

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:	Ms Sally Lander (Chair)	Mr John Malpus
	Mrs Sue Gerrard	Mrs Elaine Garner
	Mrs Lisa Castle	Mr Kevin Preston
	Mr Roger Merry-Howe	Mr D Eden
	8 Members of the Public	PC Ian Perry and PC Nathan Adkin

15/117 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

Members of the public raised 2 issues.

The first issue was the problems that were arising from some violent incidents at Fleury Court that were leaving children feeling frightened and residents feeling as though they “had been let down by local authority and Police”.

The Police, PCs Nathan Adkin & Ian Perry, were in attendance and made the following points;

- Fleury Court has been designated a problem area and this means that it can be directly targeted by the Police and Charnwood BC’s Anti-Social team.
- In the last 30 days there have been 6 incidents
- Residents were advised to report anything, however minor, to either the Charnwood Beat Officers via 101 or to Charnwood BC Anti-Social team as this would keep the pressure up.
- A Sentinel report has been set up for Fleury Court which has direct links with Charnwood Borough Council
- Cllr Gerrard is to take this up with Charnwood BC and gave residents her contact details.
- The Police are to have more patrols; driving and walking.

The second issue was regarding a Cemetery query that Cllr Gerrard said she would be looking into in line with the new proposals coming out of the developments at Syston. The new Cemetery is to be called Syston & District. Cllr Gerrard will reply directly to the residents.

15/118 **Apologies for Absence:** PCSO Geeson, Cllr Duffy and Mr Shivers.

Cllr Hickling was not present and no apologies had been received by the Clerk or Chairman.

15/119 **To report any declarations of interest:** Ms S Lander regarding the Village Hall. Mr Malpus re the library, Long Furrow and Planning App Weavers Wynd.

15/120 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.09)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with two additions;- 15/072 add “due to work on the core strategy” and 15/085 “as Cllr Gerrard has a Charnwood email address”.

15/121 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 15/025 – The Clerk sent the cheque signatory forms to Cllr Hickling for him to complete the forms and visit the bank in June – we are unsure if he has applied to be a cheque signatory as yet. The Chairman suggested that we ask for the forms to be returned so that another signatory can be appointed.
- 15/049 – Cllr Gerrard was asked to contact the police to ask them to set up speed testing around the Long Furrow and issue fines as necessary. She spoke to them during this meeting and they stated that they would get the mobile traffic unit to monitor the speeds

around the village, if after one week a certain percentage are travelling in excess of the speed limit then the speed gun can be deployed for further action.

- 15/072 – Cllr Gerrard said she would like to set up more “no cold calling zones”. There is no progress to date as Cllr Gerrard is working in other areas.
- 15/073 – Cllr Gerrard has managed to get the bin put back onto the Swallows Dale bus stop.
- 15/105 – Bus Shelter Swallows Dale – LCC Officer approved remedial works and they have agreed to pay the second instalment.
- 15/100 – Cllr Eden failed to complete the August playground check and also did not complete the check of village trees. The playground check will be carried out by the Chair and Vice Chair and the tree check by the Vice Chair.

15/122

Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Brian Geeson gave the admin assistant a verbal report – PC Perry also confirmed there has been a burglary on Lilac Way, and drugs found on the village. The main current problem is anti-social behaviour at Fleury Court which was raised under matters arising from the public.

15/123

County Councillors Report

Cllr Houseman informed the council that at a cabinet meeting on 7th October the full business case for the joint commissioning of personal care services provided in the home was considered. Adult social care are working in partnership with the NHS and should provide a more cost effective and improved care service. Leics CC currently commissions £25.4 million worth of personal care, in addition a further £11 million is spent by the NHS. Therefore this combined spend on external provision forms the financial envelope for the scope of the new outcomes based integrated service model.

Cllr Eden queried grass cutting carried out on a Saturday morning – surely this is at a premium hourly rate.

Cllr Malpus asked if the waste disposal consultation had been discussed as yet. Cllr Houseman said that no decision has been made yet.

The clerk raised a highways issue. A resident has written in to ask for a footpath to join up the entrances on the new Rearsby Roses site. The letter and photograph will be sent to Councillor Houseman.

Section 106 funding for bus shelters – Rearsby Roses development – Cllr Houseman will chase this up.

15/124

Borough Councillors Report

- Cllr Gerrard gave the clerk information regarding eye testing.
- She confirmed that the bin was relocated back to the Swallows Dale bus shelter.
- She has been elected onto the LRALC committee.
- She attended the Conservative conference and “put East Goscote on David Cameron’s map”
- A Borough Councillor surgery was held on Saturday 10th October, there were no visitors, and one phone call.
- Cllr Gerrard is attending a core strategy meeting next week.

