

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair) Mrs S Gerrard  
Mrs L Castle Mr K Preston  
Mrs E Garner Mr R Merry-Howe  
  
Mr N Shivers  
Miss L Needham Mr M Gonulalan

15/188 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**

The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public. Mr Shivers said that speeding still remains a problem on the village – Cllr Gerrard said that she has spoken to the police to ask them to make contact with the Chairman – they have not done this as yet.

15/189 **Co-option of new Member – 2 Candidates**

Miss Needham and Mr Gonulalan have written to the council to ask that they be considered for co-option. Both questionnaires were copied to all Councillors for their consideration. The Chairman thanked both candidates and said that they were both of very high calibre and would be welcomed onto the council. It was a very difficult decision to choose between the two and she hoped that whoever was not successful would keep in touch with the council and re-apply if a further vacancy becomes available. Cllr Merry Howe asked them to make personal statements as to why they should be selected. A signed ballot was held and it was RESOLVED that Miss Needham be co-opted. She duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Needham was issued with her induction pack and informed that the register of interest should be completed within 28 days.

15/190 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Malpus, Cllr Duffy, Cllr Houseman and PCSO Geeson. Cllr Eden was not present but had failed to submit his apologies for absence.

15/191 **Declarations of Interest:** None

15/192 **Matters arising from the police**

No police presence – PCSO Geeson had sent an email detailing 3 crimes for the last month – this will be circulated to Councillors. There have been no further reports of problems at Fleury Court.

15/193 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.12)**

15/168 was incorrect. Apologies had not been received from Cllr Eden for failing to attend the meeting in December. The minutes held on 9<sup>th</sup> December was agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with the above change.

15/194 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 15/167 The clerk will ascertain if 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 will be visiting the bank to become a cheque signatory before the next meeting.
- 15/181- Cllr Preston confirmed that he had delivered details of the parish app to all residents on the Rearsby Roses site.
- 15/172 – Cllr Gerrard explained that any change of window material must be approved by the Building regulations department.

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**Reports from Reps on other Committees:**

VHMC – Next Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pavilion and Playing fields - A Pavilion check will be undertaken by the Caretaker and Clerk in due course.

Long Furrow – The deadline for the next edition is January 31<sup>st</sup>. The Annual Parish Meeting Agenda was agreed and will be ratified at our next meeting. We will also send another article regarding the parish council app and the tennis court membership.

NHood Watch – It was agreed that an article be sent to the Long Furrow asking for volunteers to take over the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator role. The Chairman asked Cllr Preston to consider taking on this role.

Trees – nothing to report

Library – The library committee has now opened a bank account and achieved charitable status. A donation was made by St Hilda’s Church following the Christmas tree festival.

Parish App Latest Figures – In November there were 20 users of the app – this has risen to 86 users on 9<sup>th</sup> January. Councillors were asked to promote the app and its benefits to residents. The Clerk has held discussions with the police to request information re crimes which could be instantly messaged to all users. The Clerks magazine was received this week and the office is receiving many calls from other clerks regarding its benefits and is being congratulated. The Chairman asked if all Councillors had now downloaded the app. Cllr Preston suggested that we leaflet small areas of the village with a leaflet about the app. We are again promoting in the next Long Furrow and will monitor the increase in numbers.

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**Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3418.14 for January.

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**Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- Leics County Council draft financial plan – The LCC have to save £26 million next year the highest annual saving it has ever had to make. Total savings of £78 million will be required over the next four years. All Councillors were emailed details of the financial plan which is out for consultation until January 25<sup>th</sup>. The clerk informed Councillors that the proposed increase in LCC council tax was 3.99% - £43.25 for a band D property.
- Highways and transportation satisfaction survey – all councillors were sent this information and one councillor has responded. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Street lighting energy saving scheme – LCC are asking for any observations the Parish council would like to make regarding the part-night lighting in our Parish after one year in operation. It was discussed and felt that the lighting scheme was now accepted

on the village, although a small number of resident complaints had been received throughout the year. We would not wish for any additional lights to be turned off.

- Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – Our guide to taking part – Councillors were asked to consider any events/memorabilia for the village to commemorate this event – next agenda.
- Staff resignation letter – it was agreed that the staffing committee would meet prior to our next meeting to confirm their decisions regarding this matter.
- Resident letter – Thank you for the tennis courts which are an asset to the village, Problems with cars driving over grassed areas and footpaths – reported to police, Suggestion of a noticeboard for the Rearsby Roses site – a resident management group is being formed and this will be raised, Dog Mess at the back of the shops and Fleury Court, Industrial estate – green area along fence like a tipping site – a site visit will be held before the next council meeting, and Fleury Court – overflow pipe leaking – Cllr Gerrard said that this has been repaired but would visit to check that the work had been completed.
- Resident letter re parking on verges – Copy to Dave Houseman
- Resident letter re accident on frontage of Sims public house – copied to Enterprise Inns.
- Cllr Gerrard suggested that grants of £10k were available – she will get the information to the office.

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### **Planning Matters**

Unauthorised structure at 6 Broomfield, East Goscote which requires an application for planning permission, along with a change of use of the land from car parking to incorporate it into the garden land for the house. The Chairman stated that when this application is received it will be judged on planning legislation only and no personal considerations must be made.

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### **Christmas Event – Final Cost and numbers attended**

This year's event was attended by approximately 90 children. All children met Santa and were given chocolate coins. Fundraising for the village hall roof amounted to £86.80. Councillors were shown a photograph of the decorated hall. The Chairman explained that she was very disappointed with the band. They requested that their fundraising bucket be placed in the hall, which was refused and played very few carols. The stood in the kitchen talking and the Chairman asked them to visit the Church to play there as they would not stand where requested. Their donation was discussed and it was agreed that we would make a donation of £20 on this occasion as they did not fulfill their requirements – along with a letter indicating our disappointment.

The Chairman was also very disappointed that Councillor Gerrard and Eden had volunteered to be part of the Christmas Working Party but in actual fact had done nothing towards this event. Thanks were noted to Cllr Lander, Castle and Garner and to Mr Shivers the caretaker and Leigh Fowler of the pre-school all who made the event a success. Despite requesting help at the last council meeting – no other Councillors stayed to help clear away at the end of the event.

She stated that this would be the last year that Cllr Castle and herself would be able to organise and prepare the Christmas event and it may be worth commencing discussions with the church to try to amalgamate the tree festival with the Santa event and hold both in the Church Hall. The Chairman will hold discussions with members of the church and feedback their views at our next meeting.

- 15/200        **Review of Councillor maintenance responsibility, playground and pavilion checks.**  
Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks for 2016.
- 15/201        **To consider quotes for new play equipment on the village green.**  
Cllr Castle and Lander have obtained two quotes and a further quote is being processed. All Councillors will be in receipt of full details of the quotes obtained and the Chairman asked that these quotes be fully considered, any questions asked, and site visits be held if required, prior to our next full council meeting so that a decision can be made to appoint (or not) a chosen contractor.  
She will be consulting the Guide Group and Broomfield's school council to ask for their opinions.  
As this budget must be spent during this financial year, any order must be placed on 11<sup>th</sup> February after our next meeting to get the works carried out in time.
- 15/202        **Maintenance**  
On Boxing Day a football match was held by East Goscote Roofing. On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December our caretaker was made aware that one of the bollards has broken. It would no longer fit into the socket and a new metal part was welded on to repair the bollard at a cost of £50.00. The manager has confirmed that he unlocked and locked back up and there was no problem at 1pm on Boxing Day when he left. The Clerk has written to the scouts to ask if they know anything about it. They confirmed that at 1.30pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> they went to the Scout hut and the bollard was already damaged. RESOLVED that the council cover the cost on this occasion.
- 15/203        **Items approved for expenditure**  
Proposed Accounts/Bollard Repair
- 15/204        **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**  
Cllr Gerrard is starting to raise money for a village defibrillator. The Council will consider the purchase of a village defibrillator at their meeting in March and will keep the funds raised safe until a decision has been made whether to go ahead with this project or not. Cllr Lander and Cllr Needham will obtain further information regarding a defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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