

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:	Ms S Lander (Chair)	Mr D Eden
	Mr N Porter	Mr E Vardy
	Mrs S Gerrard	Mr J Malpus
	Mrs Hewitt	Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant)
	1 member of the public	PCSO Lloyd

14/217 **Matters arising from the Public**

None

14/218 **Apologies for Absence:** . The Chairman read out a letter of resignation which was received from Cllr M Cadle who has been a member of the council since May 2011 and has worked very hard on behalf of the village. RESOLVED a letter be sent to thank her for all her hard work, dedication and time given to the village. The Vacancy is now being advertised. Cllr K Jones also gave his apologies. The County Councillor and Borough Councillor did not have an agenda item so were not required.

14/219 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Eden Re football (personal with bias), Cllr Malpus Re Library (Other personal interests)

14/220 **Matters arising from the Police**

PCSO Lloyd informed the council of the crime figures for February. There were a total of 7 crimes recorded. He gave details of these to the council.

Cllr Porter asked if anything had been reported regarding Ling Dale Lodge – it was confirmed That this could have tied in with another incident.

Cllr Vardy said that it was important that regular communication is made to the council and the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator to keep residents reassured that East Goscote is a safe place to live. He also requested that as part of the report we were given details of detected crimes as well as reported crimes.

PCSO said there had been changes and we are now part of Beat 6 which has 3 PCSO's and 4 PC's.

Cllr Gerrard asked what time we have police cover. The beat is covered from 6am – 3am with the response unit covering the whole area at other times.

14/221 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (11.02)**

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

14/222 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 14/192 – Cllr Porter handed in his register of interest
- 14/175 – The tree lights have been removed
- 14/184 – The trees and hedges were planted on 24th Feb with the help of Broomfield School Children
- 14/200 – The pavilion was checked by the Chairman/Clerk
- 14/200 – A letter was sent to the Chief Superintendent on 2nd March – no reply as yet

14/223

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – The clerk confirmed that a meeting was held on 19th Feb.

- Cathy Duffy remained as an independent member on the Committee
- Boiler was repaired at £294 – a new PCB Board was fitted – all working well now
- A new hiring agreement will be issued to all Regular Users
- The Front Porch matting will be replaced
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2014 was £697.77
- Safeguarding children – A policy will be adopted and Ofsted registration along with child protection policies will be required from those with children.
- Plastic chairs will be purchased for Brownie and Guide groups
- Next meeting 23rd April – Hire charges will be reviewed

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: -

The pavilion check will be completed by Cllr Lander on 23rd February

Playground checks were completed by the Caretaker and Clerk

LONG FURROW – Our Annual Meeting agenda was placed on the front cover of the Long Furrow to inform residents. The editor has given 6 months notice so the Long Furrow committee are looking to recruit a new editor.

NHOOD WATCH – Communication has improved slightly – Cllr Vardy asked Mrs Hewitt to inform us of any further problems.

TREES – On our agenda.

LIBRARY - Cllr Malpus said that he has managed to form a committee to take over the management of the library and hopes to hold his first meeting in due course. He requested that at our Annual General meeting we appoint a representative to sit on this committee. He also requested information on the support that the Parish Council will give to this committee. **RESOLVED** that the new Library committee consider and highlight the levels of support that they require from the Parish Council – if financial, a breakdown will be required to justify any shortfalls in funding from the County Council that may be requested from the Parish Council.

