

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mrs S Lander (Chair) Mr D Eden
Mr K Jones Mrs M Cadle
Mr E Vardy Mr J Malpus
Mrs S Gerrard Mr N Porter

Cllr D Houseman Cllr C Duffy
Mr N Shivers
5 members of the public

14/191 **Matters arising from the Public (meeting adjourned)**

- Could the yellow bollards be re-painted around the village
- Could the LCC bollards (long Furrow be varnished for their protection)
- One resident voiced his support for the bus shelter on Long Furrow
- Section 106- query re public consultation
- Speeding – is a continued issue around Long Furrow

14/192 **Co-option of New Member – Mr Nick Porter**

Mr Porter has written to the council to ask that they consider his co-option. His questionnaire was copied to all Councillors for their consideration. RESOLVED that Mr Porter be Co-opted. He duly signed his declaration of office. Mr Porter was issued with his register of interest to be completed within 28 days.

14/193 **Apologies for Absence:** The Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Cathy Duffy who was appointed as Parish Councillor by Charnwood Borough Council, when the Parish Council was inquorate. Cathy now wishes to focus her time on the Borough Councillor issues.

14/194 **Declarations of Interest:** Mr Eden regarding football, Mr Malpus regarding the Library

14/195 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.01)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

14/196 **Matters arising from the minutes**

14/175 – No response received from Network Rail.

14/175 – Cllrs Cadle, Lander and Malpus have now been to the bank to complete the paperwork regarding cheque signatories.

14/175 – The tree lights will be removed at a cost of £350 + vat

14/182 – No reply from the scouts regarding the cesspit.

14/184 – Trees/ hedges will be planted on 24th February

14/186 – One further quote has been received regarding the fencing, however the original quote of £499 was the best value.

14/197 **Matters arising from the Police**

No police presence.

14/198

County Councillors Report

- Cllr Houseman stated that he would support any decision made by the Parish Council in respect of the bus shelter on Long Furrow.
- LCC cabinet have proposed a council tax rise of 1.99% in 2015/16 which would raise £4.8 million. The final decision will be made on February 18th. This would equate to a rise of £21.15 per annum for a band D property.
- The Change in speed limit on the Melton Road is going ahead.
- He advised the council that there is still time to register an interest in the management of our village library.

14/199

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Duffy read out her report to the Council:-

- Details of her article in the next Long Furrow
- CBC Half Term holiday programme
- Recycling effort – Additional bins can be ordered free of charge
- Proposed Council tax freeze for the fifth year – Final decision 23rd Feb.
- Core strategy update – unsound – modifications required
- Mound – regularly monitoring condition of the slopes

14/200

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – 19th Feb is the next meeting.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: - The Caretaker and clerk will complete the playground inspections prior to the professional inspection. The pavilion will be checked by the Chairman/Clerk in due course.

LONG FURROW – Next edition will be issued in due course. The Chairman confirmed that a thank you note has been included with regards to the Christmas event.

NHOOD WATCH – Ellen Hewitt said she was getting very little communication from the police. Cllr Vardy said that he was very disappointed with the police support toward our neighbourhood watch group and we should be requesting a breakdown of crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour on a monthly basis. RESOLVED to write to the Chief Superintendent explaining that there is a lack of communication and very little reporting. As a statutory authority we would like to be made aware of any changes to the policing of our village and if possible would you or a representative attend our annual parish meeting on April 11th to explain the current policing situation to our residents.

The Chairman also stated that she has received a complaint regarding anti-social behaviour on the mound play area and drug related equipment has been seen behind the scout hut.

TREES – No Report

14/201

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £2787.80 for January.

14/202

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was given out to all Councillors present.

- Cherry Tree – Huntsmans Dale – the ownership cannot be confirmed. LCC have stated that they may look to clear the road, signs and light to fulfil their statutory obligations as a highway authority.
- David Wilson has decided to put the none dwelling areas of the Rearsby Roses site into a management company. We will ask for the conditions set by Charnwood in relation

to the management of the open spaces and play areas and the standards that are to be maintained by the management company.

- Micro-chipping event – March 6th at the East Goscote Sports Pavilion.
- Guide Group – Request to be consulted with regards to any future purchase of play equipment. A formal reply thanking the guides for their interest will be sent, the Chairman will also visit the guide group to explain that there is a budget for play equipment in 2015/16 and we would be happy to consult with the guide group.

