

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present: Mrs Sally Lander                      Mr John Malpus  
             Mrs Sue Gerrard                     Mr Roger Merry-Howe  
             Mr Kevin Preston

6 Members of the Public      Liz Pizer  
   Claire Westrup (Charnwood Housing)

PCSO Jo Freeman                      PC Ian Mundy

15/165      **Co-option of New Member - None**

15/166      **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and as we had representatives from the Police and Charnwood available to talk to the residents, she was prepared to allow 30 minutes of the meeting for discussions to take place. She explained that at 7.00pm she would have to commence with the parish meeting.

The public raised the issue of the continued problems with Fleury Court.

Cllr Preston asked if there had been any improvement, and whether things had quietened down. The residents present confirmed that it had quietened down however they still did not feel safe there.

Claire Westrup from Charnwood Borough Council housing addressed the meeting and informed the residents that Fleury Court is designated elderly (45 and over) on the ground floor only, whilst the remaining floors are classed as general let.

She explained the various types of tenancies, and explained that, to evict a resident evidence is required to prove that a breach of the terms of tenancy contract has occurred. She asked residents to document their experiences, as diary notes and letters have been sent to 8 residents on two occasions, and to date, nothing has been returned to Charnwood.

She explained that she has issued written warnings to various residents – although when asked by the Parish Council, stated that there was no set time limit for the warning to be in place.

One resident asked her if she has seen the broken windows and marks on an adjacent door.

They asked her to enter the corridors and areas around the flats to see the current state that they are in. Residents also stated that they had tried to call a meeting with Charnwood but this had been refused. Claire Westrup confirmed that she would hold a meeting with residents of Fleury Court only.

The police issued all residents with written details of what action the police has taken regarding this matter. They confirmed that they operate a computer system called “sentinel” which is accessible by both the Police and Charnwood and all incidents can be accessed via this system. PC Mundy agreed to ensure that Charnwood do have all the information that they hold on incidents in Fleury Court. The police did confirm that there are no known sex offenders in this area.

The Chairman closed the session by explaining that the parish council are doing everything they can to help our residents. They recently held a meeting with the police, hence the written information sheet, and asked the housing officer to attend. The Chairman asked the residents to write everything down and ensure that they feed the information back to Charnwood Housing.

- 15/167        **Matters arising from the Police**  
The police issued all members of the public with written comprehensive details of the happenings at Fleury Court along with the actions taken by all authorities. They also were asked to deliver an Anti-social behaviour leaflet from Charnwood Borough Council to all residents of Fleury Court.  
Crime figures for November were explained to the Council and residents.  
The Chairman thanked the police for attending.
- 15/168        **Apologies for Absence:** Ms Cathy Duffy, Mrs Elaine Garner, Mr Darren Eden, Mrs Lisa Castle, County Councillor Dave Houseman and Mr Nick Shivers.
- 15/169        **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Lander regarding the Village Hall. Cllr Malpus regarding the Library and the Long Furrow.
- 15/170        **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (18.11)**  
Two Changes were agreed to the minutes: 15/149 – 15/127 The Church has declined the offer of a planter. 15/151 – Christmas update – Should read The fair could not attend due to other commitments. All other minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 15/171        **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 15/117 – Cllr Gerrard has been in touch with the residents regarding the cemetery query. She stated that the Syston and District cemetery will provide services for East Goscote residents.
  - 15/124 – Cllr Gerrard said that she asked Charnwood to write an ASB article for the last edition of the Long Furrow but they did not respond to her.
  - 15/144 – Footpath fronting Rearsby Roses, the resident has received a reply from Councillor Houseman but not from Councillor Gerrard. Cllr Gerrard said that she did not receive the email from Cllr Houseman and asked for the clerk to arrange a copy to be sent to her.
  - 15/145 – All residents of Fleury Court are being given a leaflet with all contact details from the Anti-Social Behaviour team. Cllr Malpus confirmed that more lighting has been installed to the alleyway at the side of Fleury Court.
  - 15/151 – Cllr Duffy has completed the playground checks for November
- 15/172        **Borough Councillor's Report**  
A written report was issued to all councillors and contained the following details.
- The Core Strategy is still taking up time
  - Charnwood Local Plan 2011-2018 – development around Loughborough Science & Business Park, ideas for developing areas along the River Soar through to Leicester.
  - An Executive Committee will be set up comprising of Borough councils, the City and County council. Representatives will feed into and take back to their councils the findings of the Executive Committee. All councils will remain as they are.
  - Rotary Santa will be in East Goscote on 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 4pm and will cover the new part of the village.
  - Enquired on behalf of one resident about the change of window material from wood to UPVC. Building regulations still need to be informed as plans of the dwelling states the materials of window frames used in the construction.
- 15/173        **County Councillors Report**  
The County Councillor was absent but a written report was circulated.

