

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10th 2013 at 7.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

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| Cllr B Black (Chair) | Cllr J Kyle   |
| Cllr M Cadle         | Cllr D Eden   |
| Cllr K McCalman      | Cllr S Lander |

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| Cllr C Duffy | Cllr D Houseman |
| PC C Hall    |                 |

10 Members of the public.

13/001 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Walton/Cllr Y Smith/Cllr K Barber

13/002 **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 11th 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

13/003 **Matters arising from the minutes:**  
None

13/004 **Matters arising from the Police**  
Annual figures were issued in a report from PC 27/03/12 – 27/03/13 which amounted to 69 Crimes. At last year's annual meeting PCSO Grimley reported that there has been 75 Crimes – a substantial reduction for the year. However, it now transpires that this figure should actually have been 91 crimes and there was infact no substantial reduction in crime for 11/12 as the figure for 10/11 was 105 crimes. With reference to burglary dwelling, the figures are very worrying. In 2010 There were 11 burglaries, 2011 there were 8 burglaries and in 2012 this increased to 15 burglaries (an 87.5% increase). Already this year we have had 5 burglaries.  
PC Hall explained that she had been with the police force for 9 years, 7 years as an officer. She hopes to move to Beat 6 (East Goscote) in the next 6 weeks.  
She was aware of the ASB in Merchants Common and everytime a call is made it will be logged and every effort made to reduce this.  
Car Cruising on the Warren, an initiative will be commenced to stop this happening. Speed Gun operations will be held in the near future on Melton Road and The Warren, the council are to inform the police of any further areas that we would like targeting. A Burglary initiative will also be set up for our beat to try to deal with the big increase in burglaries on our village.

Q. Can we be assured that the ASB will be dealt with on Merchants Common.

A. PC Hall confirmed that some verbal and written ASB warnings have been issued and she will be keeping a close eye on it.

The Chairman said that in Leicestershire burglaries had reduced by 7%, yet our village has suffered an 87.5% increase, we need to see more police patrolling our village. He also stated that the car cruising was occurring on a regular basis and needs dealing with quickly.

The Chairman thanked PC Hall for her report.

13/005

### **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He 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 £785.00
- Dog Fouling
- Football Pitches – new sizes
- The Village Hall
- The youth committee
- 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 the Council team for all their hard work this year, especially Liz Pizer for all her support. The Chairman also thanked the Vice Chairman and his fellow Councillors for all their support.

Q. If village charities are benefitting from the “party in the park” event, they should be providing most of the volunteers and support.

A. The Chairman explained that all charities were invited to our first meeting, but none attended.

Q. When the VAS was on Broome Lane it was flashing at 29mph saying “slow down”. This area has a 40mpr speed limit, can the sign be changed to reflect the correct speed limit.

A. Yes it can, this will be addressed.

13/006

### **Finance report**

The annual report was issued to everyone present and the Vice Chairman explained items of income and expenditure in more detail. She advised that the 2013/14 budget would be £68,750.00 with the precept at £58,000. This equated to a cost of £63.67 for a band D property.

Projects for 2013/14 include the tarmacking of the pavilion driveway, upgrading our CCTV system and repairs to the bus shelters.

There were no questions.

13/007

### **Borough Councillors Report**

A written report was issued to everyone present.

The report contained information relating to:-

- CBC Council tax and finance
- Leisure centre in Loughborough crowned best health club
- Building New Homes
- Staying Healthy Project
- Online Guide to plans
- Corporate plan 2012 – 2016
- Dog Fouling
- Cllr Duffy's work in the village this past year
- Thanks to all her associates for their support

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Q. Can we have an update on the Mound repairs.

A. The Borough Council are carrying out inspections although due to the costs involved, work cannot be carried out. The mound is not dangerous to users, and as it is regularly inspected, any holes which may appear will be dealt with.

13/008

### **County Councillors Report**

A written report was issued to everyone present.

Cllr Houseman's Report gave information relating to:-

- LCC spending is £881 million in 2012/13 – no increase in Council tax
- Activity in East Goscote – Snow wardens/Dropped kerbs/Gritting/street lighting/Rearsby Roses/youth group/village hall/bus stand Swallows Dale
- Mortgage Scheme for first time buyers
- Roadline/environmental pollution

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There were no questions for Mr Houseman

13/009

### **Matters arising by permission of the Chairman**

The Chairman advised the meeting that a calendar of events was included in their packs.

Q. As the grass mowing season is about to start, and areas on the village are mown by different people, could the parish council discuss taking over the mowing which is done by County Council. This would tidy the whole village as the parish mowing is carried out more frequently.

A. This can be placed on a future agenda and discussions can be held with County Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

L. Pizer

10th April 2013