14/203 **Planning Matters - None**

14/204 **To consider the installation of a bus shelter on Long Furrow and to apply for a bus shelter licence.**

The clerk confirmed that our County Councillor would support any decision made by the parish council in respect of the installation of a bus shelter on Long Furrow, following a successful bid for 50% funding. Photographs of the site were issued to all councillors for their consideration, along with full details of the licence conditions.

RESOLVED that the bus shelter be installed at a cost of £2060 (50% funded) and the licence be applied for. The Chairman read out a letter from the resident who objected suggesting that she will be writing to the council to apply for a 6 foot fence on her property boundary.

14/205 **Library Update.**

The clerk advised that the LRALC have confirmed that although an explicit power is not available to run the library, councils can use a general power under Section 137. At our last meeting we discounted the option to run the library due to this information. Mr Nigel Thomas of LCC has written to suggest that they still wish to work with the community to see if further work could be done to encourage a registration to become the partnership body and keep the library open. They confirmed that there is still time to consider any further options and make a registration. This information has been circulated in the latest edition of the Long Furrow. Councillors confirmed that our decision has already been made (Jan 15) and six councillors were not willing to change that decision, however we would support the community if they wish to lead with this project and keep the library open.

14/206 **To consider a new supplier for the professional playground check.**

The Clerk confirmed that in previous years we have used Wicksteed Leisure to carry out the playground check and risk assessments. A company has been brought to our attention that although is slightly more expensive, offers an enhanced inspection service. RESOLVED to appoint the Play Inspection Company for this years' checks.

14/207 **To arrange a site visit to consider locations for the tennis court**

All Councillors were issued with an image of the playing fields and some options for the site location of the tennis court, although any options for its location could be suggested for consideration.

RESOLVED that we would install the tennis court in the corner of the playing field, adjacent to the industrial estate (option 1). Cllrs in favour of this proposal were Cllrs Malpus, Cadle, Lander, Vardy and Jones. Cllrs against were Cllr Eden, Porter and Gerrard.

The Clerk will proceed with obtain any planning consents which may be required and liaise with Charnwood Borough Council regarding the location and the release of the section 106 funding. She will also obtain three quotes for presentation to the full council at a future meeting.

14/208 **To consider the tree survey on all parish-owned trees.**

This item will be deferred to the next agenda.

- 14/209 **Scout Group Update.**
The working party need to arrange a meeting with the scouts to discuss the contribution towards the access road. The Chairman will arrange this meeting with the scout leader and working party.
- 14/210 **Annual Parish Meeting – to Ratify the Agenda**
The Annual Parish Meeting Agenda was agreed in its standard format. It will be on the front page of the next Long Furrow. Cllr Malpus suggested that we may wish to consider a speaker for next years' meeting.
- 14/211 **Football Issues – a) to appoint a working party to review all football conditions and policies.**
RESOLVED that a working party consisting of the Chairman, Clerk, Caretaker and Cllr Gerrard review the policies for presentation/consideration at our next full council meeting.
b) To agreed dates for pitch applications.
RESOLVED that the pitch applications be issued by the end of March with a return date of April 13th.
c) Allocation of pitches – to consider delegated powers
RESOLVED that delegated powers be given to the following working party to allocate pitches for the forthcoming season, based on our policy for pitch allocation. The meeting will be held after April 13th when all teams will have applied for their required pitches. All football teams will be informed if they have been successful or not by May 8th.
The working party is Cllrs Gerrard, Porter and Lander, the officer of the council and the Caretaker. The decision will be made by a majority vote.
- 14/212 **To arrange a meeting to a) Review Hire Charges with effect from 6th April**
b) Review Salaries for 3rd May implementation.
The council agreed that a meeting would be arranged by the Staffing committee. This will be held during week commencing 23rd February. Next agenda
- 14/213 **Staffing Matters Update (Confidential)**
Standing order 17 was invoked and the public and press were asked to leave the meeting. See confidential minutes.
- 14/214 **Maintenance.**
- 14/215 **Items approved for expenditure.**
Proposed Accounts, bus shelter and licence, lights removal, playground checks
- 14/216 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**
Cllr Malpus asked that renewable energy be included on a future agenda.
Cllr Vardy explained that he was involved in the Borough Wide climate change project to reduce the carbon footprint and the Borough Council would be making contact with Parish councils to discuss this.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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