

<b>EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL</b>
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Ms S Lander	Mr K Preston
Mrs E Garner	
Mr R Merry- Howe	Mrs C Duffy
Mrs C Taylor (Admin Assistant)	Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)
1 Member of the public	PCSO Geeson

- 17/010     **Election of Chairman**  
RESOLVED to revoke standing order 1a.  
Cllr Sally Lander was elected as Chairman and duly signed the declaration of office.
- 17/011     **Election of Vice Chairman**  
Cllr Roger Merry-Howe was elected as Vice-Chairman and duly signed the declaration of office.
- 17/012     **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**  
The Proper Officer duly signed the declarations of office from the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 17/013     **Declarations of interests/Register of Interest to be Updated**  
Cllr Lander re Chairman's Allowance  
Cllr Merry-Howe re Vice-Chairman's Allowance  
Cllr Duffy declared her personal interest regarding the village hall  
Cllr Preston re planning application for Rearsby Roses site.  
All Councillors were given their register of interests update form and asked to complete if there are any changes.
- 17/014     **Matters arising from the public (Meeting adjourned)**  
One member of the public came to offer his services as a tree warden. This will be considered later in the meeting.
- 17/015     **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Malpus, Cllr L Needham, Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr L Castle  
Cllr M Gonulalan. The Chairman said that it was disappointing that so many Councillors were unavailable for our Annual General Meeting.
- 17/016     **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings (March 8<sup>th</sup>)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on March 8<sup>th</sup> were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.
- 17/017     **Matters arising from the minutes**  
16/223 – Cllr Gerrard stated in her March written report that she “was waiting to hear back from the pavilion users” regarding the pavilion grant project. The Clerk sent an email on 7<sup>th</sup> March asking which users she had contacted, however we have not had any response. The council wished to minute their formal disappointment that Cllr Gerrard has made no progress with the pavilion project since our meeting in February 2017.  
16/232 – Community Defibrillator – We have yet to look into any training schemes available for residents in the administering of CPR. Wreake Valley School have contacted the office suggesting their school council would like to raise funds for a defibrillator at East Goscote. We are waiting to hear from them in writing.

17/018

**Matters arising from the Police**

PCSO Geeson gave a report regarding crime in April, which was relatively low. He has been in contact with Jelsons regarding the number of abandoned cars parked in Merchants Common and the poor lighting in the shopping precinct. The cars have been issue with notices to remove within 7 days.

PCSO Geeson was asked to look at a car on Long Furrow which has not been moved for many months.

17/019

**Reports from Reps on other Committees**

**VHMC** – A meeting was held on April 27th 2017. Cllr Cathy Duffy gave out a written report to Councillors present.

- AGM June 21st 7.00pm in the Council offices
- Pat testing completed
- The committee is still working on the grant for the village hall roof - Charnwood have offered a very low grant despite obtaining a high score. The committee may have to re-apply or look for alternative grant schemes.
- The play group cupboard and storage area have both been refurbished.
- All tables and chairs have been cleaned. New trestle tables to be purchased.
- New Pre-school holding opening days in the summer – hoping to open to the public in August.

**LONG FURROW** – The magazine is on our website and is being delivered. The committee is due to meet to discuss the future of the Long Furrow. It was noted that the phone list on the back of the Long Furrow states Ellen Hewitt as NH Watch co-coordinator. This will be changed to Cllr Preston.

**PLAYGROUND CHECKS** –All Councillors received the annual professional summary. Monthly Inspections were carried out by Cllr Merry- Howe on 9<sup>th</sup> May

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** – No report – Cllr Preston said that despite his adverts, no residents have offered their services to re-generate the Neighbourhood watch scheme in other areas.

**TREES** – Visual checks were carried out – The tree stump on the playing fields needs removing or levelling off,

**LIBRARY UPDATE** – No report.

**PARISH APP UPDATE** – The clerk confirmed that figures are still increasing and the app is being downloaded. Current figures are: Total active users up to the end of March were 240 users; it now stands at 258. In terms of downloads the number of android users who have downloaded the app is 152 and apple downloads amount to 331. This includes those who may download to look at the app and then remove. The app office will give us actual live users on a quarterly basis as it creates additional work for them. The top three items on the app used by residents are Events, Messages and Tennis Bookings.

The parish app has been upgraded with new features and new colours and is more user friendly.

17/020

**To agree annual Subs and Donations**

RESOLVED that we subscribe to all the associations/societies listed on the attached sheet.

Donations with their own budget were agreed as follows:

VHMC – Cllr Duffy took no part in this decision. £500

Long Furrow –£400.00

Library – RESOLVED that we ask the library for current financial details and details regarding membership. We would like to know the number of EG residents who are active members, and the number of members from other villages.

Friendship Club – consider if a letter requested funding is submitted.

17/021

**Presentation of Deed and Trust Instruments**

All documents were available for inspection by members.

