

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair)
Mrs M Cadle
Mr D Eden
Mr J Malpus
Mr K Jones
Mrs C Duffy
Mr E Vardy
2 members of the public
Mrs S Gerrard

- 14/169 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**
The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public.
- 14/170 **Co-option of new Member – Mrs S Gerrard**
Mrs Gerrard has written to the council to ask that they consider her co-option. Her questionnaire was copied to all Councillors for their consideration. RESOLVED that Mrs Gerrard be co-opted. She duly signed her declaration of acceptance of office.
Cllr Gerrard was issued with her register of interest to be completed within 28 days.
- 14/171 **Apologies for Absence:**
- 14/172 **Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr Malpus regarding library provision.
- 14/173 **Matters arising from the police**
No police presence.
- 14/174 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.12)**
The minutes held on 10th December was agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 14/175 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 14/157 LCC operational meetings – The first meeting is tomorrow and as the clerk does not have any office assistant, and will be very busy following this evenings meeting she will be unable to attend.
 - 14/157 – Staff Pensions – two places have been booked on the training course planned for Thursday February 12th. It was confirmed that the Councillor Malpus will attend.
 - 14/157 – A letter has been sent to Network Rail re increase in trains, however no response as yet.
 - 14/158 – Cllr Cadle confirmed that she has signed all the cheque signatory paperwork; Cllrs Malpus and Lander are to visit the bank as soon as possible.
 - 14/159 – Removal of Christmas Lights – Clerk to obtain quotes
 - 14/166 – Cllr Cadle will complete the playground checks for January and return to the office.
- 14/176 **Reports from Reps on other Committees:**
VHMC – A VHMC meeting was held on 18th December. Two new members co-opted were C Duffy and N Shivers. The village hall insurance policy has been renewed on a 3 year undertaking. The electricity contract has been renewed on a 2 year fixed rate. All chairs were cleaned over the Christmas break. The next meeting is February 19th.

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

Long Furrow – The deadline for the next edition is January 31st. The Annual Parish Meeting Agenda was agreed and will be asked to be placed on the front cover for ratification at our next meeting. Cllr Malpus agreed to write an article regarding the outcome of the library consultation and forward it to the Chairman for approval.

14/177 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £5572.38 for December.

14/178 **Correspondence**

- Community Strategies workshops – Clerk will book Cllr Malpus onto the workshop “How can communities generate income for community projects” which is on Tuesday 10th February 6.30pm at Loughborough

14/179 **Planning Matters**

P14/2484/2 – Erection of single and two storey extension to front and side of Dwelling at 2 Lilac Way – No objections

14/180 **To approve the Precept 2015/16**

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1st 2015 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £56,900 to meet the expenses of the parish. A grant of £2830 will be received so the net precept will amount to £54,070. The Precept request forms were duly signed.

It was also confirmed that the budget would be £88.160 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low. Cllr Vardy congratulated the Clerk on a very comprehensive set of accounts, and thanked Councillors Lander and Duffy for the hard work in proposing the draft budget.

14/181 **To consider any replies from the bus shelter consultation and if necessary apply for a licence.**

All councillors were in receipt of one letter of objection to the bus shelter following the public consultation. The clerk read out comments from the Leics County Council senior technician. This letter stated that we need to ask our County councillor if he wishes to proceed. The resident also felt that there was a problem with the black Charnwood litter bin being also used for wrapped dog faeces. It was RESOLVED that before the parish council make their final decision, we would seek the opinion/comments from our County Councillor. Next agenda.

14/182 **Scout group**

a) Update re cesspit

A letter has been received from the Scout group regarding the cesspit which was read out to Councillors. As yet we do not believe the emptying has been carried out. The Chairman asked the Clerk to chase this up.

b) To appoint a working party to discuss the lease

A working party consisting of Cllrs: Sally Lander, Sue Gerrard, John Malpus and Darren Eden will arrange to discuss the planning proposal made by the scouts, the lease between ourselves and Charnwood Borough Council, and the lease between the Council and the Scout group.

c) To arrange a meeting with the scouts re the access road

The parish council made a resolution in August 2014 to make a charge to the scout group of not less than 10% and not more than 15% of the repair works to the access drive, as per the operational covenant point 8 contained within the lease between the scouts and the Parish Council. The scouts were advised of this in writing but it was stated that a meeting between the working party and the scout leader would be held. This meeting is to be arranged as soon as possible.

14/183

To consider the wayleave licence for the land on Broome Lane

The clerk confirmed that Western Power wished to install some network cables on our land on Broome Lane. Current overhead cables would be moved underground. We were in receipt of a wayleave agreement to sign, to allow Western Power to carry out these works. An annual payment of £5.59 was offered along with a one off payment of £200 for compensation due to disturbance and land damage. If any further compensation is required this can be assessed upon completion of the job. It was RESOLVED to sign and date two copies of the licence and also sign the plan.

14/184

To consider and approve the agreement for the trees make hedges scheme.

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting has been held with members of Leics County Council and the woodland trust, and the Stepping Stones project officer has agreed to provide 575 hedging plants, and 25 trees, (both 40/60cm) RESOLVED that the agreement be signed.

14/185

Review of Councillor maintenance responsibility, playground and pavilion checks.

Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks from January until April. Both documents to be reviewed by the newly-elected Council in May.

14/186

To consider fencing to area on Playing Fields

The Clerk showed Councillors a picture of the area on the playing field which has been identified in previous meetings as a fencing requirement. We currently have some wooden fencing which was removed from the mound and require fence posts (20) and the labour to install the fence. We have had a ballpark figure from one local builder at £500.00. It was RESOLVED to go ahead using the recycling fencing. A limit of £499 was allowed to comply with our financial regulations. The Clerk and Chairman will consider the need for any fencing treatment/protection once the fence is installed.

14/187

Library Provision – Do we wish to become a community partner with LCC and manage the library.

The clerk issued all Councillors with a full report giving facts and figures surrounding the consultation, and the use by our residents for full consideration. However early during the day, the LRALC issued guidance regarding parish councils taking over the library provision. Their general advice was “it is important to remind any council looking at taking on library provision that they do not have the explicit power to do so. Parish Councils should ensure the legality of any arrangement being considered by taking appropriate legal advice before any decision is taken by Council in relation to Parish Council involvement in library provision”. The Council were asked to consider 3 options.

Option 1 – was to become the Partnership Body

Option 2 – was that the library closes and the village are offered the mobile library service

Option 3 – the group of 17 volunteers who have registered their interest be asked to consider becoming the partnership body.

Councillor Malpus informed us that the volunteer group were happy to become involved in the staffing requirements, however did not want to take any part in the management of the Library.

RESOLVED taking into consideration the advice from LRALC and the fact that the volunteer group did not want to manage the library, the council only had option 2 as a valid proposal. It was therefore agreed that we would not pursue this project, Leicestershire County Council will be asked to provide a mobile service for the village.

A letter will be sent to our County Councillor Dave Houseman to inform him of our decision and ask that he support this decision and work to ensure that this village is served with the provision of a mobile library service. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all her hard work and her excellent report. Councillor Malpus was also thanked for all his hard work with the volunteer group and the volunteers themselves were thanked for their interest in keeping the village library.

Councillor Malpus requested that all Councillors look at the mobile library questionnaire and complete it with their own personal opinion.

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Maintenance

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Items approved for expenditure

Proposed Accounts/Fencing to playing fields

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Urgent items by permission of the Chairman

Councillor Vardy asked that the clerk agenda "Election Update" to inform the Councillors of the election process.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

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