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### **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – A Meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Mrs Fraser (Brownie Leader) was co-opted onto the committee. The committee will be reviewing the terms of letting and continue to do spot checks on regular users. A full periodic electrical installation was carried out and the halls electrics are in a safe condition. The committee are looking at interlined curtains to help with the halls acoustics. Next meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Duffy carried out playground checks for November.

LONG FURROW – Cllr Malpus felt that the front cover wasn't great although explained that the outline was in a standard format. Cllr Preston confirmed that the Rearsby Roses development had received their first edition.

TREES – No report

LIBRARY UPDATE – A volunteer meeting will be held in December. Cllr Gerrard gave her apologies.

CHRISTMAS UPDATE – The lights were installed on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The Admin Assistant has managed to secure a band to play carols outside the village hall(donation £50) . Cllr Lander and Cllr Castle have worked very hard to prepare for the event, and will be giving out bags of coins to the children. It will be advertised via the School as a separate advert did not appear in the Long Furrow. Cllr Lander asked all Councillors to attend and support the event, and help to clear away at the end of the evening.

NHOOD WATCH – Ellen Hewitt has emailed her contact list asking for volunteers to take over the role as neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

LEASE WITH CHARNWOOD – Cllr Malpus and the Clerk have held discussions regarding the lease for land at the back of the playing fields. It is suggested that some of the land be added to the playing field lease (99 years) and the pavilion and car park area continue with a short term lease. Charnwood will also look at a lease directly with the scouts for the car park and land that the scout hut sits on. The land to the rear of the houses on Huntsmans Dale could no longer form part of this lease, and Charnwood will be discussing this land with the residents. All suggestions will be discussed by Charnwood at a meeting in January 2016.

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### **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3548.23 for December.

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### **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present.

- LCC have planted some small to medium trees around East Goscote – Long Furrow, The Meadows, The Headland and Ploughmans Lea.
- Vacancy at East Goscote Parish Council – available for co-option
- Sims Noticeboard – authorised planning control
- P/15/1627/2 – 11 Countrymans Way – granted conditionally
- Email to East Goscote Scouts regarding food waste tipped at the rear of the scout hut. The Scouts apologised and confirmed it was an outside group who did this rather than the scouts themselves.

- 15/177        **Planning Matters**  
None
- 15/178        **To approve a new cheque signatory**  
RESOLVED that Cllr Castle complete the forms and visit the bank so that she may be added to the list of Council Cheque Signatories.
- 15/179        **To approve the precept 2016/17**  
East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £56,230 to meet the expenses of the parish. A grant of £2140 will be received so the net precept will amount to £54,090. The Precept request forms were duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £75.100 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low.
- 15/180        **To consider opting out of the sector led body audit procurement**  
The proposal had been previously circulated. The NALC and SLCC have successfully persuaded the Government to allow a Sector Led Body to procure audit services. It was RESOLVED not to opt out of the arrangement and so do nothing more at the moment.
- 15/181        **Parish Council app –update.**  
Since the launch of the app via the Long Furrow Magazine 28<sup>th</sup> November, we currently have 42 visitors. Syston Town News also placed details in their Dec/Jan Issue.  
  
Broomfield School advertised the app on their Friday Flyer 4<sup>th</sup> December. We wrote to all members of our email list on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>December, and all our tennis members on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December so numbers should continue to increase. The app office believe it will take 6 months to get the word around before we monitor if it is a valuable communication tool.  
  
The SLCC are putting a full page spread about our app in their January magazine. A proof of this was given to all councillors.  
  
Cllr Preston offered to hand deliver details of the app to all the residents on the Rearsby Roses site.  
The Clerk confirmed that she sent our two instant messages, and reminded Councillors to ensure that their “notifications” setting is turned on.  
Marketing of the app will continue for the next few months.
- 15/182        **To consider the purchase of a new bench to the village green**  
The playground equipment budget has funds to provide a new bench to the village green play area, alongside the new play equipment project. RESOLVED to order a rainbow bench for installation in March 2016.
- 15/183        **Employee Matters (Confidential)**  
Standing Order 18 was invoked and members of the public, press and employees were asked to leave the room.
- 15/184        **Maintenance**  
Cllr Duffy has completed her sheets – maintenance checks due from Cllr Gerrard.

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15/185        **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Bench for Play area, Christmas Band, precept,

15/186        **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**  
Cllr Preston asked that the new bus shelter be stained to match the other shelters on the village.  
Cllr Gerrard is raising money for a village defibrillator via a raffle managed by the Chemist.

15/187        **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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