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EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th October 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors S. Lander, R. Merry-Howe, M Loseby, D Eden
County Councillor D Houseman
Admin Assistant A. Jay (Minutes)
10 members of the public, including ex-councillor J Kyle and NW Coordinator E Hewitt

14/133
Election of Chairman for the meeting
Councillor S. Lander, having been proposed and seconded, was elected as Chairman for the meeting and assumed the Chair.

14/134
Matters arising from the public
A petition containing seventy five signatures from residents of the village was handed to the Chairman requesting the removal of the current Chairman, Councillor Robert Black, from position of the Chairman and requesting his removal from the Parish Council. A second petition containing fifty eight signatures from residents of the village was handed to the Chairman requesting that residents be involved in the decisions made with regard to the protection of green spaces in East Goscote.

Issues raised with regard to s. 106 monies:

1) What enquiries were made by the Parish Council to maximise the funding? If the public had been notified they could have helped to maximise funding.
2) There was nothing on the council's website with regard to the s. 106 monies being spent on tennis courts.
3) In 2007 a burial ground and allotments were highlighted as needs for the village.
4) It was alleged that a meeting between a Charnwood Borough Council officer (Mr N. Thompson) and the Clerk to the Parish Council on 3rd December 2012 had not been minuted.
5) A request was received for a public meeting to discuss s106 funding

The Chairman stated that it had been agreed that two councillors would attend the training on s.106 funding and that all issues raised would be considered.
8 members of the public then left the meeting

A bouquet of flowers was presented to ex-councillor June Kyle from the Parish Council. Councillor Loseby thanked June for her work at the Parish Council and stated that, as a Councillor, June had ‘wonderful integrity’ and was ‘full of commitment’ and she would be missed by the Parish Council.

14/135
Apologies for Absence
Councillors: R. Black, M. Cadle, D Walton, Charnwood Borough Councillor: C. Duffy

14/136
Declarations of Interest
Councillors Eden and Lander declared an interest in the Christmas Working Party.

14/137
Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2014 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

Re 14/112 – Amend to show that Councillor D Houseman had sent his apologies for absence
Re 14/114 – Amend to show that Councillor Eden had views on this matter that he did not want to express at the meeting i.e. he reserved his views
Re 14/129 – Amend to show that Councillor Lander, with regard to the allocation of the pitch to the East Goscote Juniors, had also taken into account that the administration of the club had changed.

Councillor Duffy in her absence wanted it recorded in the minutes of this meeting that she had not received an invitation to the extraordinary meeting that was held on the 18th September 2014 and, therefore, the Charnwood Borough Councillor's report could not be made available at that meeting.

14/138
Matters arising from the minutes

a) Councillor Lander signed the documents to accept office as Vice Chairman. These were witnessed and signed by Councillor Loseby.
b) It was agreed that two Councillors were to attend the next available training on s. 106 monies.

14/139
Police Report
No report.

14/140
County Councillor's Report
The following points were made:

1) Councillor Houseman gave full support to the proposed bus shelter
2) The Youth Offending Team 'Impact Report', had identified the problems. It would now be up to the Parish Council to decide what action is to be taken following the recommendations. ***Action*** *– Councillor Lander to take forward.*
3) Shire Community Grant Funding - further information under Correspondence for all Councillors to read.

4) Shingles Vaccinations for the over 70's – ***Action*** - *Councillor Lander to request that Dr Shah raises the importance of this vaccination in his contribution to the next edition of The Long Furrow.*

14/141

Borough Councillor's Report

No report

14/142

Reports from other representatives

There were no reports from VHMC, Playing Field, Trees or Long Furrow.

Pavilion – Councillor Eden stated that an application for a facilities grant had been made by a resident. When a reply has been received this item will be placed on the agenda for discussion at a full council meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch – the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator reported no issues although it was noted that it was very difficult to correspond with PCSO Brian Geeson. It was reported that correspondence between the Neighbourhood Watch and PSO Brian Geeson was infrequent.

2 members of the public left

14/143

Proposed Accounts

Owing to the absence of the Clerk there were no accounts to consider.

It was agreed that a voucher to the value of £100 be presented to ex-Councillor J Kyle in recognition of her services to the council and the village.

14/144

Correspondence

Items of correspondence were read to those present.

- Resignation of Councillor N Lewin
- Youth Offending Service Promotional Talk. This to be passed to the Youth Representatives.
- Defibrillator for the village – Councillor Lander stated that there was a possibility of sharing one with Lingdale Lodge. It was agreed that this item should appear on the agenda for January or February 2015.
- Future of East Goscote Library – a meeting of people interested in volunteering had been arranged for Friday 24th October 2014 in the Village Hall. It was noted that this was being organised by community volunteers and not by the parish council.
- Query about the formal postal address of the houses on the Rearsby Roses Development. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to the Post Office.

14/145

Planning Matters

There were no matters to consider. Councillor Loseby requested that all planning matters be listed individually on future agendas.

14/146

New Business

a) It was agreed that the old laptop computer in the Parish Council Office be replaced as a matter of urgency as it was unreliable and impacting adversely on the council's business. It was agreed that the maximum authorised expenditure would be £500 + VAT.
b) Christmas Events Update: Councillor Lander reported that the Christmas tree lights would be installed by Jelson Ltd. It was agreed that this item be placed on the next agenda to authorise the expenditure and discuss a fund-raising benefactor.
c) East Goscote Library Consultation Results. It was agreed that these should be presented and discussed at the November 2014 meeting. Councillor Loseby reported a request from a community volunteer that all councillors look at the results of the county council's consultation.
d) 2015-16 Precept Meeting – Councillor Loseby suggested the date of Wednesday 19th November at 6:30pm for this meeting, with a request that as many councillors as possible should attend.

14/147

Maintenance

Maintenance forms to be available for councillors at the next meeting.

14/148

Items for expenditure

Laptop for the parish council office (maximum spend £500)

14/149

Urgent items by permission of the Chairman

1) Councillor Loseby reported that the design of shelter agreed at the previous meeting was unavailable and submitted an alternative but very similar design to council for approval. This was agreed unanimously.
2) Comments had been received about the repainted village sign - it was agreed that this would probably look better when the white paint had weathered.
3) Civic Reception – It was suggested that it would be inappropriate for this event to be held this year and it was agreed that it should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
4) There was an urgent need for 2 new litter pickers for the caretakers. It was agreed that these could be purchased at a cost of £30 for the two, with the expenditure authorised at the next meeting.
5) Following the resignation of Councillor Lewin there now existed a vacancy on the Staffing Committee and it was agreed that this should be filled by Councillor Lander.

The meeting closed at 20:02 hrs