

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.

Present: Mr R Black (Chair) Mr D Eden
Mrs K Barber Mrs J Kyle
Mr D Walton Mrs M Cadle
Mrs T Beaver Mr R Merry Howe
Mrs Sally Lander

PCSO Brian Geeson Nick Shivers (Caretaker)
Mrs Anna Jay

13/234 **Apologies for Absence:** . The Chairman read out a letter of resignation which was received from K McCalman with effect from 10th March 2014. The Vacancy is now being advertised.

13/235 **Declarations of Interest:** Mrs J Kyle, Mr R Black and Mrs K Barber regarding the Village hall, and Football, Mr Eden re football, Mr Walton re Football.

13/236 **Matters arising from the Public**
Mr Shivers asked if we had heard from the Street Wardens re patrolling the village. The Clerk confirmed she had emailed Cathy Duffy but was not aware if any patrols had been undertaken.
He was also concerned about the speeding along the Melton Road by the new building site.

13/237 **Matters arising from the Police**
One resident has phoned the office to say that the Beat Surgery due to take place at St Hildas Church on 4th March never happened. She had taken the time to print off leaflets and send them around to houses in her area and was very disappointed to learn that no police turned up to run the advertised surgery. PCSO Geeson did say that unfortunately if he is given other tasks he cannot attend.
PCSO Geeson informed the council that between 12th Feb and 12th March there had been one report of damage, two burglaries and one theft from the golf club.

13/238 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

13/239 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- A letter has been sent to George Walkers regarding the tree pruning. We have yet to receive a reply. We remain unhappy with the shaping of the tree.
- The Maintenance work to the gate has been completed.
- All bollards have now been painted in yellow
- Church – confirmation of land ownership not yet received from the Church
- Library – Meeting between LCC and Councillors arranged for 20th March, a public consultation has also been arranged to take place in the village hall on Wednesday 18th June 5.30pm to 9.30pm.
- New signs are now installed to the front of the village hall
- Long Furrow committee will be responding to M Cadle's letter

- Speedwatch – K Barber and R Merry Howe have agreed to co-ordinate a further scheme. The Clerk will advertise in the next Long Furrow for volunteers.
- Mowing has been approved by LCC to the front of the village hall
- CCTV camera installed with infra-red – much better picture
- Charnwood lease – date still to be finalised
- Emergency access – new sign in place on pavilion driveway
- Scout group – testing still to be arranged.

13/240

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – No meeting was held in February as planned due to apologies. It will be re-arranged for the near future.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: -

The pavilion check will be completed by Cllr Black on Monday 27th March
The Annual playground inspection was carried out.

LONG FURROW – No report.

NHOOD WATCH – Dealt with in the Police Report

TREES – No Report.

13/241

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £5987.53

13/242

Correspondence

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

- Community Libraries – briefing at County Hall 31st March. R Black and R Merry-Howe will decide if we need to attend following our meeting on 20th March.
- Youth Offending Service – Impact project workers have been asked to patrol the village. The clerk will find out if they have visited yet.
- Pavilion Cesspit – tests still to be carried out.

13/243

Planning Matters

None

13/244

To review the Hire Charges

The Council agreed the hire charges as per the attached sheet, which will come into effect from 1st May 2014. One addition is that for tournaments all pitch marking will be carried out by Council Contractors – prices upon application.

13/245

To approve Petty cash Payments

Petty Cash income £150.00 and expenditure of £137.13 was approved by the Council.

13/246

To consider the professional playground inspection by Wicksteed Leisure.

The Clerk informed all Councillors details of remedial works following the inspections. Generally the play areas were good with minor works only. A copy of the full report will be emailed to all Councillors.

13/247

To consider lighting to the youth shelter

At our last meeting PC Gent suggested that the youths she had spoken to requested somewhere to go at night when it is dark. She stated that she could get funding to light underneath the youth shelter.

Councillors considered this suggestion and a lengthy debate took place discussing the advantages and disadvantage of this proposal. More information was needed before a decision could be taken.

