

**EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013  
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Mr R Black (Chairman)	Mrs M Cadle
Mrs J Kyle	Mrs K Barber
Mr D Eden	Mrs S Lander
Mrs K McCalman	Mr Roger Merry-Howe
Cllr Cathy Duffy	Mr N Shivers

2 Members of the public: Mr J Palmer and Mr B Madelin

13/010      **Co-option of New Members** – Mr Merry-Howe has returned his completed co-option questionnaire to the council which was read out. A secret Ballot was held. RESOLVED that Mr Merry-Howe be co-opted onto this council. He was invited to join the table, and given his induction pack.

13/011      **Election of Chairman**  
Mrs June Kyle asked the Councillors to consider revoking standing order 1a to allow the existing Chairman Mr Black to be considered for a further one year as Chairman. A vote was taken and it was agreed.  
Mr Bob Black was elected as Chairman and duly signed the declaration of office.

13/012      **Election of Vice Chairman**  
Mrs J Kyle was elected as Vice-Chairman and duly signed the declaration of office.

13/013      **Declarations of acceptance of office to be signed**  
The Proper Officer duly signed the declarations of office from our new Councillor and the Councillors who have taken up office.

13/014      **Declarations of Interest/Register of Interest (update) to be Completed**  
Mr Black regarding Chairman's Allowance and VHall, Mrs Kyle, Mrs Barber and Mr Black regarding the Village Hall donation. Mr Eden regarding pitch allocations.

All Councillors were reminded to complete their register of interests updates if there are any changes in their circumstances.

13/015      **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Dave Houseman, Mrs Y Smith, Mr D Walton, PCSO Geeson

13/016      **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings (March 13<sup>th</sup>)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on March 13<sup>th</sup> were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

13/017      **Matters arising from the minutes**  
12/252 – Outstanding matters for the police: Promoting the neighbourhood watch scheme, Speedgun initiative, Dog muzzle, Crime prevention visits, car cruising.  
12.256 – Mrs Barber has received a letter from OM the property management company, regarding Willowbrook Way.  
12/259 – Waste charges – to be researched  
12/263 – Additional fencing alongside the mound – the resident has declined the offer of working in partnership.  
12/266 – Wicksteed playground inspection – it was agreed to go ahead with addressing the entrapment issue of the roundabout on Jubilee playing fields at a cost of £120.00

Mrs Lander said that there had been accidents on the Rocking Horse, Ling Dale. This piece of equipment is in good condition and conforms to the required standards. It was also noted that football is being played on the park and the school has been asked to request that the children do not play football here.

13/018

**Matters arising from the public (Meeting adjourned)**

Mr Palmer and Mr Madelin addressed the meeting regarding the junior football pitch and why the size of the pitch was changed and facilities were no longer available for this team.

Cllr Kyle said that it was due to the FA recommended sizes.

Various discussions ensued regarding the jubilee playing fields, pitches, goal posts and the number of teams we cater for. Mr Palmer said that he had applied for the junior pitch again this season, as he was currently applying to the leagues to join the 9 v 9 league rather than the 11-a side. He asked that we consider allowing under 13's to use this pitch.

Mr Shivers advised that the dog fouling problem has improved around the Long Furrow.

13/019

**Matters arising from the Police**

PCSO Geeson was unavailable but a written report was read out to Councillors. There has been another two burglaries this month, theft of a cycle from the School and a break in to a factory unit. On 25<sup>th</sup> April, patrol cars attended the Warren and made searches of youths and their cars.

13/020

**County Councillors Report**

Mr Houseman was not available to report.

13/021

**Borough Councillors Report**

Mrs Duffy reported on the following:-

- Congratulations to Cllr Houseman for his re-election as out County Councillor.
- Charnwood Borough Council Core Strategy – six week consultation details available at [www.localplan.charnwood.gov.uk](http://www.localplan.charnwood.gov.uk) – consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- Funds for youth projects – application forms available from Charnwood – this rounds deadline is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A form will be given to Mrs Lander.
- Extended evening shopping on Fridays from May 17<sup>th</sup> to end September.

Mr Eden asked why Cllr Duffy received so few votes at the recent County Council elections. She explained that the UKIP party took most of her votes.

13/022

**Reports from Reps on other Committees**

**VHMC** – A meeting was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013.

- AGM June 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Council offices
- New Hire Charges implemented
- VHall Cleaner vacancy being advertised in August
- The party in the park event was cancelled due to the lack of help
- Fascias and gutterings have been cleaned around the hall, thanks to Nick and Peter.
- Sand is no longer permission due to creating a slip hazard.

**LONG FURROW** – Audited accounts were received along with minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May, confirming that the Editor Mr Bishop will produce two further editions and will then retire. Mr Malpus has agreed to produce one further edition. The committee will be advertising for someone to take over the editorial role.

**PLAYGROUND CHECKS** – B Black/J Kyle completed the playground checks and the issues were noted.

**EMPLOYER TRAINING** – The Clerk issued all Councillors notes from the recent training course.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** – No report

**TREES** – No report

**UPDATE FROM JELSON MEETING**– A meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April and the minutes were circulated to all Councillors. We are hoping that Jelsons will consider a joint project to fence off the corner of the field/factory area.

**INDUSTRIAL SITE VISIT** – B Black, J Kyle and C Duffy carried out the industrial estate check – details of which were circulated to Councillors and copied in to Stuart Wilson of Jelsons.

**YOUTH UPDATE** – Mrs Lander advised that the youth group has folded for now until September. This was mainly due to the fact that we have lost our Youth Worker and numbers dwindled from 5 youths to 3. She will put notices out in the notice boards now, and will re-launch the group in the August edition of the Long Furrow.

