

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2013 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Mr R Black (Chair)	Mr R Merry Howe
Mrs J Kyle	Mrs K Barber
Mr D Walton	Mrs K McCalman
Mrs M Cadle	Mrs T Beaver
Mr N Shivers	Mrs Ellen Hewitt
PC Geeson	Mrs C Duffy
9 Members of the public	Mr Paul Gibson (Leics CC)

13/129 **Apologies for absence:** Mr D Houseman, Mr D Eden, and Mrs S Lander

13/130 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Black, Cllr Barber and Kyle regarding the village hall, Cllr Walton, Black, Barber re football.

13/131 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (11.09)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

13/132 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 13/108 – Mrs Beaver has completed her register of interest.
- 13/112 – PCSO Geeson has spent some time on the Long Furrow/Watergate corner.
- 13/117 - Playground inspections were carried out by R Black at the end of September.

13/133 **East Goscote Part Night Lighting Scheme – Paul Gibson**

Mr Paul Gibson addressed the meeting and explained that the reduction in street lighting is a scheme which has been in force for the last four years and our village is one of the last to be affected in the County. Of the three options, our village was chosen for part-night lighting, which means that certain lights will be turned off between Midnight and 5.30am. Any lights on Junctions or where traffic calming measures are in place will be left on.

The Chairman read out two letters from members of the public for Mr Gibson's attention. He also suggested that Lamps 5 – 10 on Weavers Wynd should be left on as this is the main route through the village and is also adjacent to Elderly people's bungalows.

The Chairman invited members of the public to have their say and one member presented a petition to Mr Gibson, which included support for lights to be left on in Weavers Wynd. All members of the public were present to support more lights to be left on in Weavers Wynd.

Q Once the scheme is in place, can it be varied. ?

A The scheme is reviewed after 12 months.

Q Who makes the final decision?

A The project manager Mr Peter Hoskins will look at any feedback and make any alterations following the consultation.

Q What safeguards are in place regarding burglaries?

A Past projects show a reduction in burglaries, however the police are consulted.

Q When is this scheme likely to happen?

A Following consultation it takes approximately 3 months. It is expected that this scheme will be implemented in Feb/March 2014. Advance warning signs are installed 2 – 3 weeks prior to switch off.

The Chairman asked all residents to forward any letters to the parish council offices regarding this scheme.

RESOLVED that a small working party meet (RMH, RB, DW) on Wed 23rd October at 6.30pm to put the council's opinions together. We will create a folder containing the petition and various letters and forward onto Mr Gibson before the end of the consultation on 31st October.

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Matters arising from the Public

Nothing further.

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Matters arising from the Police

There have only been 4 crimes in the month of September. Most crimes are still under investigation at present.

Crime Awareness walks – Were very positive.

PCSO Geeson will be replying to Part-night lighting supporting additional lighting at Weavers Wynd.

Speed checks carried out between 7.45am – 8.45am on 7th October, 70 vehicles clocked with an average speed of 27.9 mph. Another speed action day will be arranged.

Neighbourhood Watch Event – 20 people attended. No Parish Cllrs attended.

Buffer Stop – response from British Transport Police. PC Hall has also visited the Director of Redband. The Chairman asked the Police to visit the area.

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County Councillors Report

No Report

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Borough Councillors Report

Ms. Duffy read out her report which covered the following:

- Customer Service Excellence – CBC retained a national service accolade
- Healthy Advice – Free activities, food & health advice October 31st, 2013
- Core Strategy – Special Meeting of Full Council 28th October 13 to be webcast live
- The Recycler – Hunt on for person to Champion recycling in Charnwood
- Voting – Don't lose your vote – European Elections coming up in 2014
- Gritters geared up for winter – adding 5 more gritters to fleet and reviewing salting routes
- Dealing with some issues on behalf of residents

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Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC: No Meeting since our last report. The next VH Meeting will be held on 25th November.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD - The Playground checks were completed by R Black. Photographs were taken and all issues have been passed onto our caretaker. Octobers Check will be carried out by J Kyle.

The Pavilion check will be completed by R Black and J Kyle by the end of October.

LONG FURROW –The deadline for articles is 1st November. This editions parish news will be written by Cllr Cadle.

N/HOOD WATCH –The re-launch event was held in the village hall on 18th September and 20 people attended. Ellen Hewitt received two new neighbourhood watch signs and it was confirmed that a budget of £50 existing for additional signs. Although the meeting was constructive, we achieved only one additional street which would be covered. The Clerk suggested that a list of streets requiring a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer could be advertised in the next Long Furrow magazine.

