

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Ms Sally Lander (Chair) Mr John Malpus
Mrs Elaine Garner Mrs Sue Gerrard
Mrs Lisa Castle Mr Roger Merry-Howe

16/136 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

None

16/137 **Matters arising from the Police**

Cllr Malpus informed the members that the next police surgery is to be held on November 30th in the library.

16/138 **Apologies for Absence:** Ms Cathy Duffy, Mr Kevin Preston, Mr Mehmet Gonulalan, Ms Laurie Needham and Cllr Dave Houseman was not required as no agenda item.

16/139 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow and donation to Age Concern, Cllr Merry-Howe regarding the planning matter.

16/140 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.10)**

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

16/141 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 16/117 – Despite making contact with the Scouts on two occasions, they have yet to offer us suitable dates to attend a meeting to discuss the renewal of the lease. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to Dawn Manning.
- 16/126 – The finance committee will meet in November to discuss next year's precept. The Clerk confirmed that to date she has not received any suggestions for village improvements from Councillors. Cllr Malpus has requested consideration be given for an elderly Christmas scheme next year.
- 16/127 Employee Appraisals will be held in November.
- 16/129 – The new picnic bench was fitted on 2nd November.

16/142 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –Next meeting 24th November 2016

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Duffy will carry out playground checks for November.

LONG FURROW –The latest edition is now on line and has been delivered to residents. A committee meeting was held on 8th November and Mr Richards the temporary editor has kindly agreed to continue in the role on a permanent basis. The Next edition will feature the Annual Parish Meeting agenda on the inside as they wish to retain a village photo on the front cover. The Council felt that the Long Furrow was presented extremely well and gave thanks to the new editor Mr Richards for all his hard work.

TREES – Cllr Merry-Howe will forward his report in due course.

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 90 days amounted to 2298 (2130 previous 90 days). App Users now stands at 227 (239 last month) Apple phone use is stable, android is reducing.

EMERGENCY PLAN- An advert has been placed in the Long Furrow asking for any volunteers.

DEFIBRILLATOR- No update - this will not be included on an agenda until February.

16/143 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £18,529.44 for November.

16/144 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- The licence to install lights on the tree for the Christmas period has been approved
- Resident request for donation – Council did not feel it appropriate to award a donation on this occasion and would write back informing them.

16/145 **Planning Matters**

P16/2358/2 – 8 Squirrels Corner – Erection of 2 storey extension. The Clerk confirmed that she received the following comments – 4 x no objection, 1 concern re over-dominant and 1 no comment, therefore she did not reply on behalf of the Council as there was no majority decision.

Cllr Merry Howe took no part in the following decision.

P16/2398/2 – Retention of agricultural building on Field at Junction A607 and Melton Road. The Council asked the Clerk to find further information. Namely – are they changing what is already there – the plans do not appear to tie up with the current building, and would the building be a fire risk. The members felt that if the building was the same footprint as it is currently it cannot be seen from the road and it a considerable distance from the residents of Watergate so would have no impact on them – therefore we would not object.

Cllr Malpus asked Cllr Gerrard to find out if there is a current limit to the volume of any extension compared to the original size of the dwelling.

16/146 **To discuss the Risk Assessments for street furniture/pavilion/office.**

The Risk Assessments were completed by Cllr R Merry Howe, Cllr Malpus and the Clerk. Councillors received a summary of actions resulting from the inspections. All matters will be dealt with as soon as possible. Cllr Lander asked if a window could be fitted into the bus shelter adjacent to the playing field – this was agreed.

16/147 **Neighbourhood Watch update following meeting.**

Cllr Preston informed the council that the meeting was held on 19th October and the turnout was very encouraging. There were approximately 25 residents covering 14 houses, and volunteers for street co-ordinators. He is issuing residents with a letter asking for a small annual donation of £2, and has requested 4 signs to be installed around the Rearsby Roses housing development. RESOLVED to approve the cost of 4 signs.

16/148 **To consider closing the tennis courts over the winter and removing the net.**

The Chairman suggested that as the use of the Court was very much weather dependant, both for safety reasons and to protect the surface of the court. It would be wise to delegate any decision to close the court to the Caretaker and Clerk. RESOLVED that delegated powers be

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given to allow the court to be closed when necessary. The Clerk will ensure that the terms and conditions of use include information re possible closure.

16/149 **LCC Bus shelter scheme Melton Road - Update**

No further update

16/150 **To consider donations to a) The Friendship Club b) Age Concern.**

Cllr Malpus took no part in the Age Concern decision.

Letters have been received from the above two groups.

After much discussion it was resolved to make a donation to The Friendship club of £80.00.

A donation of £25 would be made to Age Concern Syston on this occasion. We will investigate how many residents of our village do benefit from this service.

16/151 **Confidential Issues -**

Standing order 18a was invoked – no public were present.

16/152 **Maintenance**

All sheets were issued for completion by Councillors – none were handed in at this meeting. The Clerk advised that our “Garden Vac” was not working (purchased Oct 03) and she would like to replace with a “blower” maximum budget of £200.00. (Contingency)

RESOLVED to purchase a new leaf blower

Cllr Malpus said there was a continual mess alongside Fleury Court where the wheelie bins are kept. Cllr Gerrard said that this was a health and safety issue and she would bring the matter to the attention of Charnwood Borough Council.

16/153 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Leaf Blower £200.00, British Oak Tree £172.00, Donation to the Friendship Club, Neighbourhood Watch Signs, Donation to Age Concern Syston.

16/154 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

Our Admin Assistant has attended liaison meetings at Charnwood Borough Council, and Leics County Council, a written report from both meetings was issued to all Councillors.

Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman advised that she cannot attend, neither can our Vice-Chairman. Cllr Duffy and Cllr Castle will attend to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

A British Oak tree has been ordered and is being lifted in 2-3 weeks’ time. The Total cost including vat and delivery is £172.53. This will be planted in “The Chase” as part of the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations.

Cllr Gerrard has obtained the application form for a Charnwood Sports Facility grant with the hope of refurbishing the pavilion. She agreed to work on this project and complete the application form accordingly.

16/155 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 14th 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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