

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair) Mrs S Gerrard
Mrs L Castle Miss L Needham
Mrs E Garner Mr R Merry-Howe
Mr J Malpus PCSO Freeman

- 15/205 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**
The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public.
No Public present.
- 15/206 **Matters arising from the police**
PCSO Freeman gave details of crime for January. She advised the council that PCSO Geeson would like to set up a youth café at East Goscote. The Chairman confirmed she had already had discussions with PCSO Geeson regarding this.
- 15/207 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Duffy, Cllr Preston and Cllr Eden submitted their apologies along with PCSO Geeson.
- 15/208 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus regarding the Library and the Long Furrow.
Cllr Needham regarding the Library.
- 15/209 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (13.01)**
The minutes held on 13th January 2016 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 15/210 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 15/167 The clerk confirmed that the anti-social behaviour leaflets were delivered to residents of Fleury Court
 - 15/171 Cllr Gerrard now has a copy of the resident letter regarding a footpath to the front of the Rearsby Roses site – She is awaiting a reply from the planning department. The Chairman requested that she chase this up and reply to the resident as soon as possible.
 - 15/178 – Cllr Castle has visited the bank to become a cheque signatory and signed the necessary paperwork.
 - 15/195 – A pavilion check and stock check was carried out by our admin assistant.
 - 15/204 – Cllr Needham has forwarded information regarding the defibrillator to the Chairman for consideration.
 - 15/188 – Speeding issues – no contact from the police following Cllr Gerrard’s request. Cllr Merry-Howe suggested we try to run the speedwatch scheme again. It was agreed that we write to the Chief Constable asking if speed checks can be carried out around the Long Furrow.

15/211

County Councillors Report

Cllr Houseman gave all Councillors a written report, he confirmed the following details:-

- Proposals to save £26 million next year – rising to £78 million by 2020.
- An increase in council tax of 3.99%
- The increase includes a 2% increase in council tax introduced by the government but it will not cover the county council's increase in adult social care costs ;
- The County Council is having to make savings of £16.7 million over the next four years to areas of Adult Social Care but protecting people at risk in our society still remains a priority.
- The escalating costs associated with adult social care are partly due to rising population and adults living longer which we celebrate.
- LCC has to continue to divert funding from other services to shield social care from the reductions in government funding.
- If it hadn't been for savings already made it would not be possible for the council to invest over £127 million in adult social care during the new financial year 2016/2017. This is over 36% of the councils proposed revenue budget and it represents over 51% of council tax.
- Leics County Council is one of the lowest funded comparative local authorities in England.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Houseman for his report – there were no questions.

15/212

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Gerrard reported on the following – a written report will be circulated to Councillors by the end of the week:-

- Council tax is going up both at Borough and County level – this is the first year in several that it has gone up.
- May 5th is the election of the Police Crime Commissioner.
- Broadnook is a development north of Birstall where 1650 houses will be built. It is possibly the largest development this side of Loughborough – there is nothing planned for East Goscote.
- Hopefully the leak at Fleury Court has been repaired – The Chairman asked that Cllr Gerrard check this to ensure the work is complete.
- Speeding – Cllr Gerrard has asked the police for some sort of deterrent - she will keep chasing this.
- Footpath request on Melton Road – Awaiting a reasonable answer as to why a footpath isn't there.
- Thanks to the staff at the Chemist for allowing the doll raffle on their premises and thanks to all those for supporting it and raising £70 towards a defibrillator.

The Clerk asked the Borough Councillor if she could provide details of the Council tax base for each village in the Borough.

Cllr Gerrard handed an email address and telephone number to the Chairman – suggesting that she make contact to ascertain details of a grant available for healthy living. The Chairman said she would make this phone call and bring it to the council if she felt it was appropriate.

15/213 **Reports from Reps on other Committees:**

VHMC – Next Meeting February 18th.

Pavilion and Playing fields - A Pavilion check was undertaken no problems found. Cllr Castle and Garner carried out a comprehensive playground check which will be forwarded to the caretaker for action.

Long Furrow – All Articles were sent to the Editor including the APM agenda, tennis court info, parish app info, neighbourhood watch co-ordinator vacancy and Caretaker vacancy.

NHood Watch – Cllr Preston has asked the co-ordinator from Birstall Watch to make contact. Also an advert has been placed in the next Long Furrow for a new co-ordinator.

Trees – Both Cllr Merry Howe and Malpus carried out checks – no problems found.

Library – The library committee has a meeting on February 17th. The expected takeover date is May 2016 which will give time to arrange for volunteer training. As the library is now a registered charity they are working on applying for grants. Cllr Malpus will be holding a meeting with Paul Love of LCC to look at the timeframe for the takeover.

Parish App Latest Figures – In November there were 20 users of the app – this rose to 86 users on 9th January. Total users on 8th February amounted to 119.

Industrial Estate site visit – Was carried out by our Caretaker and Cllr Merry Howe. All Councillors were issued with details of the issues found. It was agreed that we forward the details and photographs to Stuart Wilson of Jelson to inform him of our concerns and ask for his comments. The Chairman thanked Cllr Merry Howe and Mr Shivers for a comprehensive report.