It was resolved that:

- a) A working party is formed consisting of Cllrs Walton, Eden, Beaver and Merry Howe.
- b) A meeting will be held with PC Gent to discuss how many East Goscote youth requested this, and of the letters sent out to parents, how many were residents of East Goscote.
- c) The Working party will carry out a public consultation with those houses bordering the playing fields, and obtain the views of the scout group.

This item will be brought back to the next full council meeting in May to Decide if we wish to obtain quotes and go forward with the project.

13/248

To consider the LCC Parish Council web support service

LCC have written to us to establish if we intend to continue with the service in 2014/15. The charging model is unchanged and the cost will be £325.00 + vat per year.

The support service includes: online and telephone support/training/web hosting/unlimited archive/tools for managing the site.

RESOLVED that we continue with this service for the forthcoming financial year.

13/249

To approve the precept figure (with the grant support)

At our December 2013 meeting the Parish Council agreed to give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1st 2014 it will require the sum of £58,000 to meet the expenses of the Parish.

Charnwood Borough Council have asked that for the avoidance of doubt that we re-minute the fact that our total requirement is £58,000, however a grant from Charnwood Borough Council will be paid which amounts to £3920, therefore the total amount to be charged to Council taxpayers will be £54,080.

13/250

Football issues – request for pitches/tournament

The junior teams have written in requesting an indication of pitch availability for next season. We are aware that the pitches will be oversubscribed and it is possible that alternative venues will have to be found. To that end, it was RESOLVED to send out the pitch application forms immediately with a deadline for return by Monday 14th April. All teams will be informed if they are successful or not by Friday 16th May which is approximately one month earlier than normal. Teams will be informed on 13th March that all teams will not be accommodated next season if the applications are the same as previous email requests received. A letter was read out concerning the allocation of pitches next season from East Goscote Gunners.

With reference to the tournament the football committee met and would offer 3rd or 10th August as suitable dates prior to the season. The cost of the tournament remains unchanged, however, due to an accident last year through negligence of the football club whilst marking out the lines, it was RESOLVED that the Parish Council contractor would be instructed to mark out lines to the cost of the football club.

- 13/251 **To arrange an industrial estate site visit.**
An industrial estate site visit will be held by Cllr J Kyle and Cllr R Black and Cllr Merry-Howe. Mrs Jay will attend to make notes.
- 13/252 **To arrange a meeting with Stuart Wilson of Jelsons Limited**
Chair and Vice to attend the Annual Meeting, with Jelson Limited, which will be arranged with Stuart Wilson at his convenience. We await suggested dates from him.
- 13/253 **Maintenance.**
None
- 13/254 **Items approved for expenditure.**
Petty Cash, Web support service.
- 13/255 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**
Traffic Calming measures to Melton Road were brought to the attention of the Parish Council via a resident. The Clerk has emailed to ask for an extension to the consultation which was granted. Cllr Houseman was also not aware of this scheme.
It runs from Millstone Lane to Syston Road and contains 7 sets of speed cushions, the raising of a crossing point, a new mini roundabout and a new gateway feature with dragons teeth markings.
Councillors had been sent plans prior to the meeting and some have written in with their thoughts.
A lengthy debate took place and Councillors agreed that we should comment as follows:-
- We fundamentally agree that speed reducing measures should be introduced along this stretch of road.
 - We support the revocation of the 40mph speed limit and a new 30mph limit.
 - We are against the introduction of speed cushions for many reasons including; they will be ignored by buses and larger vehicles, unacceptable noise, and concern amongst residents that speed cushions cause damage to their cars.
 - We would like to see the introduction of a speed camera or chicanes to slow down the traffic as an alternative to the proposal.
 - The council were also against the introduction of a mini-roundabout at the Syston Road junction.
- Mr Walton gave his apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 13/256 **Staffing Matters(Confidential)**
Standing Order 17 was invoked see Confidential Minute.
- 13/257 **To Review employee Salaries (Confidential)**
Standing Order 17 was invoked see Confidential Minute.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm