

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr John Malpus(Vice Chair) Mr Kevin Preston  
Mrs Elaine Garner Mr Roger Merry-Howe  
Mr Mehmet Gonulalan Ms Laurie Needham

As the Chairman was absent the Vice Chair led the meeting.

- 16/156 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**  
One member of the public was present who was an adult involved with East Goscote Gunners football Club. He was asking about access to the car park and pavilion for Saturday morning training as there are a lot of children ages 6 – 10 that are using the field at this time. The Clerk informed the member of public that for clubs currently paying to use our facilities – the pavilion is available at a reduced rate on a Saturday morning. It was suggested that he speak to Mrs Green who is the spokesperson for the club and has details of all the terms and conditions. He was also informed that for next years' pitch requests, application forms are issued in March and we only allow 2 teams per pitch.
- 16/157 **Matters arising from the Police**  
PCSO Geeson was present and gave the November crime figures to Councillors. (6 incidents were noted). Currently theft from Vehicles and Vans is very high all over the County, with 712 incidents occurring during November. PCSO Geeson is holding police surgeries in the Library on January 3<sup>rd</sup> (6-7pm) and February 7<sup>th</sup> (6-7pm)
- 16/158 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dave Houseman was not required as no agenda item. Cllr Gerrard apologised as she was attending a meeting at Charnwood. Ms Sally Lander (Chair) was called in to work, Mrs Lisa Castle was ill, Ms Cathy Duffy had transport issues.
- 16/159 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow, Cllr L Needham re the Library.
- 16/160 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.11)**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 16/161 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 16/145 – Cllr Gerrard has not reported back to Cllr Malpus re the current limit to the volume of any extension compared to the original size.
  - 16/148 – the tennis court was closed on 1<sup>st</sup> December – all members were informed via the app,
  - 16/158 – Continual mess around Fleury Court wheelie bins – Cllr Gerrard did not mention this in her latest report – whether she has informed Charnwood BC.
  - 16/154 – Cllr Castle and Duffy attended the Remembrance Sunday service and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
  - 16/154 - The British Oak tree will be planted in “The Chase” this week.
  - 16/154 – No update re Charnwood Sports Facility grant from our Borough Councillor, who wishes to upgrade our sports pavilion.

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### **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –A meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

- The Rainbows will be commencing using the village hall on Mondays from January.
- Unfortunately the planned pre-school will not open due to lack of numbers.
- We have a tennis coach using the hall on Wed and Fri Mornings.
- The committee reviewed the cancellation policy and have capped the number of weeks that regular users can take unpaid.
- The hall are trialling an online booking system “Hallmaster” from February for 90 days.
- Fire Warden training is being arranged for March 2017.
- The committee hope to apply to Charnwood for a grant towards the roof in February 2017.
- Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Duffy has not managed to carry out playground checks for November, The Clerk and Caretaker will ensure inspections are done prior to the Christmas Break.

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the Feb edition is January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Parish Meeting agenda will be sent in. Cllr Malpus said that new advertisers are coming forward.

TREES – Die Back on LCC tree Yeomans Dale – reported to LCC.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EVENT – J Malpus confirmed that the Santa event was a great success with 79 children visiting Santa and receiving their gift. The library raised donations to the sum of approx. £40.00. The library also increased their book and raffle ticket sales. Cllr Malpus said the books paid for by the Council were very well received and he would like to continue with the event in 2017.

NHOOD WATCH – K Preston informed the Council that the four new NHW signs were installed yesterday. He has appointed 5 street co-ordinators who distribute any information received. He is currently asking for donations of £2 (annual) to help with NHW costs. Cllr Preston agreed to write an article for the next Long Furrow to try to increase this scheme to other parts of the village. He would also like to improve the current scheme by issuing monthly newsletters/hold meetings etc. Cllr Needham suggested that he created a Facebook account for NHW members or reached people via “spotted East Goscote” with details of latest crime, and asking for volunteers.

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 90 days amounted to 2794 (2298 previous 90 days). App Users now stands at 236 (227 last month)

EMERGENCY PLAN- An advert was placed in the Long Furrow asking for any volunteers. There was no response from any residents. The next stage is to contact local groups asking for their help. The clerk confirmed that we do have a flood warden.