Christmas Event – discussions with Church – The Chairman has not spoken to representatives of the Church yet – Next agenda.

15/214 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3422.44 for February.

15/215 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- The proposal to move the bus stop (heading towards Melton) to a point nearer to the Rearsby Roses site, with a dropped kerb was agreed.
- Proposal to raise Charnwood Council tax by – Approx. £4.47 per year
- Community Facilities Grant – upto £20k matched funding.
- Accident Sims public house – Enterprise inns have confirmed that it is solely the responsibility of the Publican. The Chairman asked that Cllr Gerrard have discussions with Charnwood Borough to ascertain if there is anything we can do as this public area to the front of Sims is a danger (uneven slabs) and an eyesore.
- PCSO Geeson report including theft of caravan on Tinkers Dell
- EG Roofing – Only part payment received – Terms and Conditions state that if the first instalment is not paid by the end of January then facilities will be withdrawn. The Clerk has informed the club of this.

- 15/216 **Planning Matters**
Unauthorised structure at 6 Broomfield – No application received as yet.
P16/0148/2 6 Fox Hollow – Removal of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension to dwelling – No Objections.
P16/0143/2 Variation of condition 14 of P/98/0741/2 To remove the word “buffer zone” to enable the transfer of the management of the buffer zone to individual plot owners – It was agreed that we object and state that we feel the wildlife should be protected along with the trees and hedgerows. We feel the perimeter structural planting area should be retained. Our Borough Councillor confirmed that she would also be objecting.
- 15/217 **Annual Parish Meeting – to ratify the agenda.**
The agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed by the Council.
- 15/218 **To consider quotes for new play equipment on the village green.**
Cllr Castle and Lander have obtained four quotes which have been given to Councillors before the meeting.
Consultations have taken place with the Guide Group, Brownie Group, pre-school parents and Broomfield’s school council were asked for their opinions.
Following consultations the preferred option from all groups was Option 4 consisting of 7 new pieces of play equipment – some will be recycled plastic with a guarantee of 20 years, where this isn’t possible, the structure will be timber/steel.
After much discussion it was RESOLVED to place an order with the contractor of Option 4 asking for delivery to be before the end of the financial year, and the price to meet within budget. It was agreed that Cllr Lander, Castle, Needham and the Clerk would meet the contractors on site to ensure that the siting of each piece of equipment is approved. It was also RESOLVED that the deposit of 30% would be paid when order is placed. Cllr Gerrard was against the purchase of a basket swing.
- 15/219 **To consider the celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday – 21st April 2016.**
RESOLVED that the clerk investigate the costs to plant a tree to commemorate the Queens 90th birthday and also some roses.
It was RESOLVED that there was not time to arrange any village event and many Councillors had other priorities. NEXT AGENDA
- 15/220 **Budget (Expenditure) Update**
The Clerk presented all Councillors with month by month expenditure figures and variance within the budget. The Council discussed this and approved the latest expenditure details.
- 15/221 **To consider various work to the Council Van: Tyres/Signs/Belt**
Councillors were aware that the budget for the van is underspent to date. The Clerk presented quotes for a new timing belt and two new tyres. She also explained that the current vinyl van signs were dated and required renewing. The cost for the timing belt and tyres amounted to £350 including VAT and the cost of the Signs was £215 + Vat. RESOLVED that the van has the works carried out as listed above before the end of the financial year.
- 15/222 **Football Registration Analysis**
Councillors were issued with a table detailing the total number of players for each team and specifically those who lived at East Goscote. The total number of users of our football facilities is 97 players of which 38 live on the village. This equates to 39% of users are residents. This information will be used should the pitch requirements for next season be over subscribed, and should decisions have to be taken re allocation.

- 15/223 **Review of Hire Charges April 16 – April 17**
All Councillors were given details of current hire charges and also comparative charges from other villages. Discussions were held regarding seasonal fee payments. It was RESOLVED that the Seasonal fees would increase by £50 for resident teams and £60 for non-resident teams. Tournaments would also increase by the same amount with effect from 1st May 2016. Seasonal fees would be paid as follows: 50% on key collection, and 50% in February. The deposit will remain the same. All councillors voted in favour of these increases and it was noted that the charges had remained unchanged since 2012.
- 15/224 **Maintenance** – sheets were handed in from Cllr Merry Howe and Cllr Gerrard.
- 15/225 **Items approved for expenditure**
Proposed Accounts/Play Equipment/Works to Council Van/
- 15/226 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
Cllr Merry Howe asked if we could research the possibility of a feasibility study to look into the drainage on our playing fields.
Cllr Preston also had held a conversation with the Clerk regarding the possibility of installing a pathway around the playing field giving access to prams, mobility scooters etc.
- 15/227 **Staffing Matters Update** – Confidential – Invoke Standing Order 18.
Standing Order 18 was invoked and the public were asked to leave the meeting. See Confidential minute.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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