TREES – Nothing to report

DEFIBRILLATOR – No Report

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Proposed Accounts (Oct)

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £5682.74 for October.

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Correspondence

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

- Resident letter received asking for contact details of the Junior FC. Details were not given, only the website address as advised by the LRALC
- Youth Offending Service – will be included in our Parish News
- Flood Risk Management – N Shivers to complete the survey
- Completion of Members interests – All councillors were reminded to check their register of interest on the Charnwood Website.
- Completion of our audit has been advertised.
- LRALC – County Council cutbacks – The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend the meeting in Anstey on November 27th 6.30 – 9.00pm.
- Scout Group – Summer fete agreed - June 8th 2014
- Reply to FA re Junior FC complaint was agreed
- Long Furrow – Councillors were advised of the new magazine editors
- Resident letter regarding new disabled marking to shopping precinct and also a white line at the dropped kerb. Clerk to contact Highways for costings.
- Recycling centre – D Cannon request to contact other parishes. The Council agreed that Mr Cannon could carry out the research on our behalf.
- Thank you letter from Y Smith.
- Request for pitches next season East Goscote United – Await application form

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Planning Matters

P13/ – 25 Lilac Way – Erection of a single storey extension to detached double garage and construction of boundary wall and fencing – no objection.

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Christmas Update – to consider costings/Tree Festival – to decide theme.

The details are as follows:-

- a) To approve the contractor for the lights installation and removal.
A letter and insurance certificate has been received from Neil Adams. RESOLVED that we kindly accept the offer to install and remove the lights free of charge.
- b) To approve the budget
The Clerk gave a breakdown of the budget which amounted to £650. This was approved by the council.
- c) To discuss the fundraising benefactor. KB/RB/JK (took no part – VH Committee)
Two projects for consideration were the village hall roof and the defibrillator.
RESOLVED that any funds raised go towards the Village Hall.

d) To discuss work required to the tree.

George Walkers have suggested that the tree needs reducing at a cost of £450.+vat. The tree belongs to Jelsons, and has a TPO which will require any work to be authorised by Charnwood Borough Council. Our tree budget for this year is £350. RESOLVED to write to Jelsons, asking if he would arrange for the tree to be reduced, or alternatively would he be willing to offer ownership of the tree and the land to the Parish Council.

Other Christmas information :-

- Event to be held on Friday 13th December
- The tree lights will be installed on 1st December
- Grotto will be in the village hall and a queuing system will be operated
- 200 x selection boxes will be purchased and any leftover will be returned
- An article will be sent to the Long Furrow and asked to be displayed on the front cover
- A small fair will be on the green outside the village hall
- The cherry picker will be supplied by George Walkers, £195 to install, £195 to remove
- A professional risk assessment will be carried out

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To consider the Mowing Contract 2014

The clerk issued all councillors details of the current schedule, the previous arrangement and cost, along with a map of areas of grass which are cut by Leics County Council.

1. To agree the length of the new contract. - A 3 year contract was agreed with the agreement that it can be reviewed after 12 months. The schedule will not be reduced but work may be reallocated to cover other areas.
2. To agree the schedule. – The schedule was approved as existing with the rotary mow to the Mound increased to 3 cuts per year in May/July and September.
3. To consider if we wish to include the mowing of any County Council land. – A separate quote will be obtained for 7 cuts to the highly pedestrianised areas to the front of the Village Hall and Weavers Wynd.

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Budget Update (April to September)

The clerk issued all councillors with a breakdown of spending between April and September. There were no questions.

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To arrange a date to consider next years' precept (Dec mtg approval)

RESOLVED that the precept meeting be held on Tuesday November 26th at 6.30pm in the Parish Council offices. The Finance Committee will issue their recommendations with the December agenda for full council consideration.

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Civic reception – to consider guest list and venue.

It was RESOLVED that invites would be sent to our Borough Councillor/County Councillor/Long Furrow Editor/Councillors and Staff . The venue was agreed as Rothley Court and the date will be arranged by the Chairman and Clerk once availability has been checked.

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To arrange Employee appraisals.

The Chairman advised that all Councillors have been issued with forms to complete for each member of staff. If however, they feel they do not have enough knowledge of the performance of the staff to complete the forms, then they could fill in as much or as little as they would like. Forms are to be completed and given in before the next meeting in the envelope provided marked as confidential.

E.G.P.C. 09.10.13

Appraisals will be carried out during week commencing 18th November by the Line Manager, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

- 13/148 **Maintenance**
Sheets were handed in by Cllrs Kyle, Walton, Cadle
- 13/149 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Civic Reception, Christmas events,
- 13/150 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
None
- 13/151 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

Wednesday, November 13th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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