

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Ms Sally Lander (Chair) Mr John Malpus
Mr Darren Eden Mrs Sue Gerrard
Mrs Lisa Castle Mr Peter Hickling
Mrs Cathy Duffy Mr Roger Merry-Howe
Mrs Elaine Garner Mr Kevin Preston

PCSO Tim Sharman and PC Jo Freeman
2 Members of the Public

15/066 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**
None

15/067 **Co-option of New Members (3 vacancies)**
The Chairman explained that there were 3 seats available, whilst we have four candidates. Votes were taken for each seat and the successful candidates were: Mr Preston, Mrs Garner and Mr Merry-Howe. All candidates signed their declaration of office and were asked to complete their register of interest within 28 days.

15/068 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Houseman,

15/069 **To report any declarations of interest:** Ms S Lander and Mrs Duffy regarding the Village Hall. Mr Eden regarding Football issues, Mr Malpus re the library and Long Furrow

15/070 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.06)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with one amendment. Cllr Malpus stated his declaration of interest regarding the Library project was omitted under minute 15/047. Councillors were asked to include this declaration. Cllr Gerrard abstained.

15/071 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 15/045 – Cllr Castle has sent in her register of interest
- 15/025 – The Clerk has sent the cheque signatory forms to Cllr Hickling for him to complete the forms and visit the bank.
- 15/049 – Playground inspection forms for Lilac Way and Village Green were handed in from Councillor Gerrard. A problem with the mini roundabout on Lilac Way was highlighted and will be investigated.
- 15/043 – Cllr Gerrard has attended basic training.
- 15/049 – Cllr Gerrard is awaiting a reply re information on Speed monitoring.
- 15/063 – Cllrs were asked to view the multi sports court following the comment made by Cllr Eden that it is collapsing. The Clerk is aware of the problem and the council have budgeted for this repair in the playground budget 15/16.
- 15/060 – Bus Shelter remedial works – the contractor has still not carried out the required works. Next Agenda
- 15/063 – The Trim trail bars have been removed.
- 15/065 – The junior FC are removing the goal posts from the store which are not up to standard. The Chairman advised that they cannot be used for the tournaments unless they meet the BSEN Standards.

15/072 **Matters arising from the Police**

PC Freeman gave the council details of crimes throughout June.

PCSO has been working with our community and attended the scout fete. The Scout group have visited the police headquarters and PSCO Geeson has spoken to the Village Hall Pre-School children. PC Freeman gave the Clerk some “no cold calling” cards as requested and Cllr Malpus asked if we could have some of the larger lamp post signs indicating that the area is a no cold calling zone. Cllr Gerrard said she would like to set up more zones on the village and was advised by PC Freeman to contact County Highways.

15/073 **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Gerrard reported that she is dealing with the relocation of the litter bin (Long Furrow) and expected it to have been removed. She will be enquiring as to why it was not re-located as promised.

Cllr Gerrard confirmed that she is also a member of the Overview Scrutiny Committee.

The Clerk asked Cllr Gerrard to investigate if the Anti-social behaviour roadshow is visiting East Goscote.

15/074 **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Houseman has sent his apologies along with information regarding the Syston roundabout alterations.

Cllr Preston is making enquiries with County Highways regarding the proposal to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph along Melton Road. The Clerk explained the speed-watch scheme to Cllr Preston and confirmed that we do share ownership of a Vehicle Activated Sign which we can use on Melton Road if required in the future.

15/075 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC – Our AGM was held on June 17th and the following was agreed:-

- Cllr Duffy was elected as Chairman,
- Mr Shivers was elected as Vice Chairman
- Mrs Taylor was elected as Secretary
- Mrs Pizer was elected as Treasurer
- Ms Lander was elected as Parish Council Rep
- No Chairman’s allowance will be paid 2015/16
- The Cleaner is on maternity leave from September to January and the position will be advertised
- The hall will be closed from 3rd August to 8th August so that the floor can be stripped, polished and new lines painted on
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd September at 1.30pm.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: The Pavilion will have a check prior to the start of the football season when all works have been completed.

LONG FURROW – The deadline for articles is July 31st. – Cllr Malpus will be writing the Parish Council News for this edition. A letter has been received from the Editor which was read out to all Councillors. The Council agreed to write to the Long Furrow editor to thank him for all his hard work in producing the magazine and wish him well for the future. No offers have been forthcoming to take over the role of the magazine editor so this may be our last issue.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES – Mr Malpus has completed the village tree check on the village green and will complete the rest of the village in due course. He will advise the clerk of works required.

CHRISTMAS WP – Cllr Lander advised the council that she is working on the “minions” theme for this year’s grotto. No date has been fixed yet. Further update Next Agenda

15/076 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3886.46

15/077 **Correspondence**

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

- Lilac Way noticeboard – New front required – Agreed to replace.
- Training for Councillors – next agenda.
- Minstrels Walk – complaint re advisory disabled road markings – Clerk to ensure a reply is received from LCC.

15/078 **Planning Matters**

P15/1331/2 – Extension to main function room to create store room, Beedles Lake Golf Centre. RESOLVED no objections.