The Chairman asked that Cllr Gerrard issue a written report for next month’s meeting – she asked that she report on the following issues:-

- The Core Strategy
- Data on Fleury Court – Total number of flats, total number of residents, total number of elderly residents, total number of anti-social behaviour incidents or complaints received from fellow residents, details of how problem residents can be evicted.

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The Chairman also asked that Cllr Gerrard obtain an article from the anti-social behaviour unit at Charnwood giving contact details etc to go into our next Long Furrow, deadline 31st October.

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Review of Reps on Committees and Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC –A periodic inspection (electric) will be undertaken in half-term
Next meeting 26th November 2015 The Brownie leader is interested in joining the village hall committee.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: J Malpus and S Lander will carry out playground checks this weekend.

LONG FURROW – Deadline for articles for the next edition is 31st October.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report – Cllr Preston suggested that we try to revive the neighbourhood watch scheme given the anti-social behaviour in Fleury Court. It was agreed that we would invite Ellen Hewitt to our next meeting to discuss this. NEXT AGENDA

TREES – Cllr Malpus has carried out tree checks and given the information to the Clerk.

LIBRARY UPDATE – Cllr Malpus confirmed that the business plan had been approved and a letter submitted requesting the donation previously agreed by the council. The “Autumn Fayre” was held on October 10th and raised £150.00. The volunteers meeting was well attended.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS - LOCAL PRIORITIES – Only two councillors responded to this consultation from Charnwood Borough Council – Cllr Malpus and Cllr Gerrard. The working party consisting of Cllrs Castle, Preston, Gerrard and Malpus will meet on Wednesday 28th October to complete the required form. Delegated powers were given to the working party to submit their chosen priorities.

TRAINING UPDATE – Caroline Taylor attended a Clerks training course which she found very useful. Topics covered were role of the Council and its councillors, employment matters, the code of conduct, public participation, standing orders and legal responsibilities for setting the agenda.

LRALC briefing – presentation notes were emailed to all Councillors

15/126

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £7769.05 for October.

The Clerk asked if we could add three payees to the list for bank transfers. These are Greyhound Leisure – who are regularly carrying out playground repairs, and also East Goscote Library Fund and the mobile app company “The app office”. RESOLVED to add these to the list of payees approved for bank transfers.

15/127

Correspondence

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

- Charnwood offer of planters – was discussed and it was agreed that we would apply for one planter to donate to the church if the church agree that they would like one.
- Wheelie bin campaign – we have written to the road safety committee to request free stickers, the letter regarding stickers for sale was also discussed and it was agreed that

we await the outcome of the request for free stickers before considering the purchase of them.

- Don't muck around – dog fouling – we have been included in the list of areas which will benefit from patrols by Charnwood Borough Council
- Resident letter re lack of burial facilities – The Chairman asked Cllr Gerrard to respond to our residents regarding existing and up and coming burial facilities.
- Resident letter re request for additional dog bin on playing field – It was agreed to install a bin on the playing field, however, we will monitor its use and may reconsider in the future.
- Request for FA football skills session on playing field 22nd October – It was approved to allow this event. The charge will be £10 per hour for the pavilion and it was suggested that we ask that they refrain from using the goalmouths.

15/128

Planning Matters

P15/1583/2 – 2 Wayfarer Drive East Goscote – Refused - Only two councillors responded to this application and Cllr Merry Howe said that he had replied, although wasted his time, as other councillors did not respond. The Clerk cannot respond on behalf of the council unless she has at least 6 replies of the same decision.

- 17 Broome Avenue – No Objections – 6 Councillors Responded
- 17 Weavers Wynd – for information only
- 8 Keepers Croft – No Objection

The Chairman said it was very important that Councillors do respond to planning applications in between meetings. This is one of their duties as a Councillor, and many Councillors are failing to carry out their role effectively.

15/129

Christmas Update

a) **To approve the contractor for light installation.**

TLB have quoted a fee of £495 to install and remove the lights. RESOLVED that we ask TLB to carry out the installation.

b) **To approve the budget**

There is a total budget of £850. To date the lights installation and purchase of new lights amount to £632.50. Children's sweets will be purchased – budget £150, and décor to the hall £50, also £12 is being allocated for cleaning early the next morning. The budget was approved.

c) **To discuss fundraising benefactor** - Cllr Castle and Lander declared their interest.

RESOLVED that we raise money on the Christmas event for the village hall roof.

Cllrs Malpus, Gerrard and Eden abstained.

15/130

Agreement for use of the Jubilee Playing Fields for village events.

All Councillors were given a suggested agreement for consideration. RESOLVED that we use these guidelines and send copies to the football clubs, scouts and any organisations who wish to hold events on the playing fields.

