviting residents of the Rearsby Roses development to a meeting in the village hall on Wednesday October 19th.

TREES – Mr Merry-Howe has carried out a visual check of trees – No problems. Cllr Malpus reported a tree on Long Furrow overhanging the footpath – this will be reported to LCC.

PARISH APP - Total users up to July 10th was 205 it now stands at 243. We have now started monitoring the website stats and page views over the last 90 days amounted to 1563. Total users were 386.

FOOTBALL MANAGERS MEETING – Poor attendance at this meeting with Cllr Merry-Howe and the Clerk. Only one football manager attended the meeting. It was suggested that we do not waste a lot of office hours and admin arranging this meeting in the future, and simply ask managers to call into the office to collect the keys and sign the paperwork at their convenience. The Clerk can discuss matters with them at that point.

16/097

Proposed Accounts

- A) Approval of August and September Accounts. Accounts to the sum of £4416.33 were approved by the council for August and £3813.39 for September
- B) To consider payment of the Electricity bill for the pavilion by Direct Debit. The Clerk confirmed that the electricity contract was up for renewal and if we agreed to pay by Direct Debit, it would save 7% off the invoice. **RESOLVED** to pay this by direct debit.

16/098

Correspondence

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

- Snow warden Scheme – we have confirmed our interest and requested training for our Caretaker.
- Update Register of member's interest – 3 Cllrs confirmed they have done this; others were reminded to check the register.
- Update of facilities – was agreed – Clerk to advise Charnwood
- Planning 6 Broomfield and The Old Pumping Station were both refused
- Parish Plan Goals – Staff changes – they were not installed – will be installed next summer
- 9v9 pitch – Grass cuttings are not collected – the lines will be re-marked as the burning in was not successful
- Community Library – request to have Santa's Grotto – Next Agenda
- Audit – Annual return signed off by the External Auditors – will be published
- LRALC – survey – **RESOLVED** that the Clerk complete on behalf of the Council
- Lilac Way – Pruning and tree removal to prevent interference with the overhead cable was approved.

16/099

Planning Matters -

E/16/0385 - 12 Watergate – an email from Sarah Hallam 24/8/16 confirmed that planning permission was not needed as within the permitted limits

P/16/1112/2 – 6 Broomfield – **REFUSED**

P/16/1413/2 – The Old Pumping Station – **REFUSED**

P/16/1567/2 - 2 The Headland – No objections

P16/1991/2 – 4 Thatchers Corner – Erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling And formation of pitched roof over existing front extension. Cllrs will be sent details of this And asked to respond individually prior to 26th September.

16/100

Update re the lease with Charnwood Scouts

Cllrs Malpus & Merry-Howe attended a meeting with the Clerk at Charnwood BC on 26 August.

The proposals from this meeting are as follows:

a) Lease and deed of variation with Charnwood Borough Council

- Renewal 1st November 2017
- 25 years with break clause and then another 25 years
- Amend lease to remove land behind houses, Charnwood to write to residents offering them the land – they pay legal fees approx. £1700 (Subject to approval at Charnwood Mtg)
- Current market rent £650pa
- Consequences of not renewing – terminating the lease – Buildings would transfer to Charnwood could sublet or demolish our pavilion.
- Sub lease to scouts to continue

- Approximate costs of legal fees to parish council are £2,000.

b) Lease between parish council and scouts.

- Term – 25 years
- Rent – 33% of market rent charged to council by Charnwood BC
- Rent review – Every 5 years
- Permitted user – scouts only – not for football teams or dog groups etc
- Store area eyesore – weeds/graffiti on back of scout hut – breach of terms
- Scouts insurance – obtain a copy
- Scouts finances – obtain copy of latest accounts
- Services in common – scouts to pay on demand 50% repairs to access drive, 50% repairs and maintenance to car park, Empty cesspit bi-annually, 50% of costs of repairs to water pipe from boundary (Pavement) to scout hut.
- Scouts to pay legal fees for this lease

Spearing & Waite to be contacted who would act on the Council's behalf.

After some discussion it was RESOLVED that all the proposals be agreed and implemented. This decision was unanimous.

16/101

To consider the creation of a new emergency plan

Cllr Needham has been in contact with LLR Prepared and the local officer. All resources are online, and our old plan is very out of date. She explained the three most likely emergencies within this area.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would lead the creation of the new plan, however, we would write to local organisations to ask volunteers to work together. In the formation of the plan, we would also place an advert in the next Long Furrow. Update at November's meeting.

16/102

To discuss the risk assessments for the street furniture/pavilion/council offices

The Clerk confirmed that last year's risk assessment was completed professionally and had very few alterations in September 2015. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and one Councillor complete the risk assessment based on last year's form and update as necessary.

16/103

Bus Stop enhancements Melton Road – Update –

A meeting was held between LCC officers, Arriva and Cllr Malpus and our Clerk on 2nd August. It was agreed that the bus stop opposite Rearsby Roses could be added to existing bus stops. Traffic Calming was discussed and the style of Bus shelter. They were hoping to get prices in for the shelters. No details of the date of installation as yet.

16/104

Example of professionally bound minutes and costs – to consider binding as many years as possible within budget

The Clerk showed the Council the bound minutes – All Councillors were very pleased with how professional they looked. A quote has been received stating that if we ordered 20 volumes ie (40 years of minutes) the cost of £25 + Vat per volume would be offered. It was RESOLVED to spend the budget this year £500 on binding our minutes.

- 16/105 **To consider installing a new bin adjacent to the new table – village green.**
The Clerk advised the Council that the caretaker had noticed that the village green play area was suffering from a lot of litter adjacent to the newly installed table. Several options were presented to Councillors. RESOLVED to order the blue 40-litre bin, which can be attached to the fence at a cost of £67 + Vat.
- 16/106 **Update re Awards for All Second Grant Application**
Further information will be discussed under confidential items – at the request of the Big Lottery Fund
- 16/107 **To consider the proposal from Cllr Gerrard to reduce the village speed limit**
Cllr Gerrard suggested that she would like to reduce the speed limit of the village to 20mphr. The Clerk had received information from LCC, which stated that they would only consider the introduction of such restrictions at locations where there is a proven injury accident problem that could be solved by the implementation of a lower speed limit. The accident record for East Goscote stated that only one personal injury accident has occurred within the extents of the current 30mphr restrictions, and therefore, they would not justify funding the introduction of 20mphr limits within the village. RESOLVED that we do not take this proposal forward (unanimous).
- 16/108 **To consider the purchase/installation of a village defibrillator**
It was agreed that a working party be set up to look at the questions relating to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. This item will be placed on a future agenda so that the working party can research and offer all the information to the council. Mehmet Gonulalan will lead the working party and members are Sue Gerrard and Kevin Preston. A meeting will be arranged in due course.
- 16/109 **Confidential Matters – Invoke Standing Order 18a**
Standing order 18a was invoked and any public was asked to leave the meeting.
- 16/110 **Maintenance**
Sheets were handed in by Cllrs Gerrard and Malpus. Other Councillors to complete and return sheets to the office in due course.
- 16/111 **Items approved for expenditure**
Minutes for binding New litter bin
Scout lease
- 16/112 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
Rumours are circulating regarding the use of Sims Public House; the Clerk is trying to obtain an update.

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday October 12th 2016**
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

L. Pizer
15th September 2016