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### **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3558.65 for December.

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**Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Caretaker will attend snow warden training in January
- Tesco Bags of help funding – no projects at present
- Roma Landscapes – Mowing Contract – January agenda
- TSB – further compensation payment
- Parish App – Discussion regarding updating and colours – it was agreed to leave the colour as it is.
- Request from resident to use senior pitch for Boxing Day fundraising match. The council considered this, but as the pitch is paid for by two senior teams at the higher rate, it was agreed that we would not let it out to anyone else. Unfortunately we were not aware what funds were being raised for.

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**Planning Matters**

P16/2642/ - 10 Merchants Common – Installation of Roller Shutter door to front of Pharmacy. RESOLVED that we would have no objections to this application.

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**To consider and agree the Precept 2017/2018**

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £59,350, to meet the expenses of the parish. A grant of £1020 will be received so the net precept will amount to £58,330. This is an increase of 7.84% on last year. The Precept request forms were duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £83,150 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low.

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**To consider the purchase of new flat seat swings to the mound.**

The Clerk confirmed that the flat swings on the mound were installed in March 1995. There have been problems with the rotating top bearing. This year an amount of £2100 was budgeted for their replacement. Three quotes had been obtained and were discussed with the council. The Clerk also pointed out that the safety surfacing on this equipment is in need of repair as it has a gap all the way around the unit, where the wet pour looks to have shrunk back. REOLVED to place the order, to remove existing swing, replace with new swing and infill 100mm wide all around edges with wet-pour, for a total cost of £2431 + vat. £300 will be transferred from the contingency budget. We will arrange for the works to be carried out in March 2017.

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**LCC Bus shelter scheme Melton Road –S106 improvements**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November we were informed by LCC that a potential three new bus shelters could be provided between Lilac Way and Broome Lane junctions. It was confirmed that it was the Parish's responsibility to carry out a formal consultation exercise to those frontages affected. Also a bus shelter licence application would need to be completed and signed off prior to works being undertaken.

a) To approve the bus shelter licence application

All Councillors were in receipt of a copy of the licence application. All 6 conditions were approved and the application was signed by the Chairman.

b) To agree to undertake a formal consultation

LCC had provided a template example consultation letter which all Councillors had a copy of. The period was for 14 days and it was agreed that we would send out the letters during the first week of January.

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Cllr Preston queried the need for a bus shelter at the proposed new shelter, and whether we could replace an existing one using these funds, unfortunately as it was Section 106 funding, the works have to be within a certain distance from the development.

16/169 **To consider the purchase of a new bus shelter on Melton Road (Sys Fencing)**

The Clerk confirmed that we had a budget of £2000 to replace the bus shelter going into Leicester on the main Melton Road. The clerk presented photographs showing the condition of the existing bus shelter. Three quotes were presented to the Council and it was

RESOLVED to place an order for the replacement at a cost of £250 +Vat to remove and dispose of old shelter and £1645.83 + Vat to install a new shelter. An additional cost may be required if any ground works need to be undertaken. A £1000 deposit is required to secure this price, which was also approved. The installation time is 6 weeks from date of order.

16/170 **Update re Charnwood Lease/meeting with Scouts –**

Members of the Lease committee and the Chairman were in receipt of copies of the draft head lease from Charnwood Borough Council based on our agreed terms listed in our minutes of September 2016.

Scouts – A meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The scout group will be holding an executive committee meeting regarding our suggested terms and will be writing to us in the New Year. They voiced concerns regarding the permitted users being the “scout group only”, and suggested that the rent review should be capped. They confirmed that their plans to extend the building had now been dropped, and they agreed to issue us with a copy of their insurance policy and annual accounts.

It was agreed that the committee would meet to consider the Scouts comments once received, and we would circulate the draft terms from Charnwood to all councillors for consideration at a future meeting.

16/171 **Employee Matters (Confidential)**

Standing order 18a was invoked, any members of the public were asked to leave.

16/172 **Maintenance**

None

16/173 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Bus Shelter Melton Road, Flat swings to mound play area.

16/174 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

None

16/175 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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