15/079 a) **Progress regarding installation/management of Tennis Court**

Councillors were issued with the suggested rules and application forms for use when the tennis court is open. Changes were made to the rules document to include “suitable footwear to be worn, no football boots allowed on the court”, and redefine the rule regarding the two week booking system. RESOLVED that we accept both documents which will be used. It was RESOLVED to purchase two identical padlocks and 50 keys to issue at the agreed cost. (£150) The clerk will also arrange for a sign to be installed at the court giving details of the booking system/contact. A maximum of £50 was agreed. The clerk will try to recoup the cost of the sign from the Section 106 funding.

(For the above two votes Cllrs Eden, Hickling and Gerrard abstained).

Following calls from various councillors the Chairman raised her concerns regarding the soil which has been deposited at the rear of the pavilion near to the railway line. It was initially agreed to bank the soil around the playing field to save the cost of £2960 to remove it. However, the amount of soil was underestimated and an emergency meeting was held and it was agreed to place the soil at this location. However, as the soil is considerably high it may pose a risk to children accessing the railway line. After much discussion and ideas to overcome the problem it was agreed to take the following action:-

1. Arrange a site meeting with the contractors to ask for the soil to be levelled and ascertain if this can be resolved at no additional cost.
2. If it cannot be included into the current contract ask the contractor to provide a written quote to level the soil.
3. Obtain a further two quotes for the levelling off. Financial Regulation 4.1 was revoked and the Clerk and Chairman were given delegated powers to spend up to £1,000 on this work.

b) **Are we having an official opening ceremony**

The Chairman would like to invite Broomfield School Children and the Mayor of Charnwood to officially open our tennis court. However, as the school is about to close for the summer it was agreed that we would open the court for use by the general public as soon as it is ready.

We will market the availability of the court via local community magazines. The opening event will be arranged for September.

15/080

To consider quotes for 2 x self closing gates at Lilac Way play area

The clerk has three quotes to replace the gates at the Lilac Way play area which are not operating properly as the closing unit does not slow the gate down effectively. RESOLVED to offer the quote to the contractor at a cost of £1474.00 + Vat subject to there being at least a 12 month warranty on the gates.

15/081

East Goscote Library a) Feedback from the LCC consultation on 17th June.

Cllr Malpus attended this consultation event regarding the library with only one other member of the parish council. Cllr Houseman was in attendance along with 20 members of the public, the library committee and LCC officers.

The statement of intent has been submitted and the business plan is required by Mid-September giving the committee a lot of work to complete within the next 8 weeks.

Cllr Malpus was pleased to report that a local company in Syston has offered to sponsor the library for £1000. Also donations have been agreed from East Goscote Parish council and Queniborough Parish Council and letters requesting funding are still being sent to other villages which use our library.

15/082

To receive the risk assessments for the street furniture and pavilion/council office.

Cllr Gerrard and Hickling were sent the information to complete the risk assessments.

They informed the Council that the assessments for the pavilion and council office are outstanding and this item will be considered at our next meeting where any issues found will be raised.

Cllr Malpus suggested that our new councillors would benefit from a copy of the risk assessment policy and risk register. The clerk will issue this information with the next agenda.

15/083

Review of our dog bins.

Our Admin Assistant/caretaker completed the review of our dog bins and found no issues.

15/084

Budget Update

The clerk confirmed that the first quarters' spending was on track.

All Councillors were given a breakdown of the first three months expenditure. The Clerk explained that the pavilion miscellaneous budget was underestimated and she would like to vire £450 from the contingency budget into this heading. RESOLVED to vire this money.

There were no questions. RESOLVED to accept the budget update.

15/085

To consider having a generic Councillor email address.

The clerk read out the NALC legal briefing regarding Councillor email addresses along with the "best practice" guidance from the LRALC. She has arranged for the council to have a generic email address which is "mailbox@eastgoscoteparishcouncil.org.uk at no cost to the Council. RESOLVED that this Councillor email is put onto the website and personal addresses are removed for all Councillors except for Cllr Gerrard who will use her Charnwood email address.

15/086

Progress regarding the village green playground upgrade.

The Chairman confirmed that there is a budget of £17,500 to upgrade the village green play area. She will be meeting contractors over the summer holiday to get quotes for improvement schemes. She will also be consulting with local groups regarding the recommendations and hopes for the installation to take place after approval of the scheme at our next meeting in September.

- 15/087 **Football – to confirm change of use on senior pitch and arrange Manager’s meeting.**
The Clerk advised the Council that Sileby FC had applied for the pitch and the cheque was banked. Unfortunately the cheque was returned unpaid and after investigation the football club no longer wanted our pitch. The pitch was advertised to both leagues who had used the pitch last season and Pukka Pies FC have now applied to play on our pitch. They are happy to pay the full seasonal fee upfront. RESOLVED to offer Pukka Pies FC use of our pitch. A managers meeting has been scheduled for Monday 17th August 2015 at 6.30pm in the village hall to obtain deposits, signed terms and conditions of hire and give out pavilion keys. Cllr Hickling will attend this with our Caretaker.
- 15/088 **Maintenance**
- 15/089 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Tennis issues; Keys/Sign/soil levelling if required/Lilac Way gates/Lilac Way noticeboard
- 15/090 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
LCC Annual conference was attended by the Clerk and Admin Assistant. Notes were given out to councillors.
Borough Councillor Surgery – Cllr Gerrard will contact the office to book the village hall. The Chairman asked Councillors to ensure that when they contact other councillors or staff that they treat them with respect as is laid down in Standing order 119e.
- 15/091 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**
RESOLVED that we do not hold a meeting in August, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 9th 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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