

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, April 8th 2015 at 7.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr S Lander
Cllr D Eden
Cllr J Malpus

Cllr E Vardy
Cllr S Gerrard

Cllr D Houseman
PC Claire Howarth (4289) and PC Andy Folland (2924)

10 Members of the public.

- 15/001 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr K Jones and Cllr C Duffy submitted their apologies. Cllr Porter was also absent although no apologies had been received.
- 15/002 **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 9th 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.
- 15/003 **Matters arising from the minutes:**
None
- 15/004 **Matters arising from the Police**
Annual figures were issued in a report from 2014- 2015 which amounted to 109 Crimes. (156 including 47 Non Recordable) At last year's annual meeting it was reported that there had been 102 Crimes 27.03.14 – 27.03.14)
With reference to burglary dwelling, the figures are 2011: 12 burglaries, 2012: 13 burglaries, 2013: 13 burglaries and for 2014 there have been 8 burglaries.
- Q Where are you based now?
A We are working from Syston, although we are not open to the public, we do not have access to vehicles and patrol our beat on bicycle. The main office is based in Loughborough.
The Chairman thanked PC Howarth for her report.
- 15/005 **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
She had produced a written report included in everyone's papers.
Some of the issues raised were:-
- Council and Staff
 - Vehicle Activated Speed Sign
 - Planning and the Rearsby Roses development
 - The cost of vandalism – this year amounted to £800.00
 - Dog Fouling
 - The Village Hall
 - East Goscote Library
 - Planting Trees and Hedges
 - Playing Field Lease
 - Bus Shelter
 - Relocation of the Post Office

➤ Next years projects

The Chairman paid tribute to, Dave Houseman for all his work as our County Councillor, Cathy Duffy, for representing us on the Borough Council, and her Vice Chairman Eric Vardy for all his support. She also thanked the Council staff team for all their hard work this year.

She also wished to thank East Goscote Village Pre-school who worked so hard to make the Christmas celebrations a success.

Finally she thanked the people of East Goscote for their support to ensure that our village continues to flourish. Cllr Vardy proposed that we accept this report which was agreed.

15/006

Finance report

Cllr Vardy commenced by saying that East Goscote were very fortunate to have such an experienced Clerk who in the short time he has been a Parish Councillor, he has been truly impressed by her abilities, her professional approach to Councillors and the community, and most of all her knowledge of the accounts. There was a round of applause from the floor in agreement with Cllr Vardy's comments.

The annual report was issued to everyone present and the Vice Chairman explained that these were a sound set of figures. The Clerk advised that the 2015/16 budget would be £88,160.00 with the precept at £56,900. This equated to a cost of £62.47 for a band D property which is a 2.9% reduction on last year.

Projects for 2015/16 include upgrading the village green play area with some new equipment, replacing the gates to the Lilac Way play area to make them safer, continuing with our membership of the LAPC and renewing another bus shelter.

Cllr Vardy closed by explaining that this was his last meeting and he felt that this council had a great future if Councillors work together. The Clerk is able to provide the knowledge and the rules and regulations for Councillors and therefore a successful council is well achievable.

15/007

Borough Councillors Report

A written report was issued to everyone present.

The report contained information relating to:-

- East Goscote Library
- East Goscote Parish Council
- Street Nameplates
- Reaccreditation to the Member Development Charter
- Section 106 Funding
- Hub helps tackle Anti Social Behaviour
- The Mound
- Borough Councillor Allowances
- Charnwood Core Strategy
- Building New Homes
- Council tax 2015/16

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There were no questions.

15/008

County Councillors Report

A written report was issued to everyone present.

Cllr Houseman's Report gave information relating to:-

- Additional responsibilities
- Staffing
- The New Care Act
 - Reason for Changes
 - Key Elements
 - Deferred Payments
 - Care Costs gap
 - Funding thresholds

Cllr Houseman discussed in detail the new care act and what this means for people with care and support needs regardless of finances or eligibility. Further information re social care is www.leics.gov.uk/careact

Cllr Houseman also informed the meeting that a report is now sent to the Parish Council regarding all highway defects. When a defect is registered it is logged and a report of the outcome is produced.

The Clerk asked Cllr Houseman to confirm the number of grass cuts that the County Council are carrying out on their areas. He confirmed that this year it would only be 5 cuts. The parish council may need to consider additional cuts on some areas.

Cllr Houseman thanked the Council Staff who are very talented, all Councillors, the police and the village residents for their support.

Contact details are: Website: leics.gov.uk/houseman

The Chairman thanked Councillor Houseman for his report.

15/009

Matters arising by permission of the Chairman

The Chairman explained that this was the forum for village issues. Any questions may be dealt with at a future meeting, and would not be debated at this meeting. Any personal matters or complaints should be put to the council in writing.

R. A thank you card for the installation of the bus shelter was read out to the meeting.

Q. Can you confirm the proposed site for the tennis court ?

Q. Is it going to impact on any football pitches ?

A. The chairman confirmed that the site was on jubilee playing fields adjacent to the factory units, and it was not encroaching on any of our hired pitches.

Q. If the tennis court goes ahead, will we be improving the pavilion.

A. This has not been discussed by the council.

Q. Will the tennis court be open to residents of Syston ?

A. This has not been discussed by the Council

R. I would like to thank June Kyle and the village hall committee for keeping the hall in such a good standard, it is such a pleasant building to come into.

Also thankyou to Councillors for the bus shelter and to our County Councillor

Q. Would the council consider running the speedwatch project, and would all Councillors become volunteers and help run the project.

A. This will be agendered at a future meeting.

R. There is an increasing problem of cars being parked at junctions. Can this be raised with the police to avoid any accidents.

A. Yes we will raise this with the police.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

L. Pizer
9th April 2015