

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Ms Sally Lander (Chair) Mr John Malpus
Mrs Elaine Garner Ms L Needham
Mrs Lisa Castle Mr M Gonulalan
Mr Roger Merry-Howe Mrs C Duffy
Mr D Houseman

16/113 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

None present

16/114 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs S Gerrard, Mr K Preston, PCSO Geeson, Mrs C Taylor

16/115 **To report any declarations of interest:** Mr Malpus re the library, Long Furrow and Age concern/Uk, Mrs Duffy regarding the Village Hall. Ms Needham regarding the Library

16/116 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.09)**

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

16/117 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 16/072 – The Melton Road closure postponed in August, was reported by our Borough Councillor would take place in October, no official notification as yet.
- 16/076 – Confirmation requested as to whether our Borough Councillor obtained a copy of the revised traffic calming plan. The Clerk confirmed that she has had communications with LCC and informed Kevin Preston.
- 16/100 – Lease – Meeting to be arranged between the Parish Council and Scouts.

16/118 **Matters arising from the Police**

None present

16/119 **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Houseman outlined the Cabinet decision to agree some changes to the Community Life Choices budget. He gave all Councillors a copy of the consultation document “Have your say on proposed changes to Mental Health Support Services” which has a deadline of 4th December. There were no questions.

16/120 **Borough Councillors Report**

A written report was emailed to all Councillors, however, once again it was not prepared in the format requested at our July Meeting.

There were no comments although the Chairman once again stated that she was appalled that the report was not completed using the template, and would like to know why Cllr Gerrard is unable to use the requested format.

Cllr Merry-Howe went to a lot of effort to produce this template and is also disappointed that the Borough Councillor has made no effort to use it. The idea was that the template would help the Borough Councillor to offer a much more informed report and focussed information.

The unanimous view of the council was that the content of the report for this meeting was irrelevant and uninformative. RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk speak to Charnwood Borough Council to find out what measures can be taken regarding the effectiveness of our Borough Councillor as it was felt that we are not receiving a good service for the public monies spent.

16/121 **Review of Reps on Committees and Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – A meeting was held on 22nd Sept. C Duffy reported that bookings were strong, we have a new pre-school starting in January, and we have renewed the electricity contract. The gents will be having a new door. We are working on the village hall roof contract and have selected the contractor. Next meeting 26th November 2016

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: J Malpus will carry out playground checks in due course.

LONG FURROW – Deadline for articles is 14th October. Articles have been forwarded. Distribution is expected at the beginning of November.

NHOOD WATCH – K Preston has organised an event for the Rearsby Roses development to be held on 19th October 2016.

TREES – J Malpus has carried out tree checks and given the information to the Clerk.

EMERGENCY PLAN – L Needham confirmed that she has contacted LLR Prepared and has placed an advert in the Next Long Furrow. She will be writing to village organisations. Once volunteers come forward a meeting will be held.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE – The working party have not met as yet, although information is being gathered. – Next Agenda. The Chairman gave information regarding meeting the strict criteria with the Heart Foundation.

APP AND WEBSITE MONITORING – Website – Page views over the last 90 days amounted to 2130 (1563 previous 90 days). App Users now stands at 239 (243 last month)

16/122 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £7393.17 for October.

16/123 **Correspondence**

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

- Friendship club – request for donation – next agenda
- EGVHMC – precept – monies towards roof - letter to finance committee for consideration at precept meeting
- Age Concern – request for donation – next agenda
- Letter from EG United – reply agreed
- Section 106 funding – further information awaited re charges

16/124 **Planning Matters**

P16/1583/2 – 40 Huntsmans Dale – No objections.

16/125 **Christmas Update**

a) **To approve the contractor for light installation.**

TLB have quoted a fee of £495 to install and remove the lights. RESOLVED that we ask TLB to carry out the installation. It was noted that we may need to purchase some new strings of lights.

b) To consider the letter from our Community Library

Mr Malpus wrote to say that as the Church and the village hall do not intend to have a Santa's grotto this year, the library trustees would like to have a Santa's grotto in the library. It would be held on 9th December in conjunction with the tree festival, between 6pm and 8pm. They would like to use the council Santa suit, and would also like the Council to support them by purchase gifts for the children. RESOLVED that we offer an amount of £120 for 150 units and the suit could be used. An invoice must be made out to the Parish Council.

16/126

To arrange a date to consider next years' precept (Dec mtg approval)

The Finance committee will meet to discuss next year's precept. All councillors were asked to submit to the Clerk their suggestions for village improvements next year before the end of October. The Committee will meet on the 8th of November (time to be confirmed). The draft precept will be presented to full council in December.

16/127

To arrange employee appraisals

All Councillors were given the opportunity to complete the staff feedback forms, and appraisals will be held on 8th November prior to the precept meeting. The Chairman and Clerk will complete the staff appraisals and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will complete the Clerks appraisal.

16/128

To receive the risk assessments for the street furniture/pavilion and council offices

Councillor Malpus and Merry-Howe and the Clerk inspected all the required furniture/buildings and will email the completed risk assessment to all Councillors in due course. Next agenda.

16/129

To consider replacing the picnic bench on the Mound Play Area

The Clerk presented prices and various styles/options of benches for the play area. RESOLVED that we purchase the Recycled plastic extended "Rainbow" bench.

16/130

Budget Update

The Clerk presented details of the current expenditure to the end of September. Two of the budget headings were insufficient. The VGreen/Dogbags budget will require an additional £200 as since the dog bags have been issued at the library, the amount has increased substantially. The Website/app budget requires additional funding as we incurred the set-up fee for the new website. RESOLVED that we move £200 into the VGreen budget and £300 into the website budget from the contingency allocation. This will reduce to a total of £4500.

16/131

To consider a disclaimer notice on all emails sent by the council

Councillors read the suggested disclaimer and were given the advice from the LRALC. Cllr Merry Howe suggested some slight changes which were approved. RESOLVED that we would add the disclaimer to all our emails.

16/132

Maintenance

16/133

Items approved for Expenditure

Christmas Event, picnic bench

16/134

Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman

- The Saturday morning football training is causing a problem to residents of Huntsmans Dale. Inconsiderate parking – over driveways was noted. The Clerk will ask the football teams to park sympathetically towards the local residents.
- Food Van on the industrial estate is causing a noise nuisance (generator) to local residents.
- Rearsby Roses play area – is still not acceptable for public use. Clerk to establish the latest situation.

16/135

Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 9th 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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