

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Mr John Malpus(Chair)	Mrs Cathy Duffy
Mr Roger Merry-Howe	Mrs Lisa Castle
Mrs C Taylor (Admin)	Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)
3 members of the public	Cllr James Poland

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Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)

- Two members of the public were present to discuss the vans parking outside Wreake valley school on the footpath/cycle track. The Chairman agreed to discuss this when Cllr Poland arrives.
- One resident said that the speeding problems are still an issue especially on Melton Road and around Long Furrow. We will ask if the police can carry out speed checks.
- It was also asked if we could ensure that EI group tidy up Sims front and make it safe.
- One resident said that there was also a problem with works being carried out at Three Ways Farm in Queniborough where the workman/equipment are forcing the students/cycles to go into the road. It was agreed we would ask Queniborough Parish Council to find out how long the works will take, and if they can be more considerate on the cycle track.

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Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Geeson sent an email with details of Novembers Crime. He confirmed the our new PCSO (6001) was Matthew Harburt and our new PC (852) is Mr Gary Bailey. He has informed both of these officers of the pavement parking issue outside Wreake Valley.

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Apologies for Absence: Ms Laurie Needham has other commitments, Mr Kevin Preston is out of Leicester, Mrs Gerrard was ill, Ms Sally Lander was called in to work, Mrs Elaine Garner was ill, Mr Mehmet Gonulalan was working.

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To report any declarations of interest: Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow, and Christmas event, Cllr Duffy regarding the village hall.

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To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (08.11)

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

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Matters arising from the minutes

- 17/146 – Wreake Valley Talk – held at the library was a success with 12 attendees
- 17/146 – The new hedging has been planted at the side of the mound
- £100 funds raised at the chemist has been returned to Cllr Gerrard – We will ascertain where Cllr Gerrard has decided to donate this money.
- Sign on Broome Lane indicating the village centre will cost £412 as LCC do not have funds to pay for it.
- Cllr Gerrard is still to produce posters for the village noticeboards relating to her surgeries in 2018.
- 17/156 – the tennis court was closed on 7th December – all members were informed via the app.
- 17/162 – Cllr Duffy attended the Remembrance Sunday service and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

17/170 **Borough Councillors Report**

The Chairman read out the Borough Councillors report which had been emailed to all Councillors. The Council did not accept the request to minute reasons why the Borough Councillor had not responded to recent correspondence.

The Borough Councillor confirmed that she put a tree for the Council into our Church tree festival.

17/171 **County Councillors Report**

The County Councillor gave his report on the following items:-

- Sichuan Visit – leaders from Chinas Sichuan province visited Leicestershire to sign a three year commitment to work together on trade and investment.
- LCC budget – the four year budget will be considered and finalised over the next few weeks. Savings of £54m are required by 2022. The Budget consultation commences on 13th December and ends on 21st January.
- The council tax will rise 3.99% including the adult social care precept.

17/172 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –A meeting was held on 23rd November 2017. The Chairman said that

- Party bookings are very healthy over the Winter and new year.
- We are obtaining prices for LED lighting with a view to hopefully applying for a climate change grant to change to cheaper LED lights.
- The insurance renewal was discussed and has been renewed on a 3 year basis.
- RE the roof, we are currently in the Tesco bags of help scheme and have been advised that we will receive a grant of some sort. We have also applied to the Mick George community fund, although we were unsuccessful
- A new electricity contract has been organised to run until Dec 2019.
- Terms of letting are being reviewed.
- Next meeting 22nd February 2018

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Duffy has carried 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 16th. A new editor has been appointed and it has been agreed by the Long Furrow committee that they will initially produce a 12 page black and white magazine with no advertising, although there may be a sponsorship deal. They will print 150 copies which will be put in various places ie Library, Church, shops. The cost of this is £98.00, which is the balance remaining from the Parish Council.

TREES – Mr Webbon confirmed that the Lilac Way tree has been removed and The Chase has had a new tree planted

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EVENT – J Malpus confirmed that the Santa event was a great success with 78 children visiting Santa and receiving their gift. The library raised donations to the sum of approx. £60.00. The library also increased their book and raffle ticket sales.

NHOOD WATCH – Nothing to report

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 12 months amounted to 3778 (3968 previous 12 months). App Users now stands at 590 (577 last month)

17/173 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £5469.45 for December.