14/224

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3027.66

14/225

Correspondence

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

- Letter handed to Chairman from the Scout group re the renewal of the lease – **RESOLVED** to reply saying it would be dealt with in due course.
- Confirmation from Charnwood Principle Planning Officer – Mr Thompson confirmed that the tennis court installation would fall under general permitted development and would not require any planning permissions.
- Rearsby Roses – Open spaces will be managed by a “Residents Management Trust” the case officer will request that a copy of the trust model be sent to the parish council.
- Bakers Waste – Increase in costs
- Resident complaint re street football – forward to Police and County Councillor
- Football – letter sent to football teams re unauthorised use of goal sockets

- 14/226 **Planning Matters**
None
- 14/227 **To review the Hire Charges**
RESOLVED that hire charges which will come into effect from 1st May 2015 are unaltered from the previous year. No increases imposed for the forthcoming year.
- 14/228 **To approve Petty cash Payments**
Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £27.96 income £50.00 and expenditure of £71.29. Carry forward £6.67. RESOLVED that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.
- 14/229 **To consider the professional playground inspection by Wicksteed Leisure.**
The newly appointed inspection company has yet to carry out the inspections therefore it will be deferred to the May meeting.
- 14/230 **To consider the Tree Surveys on Parish owned trees.**
The clerk gave a written summary to all councillors. It was RESOLVED to carry out all the works and get quotes as necessary. The Clerk was given delegated powers to get the works carried out if less than £500.
- 14/231 **Football Issues – To approve the condition of hire/policies**
The Clerk, Caretaker and Chairman have reviewed the conditions and added some tournament related conditions along with other minor changes which were highlighted to all Councillors. RESOLVED to approve the terms and conditions of hire for the pavilion and associated facilities along with the policy for management of the Council's playing fields and facilities and the allocation of pitches when demand exceeds supply. Cllr Porter and Gerrard were against this decision.
- 14/232 **To consider the updated standing orders.**
The Clerk and Chairman have reviewed the standing orders and included the latest standing orders published in October 2013 from the "Local Councils Explained book". Cllr Malpus asked for an amendment to standing order 119e to include Clerk and Staff Members to be respected at all times. RESOLVED to approve the amendment and the standing orders for the newly elected councillors to adhere to in May 2015.
- 14/233 **To consider the updated Financial Regulations**
The Clerk and Chairman reviewed our financial regulations in accordance with the NALC template 2014. RESOLVED that we adopt the financial regulations.
- 14/234 **Election Update**
The Clerk attended a Briefing at Charnwood Borough Council and gave all Councillors details of the election process and dates. Nomination packs are available from the Council Offices. RESOLVED that in the event of the council being inquorate the council delegate all ongoing operational matters to the Clerk until a new council is formed.
In house training for new councillors is hoping to be arranged for 13th May, the AGM will be held on 20th May.
- 14/235 **Scout Update**
The Chairman confirmed that the cesspit has now been emptied by the scout group.

Damage has been caused to the playing fields by the scout leader. He had to be removed from the boggy grass by the local garage. Damage in the form of ruts which will require filling and seeding has resulted from parking on the grass. The Clerk asked the leader if he would be carrying out the repairs works and his reply was “get a life”. The Council discussed this and felt that the area should be made safe, and the works carried out and charged to the scout group in accordance with the terms and conditions of hire. RESOLVED to send a letter and invoice to the scout leader along with a copy of the signed terms and conditions of hire.

Access Road – As this issue is ongoing since summer 2014, the Council RESOLVED to issue an invoice for the minimum agreed by the Council of 10%. This equates to £659.50 for the contribution to the repairs to the access road. We will send a copy of the minute from Aug 14, and a copy of the lease document stating that a fair proportion should be paid towards access road repairs. Cllr Eden and Porter abstained from this vote.

The Scout leader hand delivered a letter regarding the renewal of the lease between the parish council and the scout group which is due in 2017. He requested information regarding the councillors who are dealing with this along with our legal representative. RESOLVED that we write a letter saying this matter will be dealt with in due course.

- 14/236 **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 2015/16. 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.
- 14/237 **Maintenance.**
Sheets handed in by Councillors for attention.
- 14/238 **Items approved for expenditure.**
Petty Cash, Web support service.
- 14/239 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**
- 14/240 **Staffing Matters(Confidential)**
RESOLVED to invoke Standing Order 17 - see Confidential Minute.
- 14/241 **To Review employee Salaries (Confidential)**
RESOLVED to invoke Standing Order 17 - see Confidential Minute.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

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