17/022

**Confirmation of Cheque Signatories for 2017/18.**

Current cheque signatories are: L Pizer our financial officer, Cllr Lander, Cllr Malpus and Cllr Castle – RESOLVED to accept the current signatories. It was agreed that Cllr Merry-Howe visit the bank and be added to our list of signatories.

17/023

**Appointment of Representatives**

RESOLVED that representatives were appointed as per the attached sheet.

17/024

**Proposed Accounts**

Accounts to the sum of £5568.15 were accepted by the council for May and £2506.60 for April.

17/025

**To approve the Village Hall's Annual Accounts (C Duffy declared her interest)**

The annual accounts were presented to all Councillors.

RESOLVED that the accounts be approved by the Parish Council (trustees).

Councillor Lander signed the accounts on behalf of the Council

17/026

**Correspondence**

A List of correspondence received for April and May was issued to all Councillors present.

- Street lighting resident query – LCC have agreed to put light back on to full night lighting.
- Pukka Pies Senior team folded – Arrange for return of deposit.
- Wet pour large area of damage to Village Green – repaired at a cost of £280 +Vat
- Precept payment received
- Planning enforcement letter – Fox Hollow
- Sims public house – being advertised. Clerk to write to Enterprise inns to ask if we can remove the board at the front.

17/027

**To Consider Planning Applications**

P/17/0750/2 – Revised plan of play area – Rearsby Roses Site, Melton Road

RESOLVED to object on health and safety grounds.

P/16/1112/2 – 6 Broomfield – Report with legal department which will be sent to ward Councillors to seek authority to take enforcement action. NOTED

P/17/0867/2 – Erection of a 25 Metre high ball stop fence, Beedles Lake Golf Club  
RESOLVED – No objections.

17/028

**a)To approve the Chairman/Vice Chairman's Allowance payable for the year commencing May 2017**

- The Chairman declared her prejudicial interest and left the room.

RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance be added to the Vice-Chairman's allowance and both would be paid on a claims basis. This can be used for attendance at civic duties, meetings, training, clerk's briefings and travel. Maximum amount available between the Chair and Vice-Chair is £700. A further amount of £100 will be available for the purchase of gifts for retiring Councillors/staff if required.

The claims allowance is to be paid upon completion of one year's service in April 2018 and is not paid on a monthly basis.

- 17/029      **To consider the Annual Playground Inspection Report**  
The Clerk has emailed all Councillors with the full inspection report and risk assessment. It was noted that all play areas are low risk and the identified actions will be addressed if possible by our caretaker.
- 17/030      **To ratify the installation of a memorial bench on the mound play area.**  
RESOLVED to allow the installation of a memorial bench on our mound play area.
- 17/031      **Playing field Lease – update from meeting with Scouts/Charnwood.**  
A meeting was held with the scouts on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to inform them of the decisions taken at our full council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March.  
We have today received an email with their further comments. It was agreed that the working party, consider these comments and update the council at our next meeting. It was pointed out that a decision has already been taken regarding the lease and any changes to that decision would require written notice from 6 Councillors.  
The lease between the council and the scout group expires on 31st October 2017.
- 17/032      **To Review the Council Insurance Policy.**  
Our Current insurance policy is with Aviva through brokers “Came and Company” until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The Finance committee will review the policy to check everything is covered and new quotes will be presented to the council at our September meeting.
- 17/033      **To review our Standing Orders.**  
RESOLVED to amend standing order 1a to read “ The desired term of office for the Chairman is to be two years in any one term of office”.
- 17/034      **Football issues – To approve the conditions of hire/policies**  
Councillors were provided with the policies prior to the meeting. RESOLVED to accept the policies with no amendments.
- 17/035      **To Ratify Pitch Allocations 2017/18**  
This year demand exceeds supply and a list of applicants was submitted with the agenda to all Councillors for consideration. RESOLVED to allocate pitches as follows:-  
  1. Senior Pitch allocated to Syston AFC and East Goscote Juniors Under 16's
  2. Under 7/8 (40 x 30) allocated to East Goscote Junior under 7's's x 1 teams (Vacancy)
  3. Under 9/10 (60 x 40) allocated to East Goscote Juniors Under 9's's and East Goscote Juniors Under 10's.
  4. Junior Pitch( 80 x 50) allocated to East Goscote United under 11's  
The senior pitch was oversubscribed. An application was declined from Thurmaston DPC.
- 17/036      **To Appoint an Internal Auditor**  
RESOLVED that Mr Richard Wilcox be appointed to carry out the internal audit for the accounts ending March 2017 (this is in progress and is expecting to be signed off with findings reported to the council at the next meeting). Mr Wilcox will also be asked to carry out the audit for this current financial year ending March 2018. He submitted terms and conditions which will be signed. There will be a fixed fee of £245 for completion of the internal audit.