17/174 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Confirmation of snow warden scheme
- Minerals and waste local plan – Consultation ends 22.12.17
- S174 licence awarded for Christmas Lights
- Update of facilities and services questionnaire
- S106 – tennis court – remaining funds can only be used for infrastructure. It was agreed that we would look into the possibility of having lighting.
- Fire risk assessment for our pavilion by Essential Safety Solutions is £125. We will look at our village hall fire risk assessment to see if it can be adapted.
- TSB Bank – compensation payment of £50
- Property Valuation for Pavilion and village hall was received.
- Sims – The Clerk has received an email from the Regional Manager of EI group to confirm that the lease ended on 06.12.17 and they are now entering the premises. The EI group have confirmed that they intend to refurbish the pub and have applied for planning to do this. They are looking for a new Manager and hope to get the pub re-opened. A letter was also read out from Mr Argar giving similar information.

17/175 **Planning Matters**

P17/2310/2 – 104 Long Furrow – Erection of 2 storey extension to side of dwelling
RESOLVED that we would have no objections to this application.

4 The Covert – Erection of a conservatory – noted.

6 Broomfield – Update – It was agreed to write to the head of the planning department for an update on the current position.

17/176 **Vans Parking on Cycle Track/footpath outside Wreake Valley School**

One resident voiced her concerns regarding the three vans which have been parking wholly on the footpath/cycle track directly outside Wreake. She thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in trying to resolve this issue and said that currently they have moved to the opposite side of the road.

Cllr Poland and PCSO Geeson have both also been very helpful in trying to deal with this problem, PCSO Geeson has spoken to the owner of the vans who has agreed to park on the other side of the road. The concerned resident has looked into various regulations, signage and the road traffic act, which clearly states that parking wholly or partly on a cycle track is prohibited and you would be guilty of an offence. PCSO Geeson has also stated in writing that it is an offence to drive over a raised kerb and along a footpath. Cllr Poland is currently investigating if Charnwood can do anything relating to causing a nuisance due to the fact that the owner of the vans is running a business from home.

The circular signs along the route, also state that this is a shared route for pedal cycles and pedestrians **only**.

After a long debate it was RESOLVED that we would monitor the situation, and should it re-occur we will write to both the Police Constable and the Police Commissioner asking for action to be taken. The Council also requested Cllr Poland confirm that this was built as a designated Cycle track, so that the police can enforce the road traffic act regulations if necessary.

- 17/177 **To consider and agree the Precept 2018/2019**
East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1st 2018 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £57,200 to meet the expenses of the parish. A grant of £640 will be received so the net precept will amount to £56,560. The Precept request forms were duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £82,300 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low.
- 17/178 **To consider a noticeboard for the library on Council Land**
Cllr Malpus declared his interest. The library would like to put a noticeboard on the outside of the play area fence opposite the library. Public Liability insurance will be arranged by the library. The Councillors present felt that the placing of the noticeboard outside the play area could possibly be a health and safety hazard, be subject to vandalism and was not the best place to site the noticeboard. It was agreed that if it cannot be situated on the library grounds, after the removal of a section of the hedging, then we would re-consider it with more details on the size, the exact position, and how sturdy it will be.
- 17/179 **Update re Charnwood Lease/meeting with Scouts**
The Clerk confirmed that despite chasing up the solicitor, we have still heard nothing regarding the progress of the lease.
- 17/180 **To discuss the Risk Assessments for our street furniture/office/pavilion**
The Clerk emailed all Councillors with the risk assessments for all the benches, bus shelters, pavilion and office. The clerk will produce a summary action plan for the caretaker to work through.
- 17/181 **Football terms and conditions – to discuss charges for team that has folded**
The Clerk issued all Councillors with a paper giving information of payments to date, number of matches played, and seasonal fee costs. It was Resolved to accept the amount paid to date. This is £150 for the first instalment and £150 key deposit. The full cost would have been £410 and we now cannot re-let the pitch. However as a gesture of goodwill we will accept the £300 paid and will not make any further charges. We will review our terms and conditions for 2018 and include a condition relating to clubs that fold, or consider charging the seasonal fee (which is discounted) at the start of the season.
- 17/182 **Employee Matters (Confidential)**
Standing order 18a was invoked, any members of the public were asked to leave.
- 17/183 **Maintenance**
None
- 17/184 **Items approved for Expenditure**
- 17/185 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
The Chairman invited all Councillors present to the elderly event in the village hall on Saturday 16th December at 2pm.
The Clerk thanked the council for a wonderful 25 year presentation evening on 11th December and thanked the council for their gifts.

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 10th 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

L Pizer
14.12.17