15/131

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

The Finance committee will meet to discuss next year's precept. All councillors were asked to submit to the Clerk their suggestions for village improvements next year before the end of October. The Committee will meet the first week of November. The draft precept will be presented to full council in December.

15/132

To arrange employee appraisals

The staffing committee Cllrs Lander, Malpus, Duffy and Gerrard will complete the staff feedback forms, and appraisals will be held during November prior to the precept meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk will complete the staff appraisals and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will complete the Clerks appraisal.

15/133

Policies

a) To consider the update for the E Safety Policy

Resolved to approve the policy.

b) To consider the update for the Anonymous correspondence policy

Resolved to approve the policy

c) To consider the new Media Policy

Resolved to approve the policy

d) To consider the new Recording at Meetings policy

Resolved to approve the policy

15/134

The Parish Council Mobile Phone App.

Live Date – The Clerk confirmed that she and the admin assistant had undertaken several hours training on the working of the app and it is hoped to be live as of 16th October. The contract has been signed. In terms of marketing, it is hoped that it can be advertised on the front page of the Long Furrow, sent around the email list and to all those who use facilities on the village ie football, tennis, village hall etc. Posters will be created and placed on noticeboards and in the church, library and shops. In terms of populating the app and sending out notifications of village events, RESOLVED that the Clerk was given delegated powers to manage this.

15/135

Section 106 Funding

a) Remaining balance update

The clerk confirmed that we have a balance of £7717.29 from the section 106 funding. It is unlikely that the ongoing maintenance could be paid for from this fund, as it needs to be spent on capital expenditure. This fund expires on 7th July 2020. It was agreed that we would review the tennis court annually to continue to debate if there are uses for the remaining funds. The Chairman asked Councillor Gerrard if she could explain to Charnwood the need for CCTV on our village green play area, given current anti-social behaviour problems, and if these funds could be released for this much needed security for the village.

b) Funds for LCC Bus shelters

A contribution of £17,062 was received by Leics County Council on 3rd July for bus stop works around the Rearsby Roses site. It has been confirmed that the parish council will be consulted when a scheme has been put together. The section 106 agreement does state that the money is for “the two nearest bus stops” to the site. The Clerk did request an update on 29th September – but no reply was received.

c) Charnwood Consultation

Charnwood wrote to all councils as part of a consultation process for a new approach to funding community infrastructure funding particularly through section 106 agreements. Cllr Merry Howe, Malpus, Lander and Castle are the only Councillors who responded to this, so the clerk has asked for additional time for East Goscote to debate at this meeting. All Options were considered and it was RESOLVED that we would inform Charnwood that our wish would be to work with Option 1 for the consultation process.

15/136

Tennis Court Opening Event

Caroline Taylor has arranged an opening event to take place on Tuesday 27th October at 1.30pm where children from Broomfield School will be playing tennis. We have invited the

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Melton Times, Loughborough Echo, Syston Town News and the Leicester Mercury. Councillors in support of this project were invited to attend.

15/137

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

Apex Partnership have carried out the risk assessment which is 30 pages long. The required actions were given to all Councillors and a full copy to the finance committee. RESOLVED to accept the risk assessment and manage the required actions. Cllr Malpus queried the cutting back of the verge suggested as required next to our bus shelter on Melton Road. The Clerk confirmed that it related to overhanging branches etc which we are entitled to cut back from our property.

The Clerk asked that Admin Staff eye testing be placed on the next agenda.

Cllr Merry Howe asked if the meeting was held with Cllr Hickling. The Chairman confirmed that despite various attempts to contact Cllr Hickling he did not respond. RESOLVED that a letter be sent to Cllr Hickling requesting that he make contact with the Chairman to arrange a meeting within the next 7 days, failing this the staffing committee will meet to write a letter to the monitoring officer. Cllrs Eden, Gerrard and Garner abstained from this vote.

15/138

To consider quotes for the refurbishment of the village green play area

Cllr Lander and Castle advised the Council that they are obtaining further quotes to give us more options. Cllr Preston said that he has spoken to a number of residents who are not in favour of upgrading the park unless it needs upgrading. He asked if there were any other projects that the council could consider for these funds.

A long debate ensued regarding the village green project, and possible other projects. The Council have a duty to maintain the play areas and it was felt that the wooden equipment (play trail) was in need of replacement.

Defer to next meeting

15/139

Area between The Meadows and Broome Avenue – can we upgrade this area.

Only four Councillors have visited this area, so a full council decision could not be made. Defer to next meeting.

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Maintenance

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Items approved for Expenditure

Christmas Event.

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Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman

The clerk again re-iterated the need for Councillors to respond to all consultations and planning applications. It was agreed that she will monitor Councillor feedback over the next few months.

Cllr Gerrard may obtain a noticeboard to donate to the Council.

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 11th 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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