13/023

**To agree annual Subs and Donations**

Prejudicial interests were declared as follows and members took no part in the discussions:

VHMC – Cllrs Barber, Kyle and Black

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

It was agreed that we do not subscribe to the RCC, The International Tree Foundation and the Open Spaces Society. Also this year we will not subscribe to the NALC direct information service as we will get all the necessary information from the LRALC.

Donations with their own budget were agreed as follows:

VHMC - £500

Long Furrow – As the committee have stated they will produce three issues this year, (May, Aug, Nov) and hopefully will recruit a new editor, it was agreed that having reviewed the accounts, we will offer a donation of £300.00 pro rata. Should a fourth edition be printed in February we will then pay a further £100.00.

13/024

**Presentation of Deed and Trust Instruments**

All documents were available for inspection by members.

13/025

**Confirmation of Cheque Signatories for 2013/14.**

Current cheque signatories are: Y Smith, J Kyle and B Black along with L Pizer our financial officer. RESOLVED to add a further signatory Mrs K Barber who will complete the necessary forms.

13/026

**Appointment of Representatives**

RESOLVED that representatives were appointed as per the attached sheet.

13/027

**Proposed Accounts**

Accounts to the sum of £2905.15 were accepted by the council for May and £3706.49 for April.

- 13/028 **To approve the Village Hall's Annual Accounts (K Barber/J Kyle/R Black declared their interests)**  
The annual accounts were presented to all Councillors.  
RESOLVED that the accounts be approved by the trustees. Councillor Black signed the accounts on behalf of the Council.
- 13/029 **Correspondence**  
A List of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present.
- Wildlife Grant – Mrs Cadle to consider re-launching this project
  - Twinning – Letter read out to councillors regarding the folding of the twinning association. The association feel that the Charters should become the property of the Parish Council, along with the minutes. The memorabilia is being distributed between Twinning members.
  - Fencing to scout hut no plans or information received from the Scout group
  - Scout Fete – risk assessment requested but not yet received.
  - Network Rail – cables have been re-positioned.
  - Letter to Councillors regarding conduct of Mr Eden. Mrs Barber requested a written apology from Mr Eden relating to his recent email regarding the party in the park. Mr Eden stated he would consider this.
  - The Chairman informed the members that Mr Eden was, despite being previously asked not to, texting him late at night regarding council business. The Chairman requested that Mr Eden only contact him in extreme emergencies and if he has any queries to put them in writing to the Council or to ask questions at our meetings. He has again asked that he show some respect and refrain from texting him at these hours. Mr Eden agreed to this.
- 13/030 **To approve the Chairman's Allowance payable for the year April 2014**  
The Chairman declared his prejudicial interest and left the room.  
RESOLVED that the Chairman's allowance of £500.00 would be paid and would be used for attendance at civic duties and the Chairman's expenses. This is fully inclusive and no other expense claims will be considered. A further amount of £100 will be available for purchase of gifts for retiring Councillors and for other Chairman's expenses. This is paid upon completion of one year's service in April 2014.  
The Chairman returned and asked the Vice Chairman to leave the room.  
The Council also considered paying a Vice Chairman's allowance, as the vice chairman was working closely with the Chairman and gives up a lot of her own time.  
RESOLVED that an allowance of £200 be paid in April 2014 to the Vice Chairman.
- 13/031 **To Consider Planning Applications**  
P12/1709/2 – 60 Dwellings Rearsby Roses site – Following the appeal the decision to build was allowed. Outline permission was granted for the erection of 60 dwellings and formation of site access, in accordance with the terms of the application and the plans submitted with it.
- 13/032 **To Review Standing Orders**  
RESOLVED that the standing orders be reviewed by the Chairman and Clerk will report back at the next meeting if there are any suggested changes.
- 13/033 **To consider adopting the Common Code of conduct for Leicestershire**  
Defer to the next meeting.
- 13/034 **To Review the Council Insurance Policy.**  
We have agreed to the policy renewal with Aviva insurance on a three year binding agreement. This will take us until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as the first year we were offered 16 months for the price of 12 months.

- 13/035      **Policy Reviews – Complaints/Grievance/Disciplinary/H & S/Age discrimination**  
The staffing committee will review all the policies and present to the Council for consideration at a future meeting.
- 13/036      **To consider fencing to the Rear of the Scout Hut**  
Unfortunately we have received no information from the Scout Group so it will be agendered when we have the details.
- 13/037      **To consider the installation of chain link fencing to the playing field boundary**  
We are awaiting feedback from Jelsons regarding working in partnership to carry out this work.
- 13/038      **To ratify the change of Auditor for 2012/13 and Appoint an Internal Auditor for 2013/14**  
RESOLVED that Mr Richard Wilcox will carry out the internal audit for the accounts ending March 2013 replacing Mr Ian Fraser as previously agreed. Mr Wilcox will also be asked to carry out the audit for this financial year ending March 2014.
- 13/039      **Data Protection Act – to agree notification renewal**  
RESOLVED that the renewal be signed and returned to the commissioner with the fee of £35.
- 13/040      **Pitch Allocations: To agree notifications for 2012/13 season**  
Pitch allocations were considered
- A) The Senior pitch will be offered to East Goscote Roofing.
- B) East Goscote Junior FC will be offered the junior pitch for their Under 12's and also for their Under 13's to play a 9 v 9 side.
- C) East Goscote United FC will be offered the mini pitches for their four teams 2 x Under 10's, Under 7's and Under 8's.
- Teams will be notified that their applications have been successful.
- 13/041      **Items Approved for expenditure**  
Subs and Donations  
Insurance  
Data Protection Renewal  
Chairmans Allowance  
Vice Chairmans Allowance
- 12/044      **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**  
The Council were made aware of the website Facebook Spotted: East Goscote which has contained anonymous derogatory comments about the Council.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

L. Pizer  
9th May 2013