

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Miss S Lander (Chair)	Mr J Malpus
Mr K Preston	Mrs E Garner
Ms L Needham	Ms C Duffy
Mrs L Castle	Mrs S Gerrard
Mr R Merry-Howe	One member of the public
C Taylor Admin Assistant	

- 17/087 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**
 One member of the public confirmed that speeding is still a problem around Long Furrow and there was a serious incident recently. The Clerk has confirmed that she has written to PCSO Geeson to ask if speed checks could be carried out along the Melton Road.
 The resident said that Sims is a disgrace to the village. Could we make contact with Jelsons to ask if he can do anything about it. Cllr Gerrard confirmed she has made contact with Jelsons and is awaiting a reply.
- 17/088 **Apologies for absence:** Mr M Gonulalan, Cllr J Poland, and PCSO Geeson
- 17/089 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Malpus re library, Long Furrow, and Clerks award, Cllr Merry Howe – Christmas Project, Cllr Duffy Re VHMC.
- 17/090 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting held on 12th July 2017**
 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 17/091 **Matters arising from the minutes**
 17/062 – A health and safety officer from Charnwood has visited Sims and the front of the pub, awaiting report from Cllr Gerrard.
 17/062 Cllr Poland confirmed in his report that he has written to Enterprise Inns and has received a response.
 17/062 – Cllr Gerrard has written to Jelsons and Enterprise inns as requested by our resident. We are awaiting a response from Jelsons.
 17/066 – Cllr Merry Howe is now a cheque signatory
 17/066 – Cllr Gerrard has not written to Jelsons regarding the resident lighting complaint in Merchants common which was discussed in July. She stated she has had problems with her computer.
 17/071 – The clerk now has a Parish Council debit card for purchases made on behalf of the Council.
 17/084 – The roof problems at the two new bus shelters have been attended to.
- 17/092 **Matters arising from the Police**
 PC Geeson emailed a written report detailing crime for August, which was low.
- 17/093 **County Councillor’s Report (Questions only)**
 Cllr Poland sent a report to all Councillors via email.
- 17/094 **Borough Councillor’s Report (Questions only)**
 Cllr Gerrard did not send a report to Councillors as requested. She did have a report with her but there was not time for it.
 Q. Could Cllr Gerrard ask Julie Robinson and David Slater for a written explanation as to why the VHMC were only awarded 17% despite the high scores, and it was

noted that other schemes with lower scores were offered a higher percentage. She was asked for a response by 20th September for the next VH meeting.

It was pointed out to Cllr Gerrard that there is a need for a paper trail when dealing with the numerous requests from members of the public and the council, and the need to keep the Clerk informed. A phone call is not evidence that the parish council requests have been carried out.

17/095

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC –Interviews are being held for a cleaner on 14th September – The next meeting is on 21st September.

LONG FURROW – The editor has resigned and an emergency meeting has been called on Friday 8th September. Should the production of the LF magazine cease, the parish council donation (part) will be returned.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Playground checks were completed by L Pizer, and the Pavilion was checked by L Pizer.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Nothing to report

TREES – Mr Merry-Howe and Mr Webbon have carried out a visual check of trees – Mr Webbon has supplied a written report.

FOOTBALL MANAGERS MEETING –Cllr Merry-Howe and the Clerk met two football managers. All conditions were approved and signed and payments made. Keys have now been handed to the football teams.

17/096

Proposed Accounts

Approval of August and September accounts. Accounts to the sum of £5034.14 were approved by the council for August, and £4820.48 for September

17/097

Correspondence

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

- Sims – letters from residents to be copied to Enterprise inns
- Cadent gas – should be removing container this week
- Wreake Valley Way – presentation – the library committee will invite the gentleman to give a presentation in the library.
- Royal British Legion – Lamp Post Poppies – locations and requirements will be considered next year.

17/098

Planning Matters -

P/17/1569/2 – 6 Broomfield – revised planning application – change of use from parking area to garden and retention of timber building to side of dwelling.

RESOLVED to object to this revised application as the change to the roof ie pitch to flat roof does not sufficiently address the reasons for the rejection of the original application.

The Council asked that our Borough Councillor write in and ensure that this application be “called in “.

17/099

Update re the lease with Charnwood/Scouts

Charnwood Borough Council officers have now confirmed that we own the pavilion. We have been offered several dates and times to meet our solicitors to proceed with this. Cllr Merry Howe and Malpus along with Clerk will arrange this meeting as a matter of urgency.

- 17/100 **To consider a Christmas project for the elderly of the village**
 John Malpus suggested that we look into running a village event (afternoon tea) for the elderly in the village hall. We will defer this item until the LF committee has met to discuss their future, and the Library committee has considered all details of the suggested project.
- 17/101 **To consider the letter from Wreake Valley School re a defibrillator**
 Wreake valley academy has written into the council to suggest that their Charity Council would like to raise money for a defibrillator for the village of East Goscote. RESOLVED that we would be happy for them to fundraise for this, however we would like to be involved in decision making for the model type, suggested locations and training. We will also question if the costs of installation are included in this fundraising project.
 If installation is included, it was decided that we would give the donation of £100.00, which was raised via a raffle in our local chemist.
- 17/102 **To discuss the risk assessments for the street furniture/pavilion/council offices**
 The Clerk confirmed that last year's risk assessment was completed by two Councillors and the Clerk.
 RESOLVED to obtain quotes to obtain professional risk assessments this year and the Clerk was given delegated powers to spend up to £350.00. If the costs are greater, it will be discussed at our next meeting.
- 17/103 **To consider three quotes for the renewal of the Council Insurance Policy**
 The Clerk has received three quotes from companies offering council insurance. All Councillors were in receipt of the detailed information and were given a "core cover comparison" sheet. RESOLVED that we accept the lower quote, which covers all our needs, and we enter into a 3-year binding contract, which will offer a further 5% discount.
- 17/104 **Bus Stop enhancements Melton Road – Update**
 We have received a reply from Mr O Conner of LCC, which states that some labour was incorrectly booked, however the scheme was still within budget. In terms of design fees, they have informed us that under the town and country planning act 1990 the County Council are able to require sums to mitigate the impacts of developments and may recover all costs of doing so in relation to the undertakings of the S106 agreement. RESOLVED that Cllrs Merry Howe, Malpus and the Clerk make any further enquiries with LCC and Charnwood as they feel necessary.
- 17/105 **Update re the free First Aid training offered to residents**
 Following our advert in the Long Furrow Magazine, noticeboards and local shops, we have received 19 enquiries regarding free first aid training. For 36 residents ie 3 courses of 12 the cost would be £350.00 For 12 people the cost is £225
 RESOLVED that we work with Wreake Valley School who are fundraising for a defibrillator, and who have contacted various charities regarding training. We will inform the 19 applications that we are deferring any training until Summer 18 when we may have the defibrillator installed.
- 17/106 **Update re Sims Public House**
 The Clerk advised the Council that, Cllr Merry Howe, Cllrs Malpus, Cllr Preston and the Council had all received replies, which were very similar.
 "The publican still has the lease and is responsible for the maintenance. The Regional Manager will discuss our concerns with the publican and advise him to carry out the required maintenance works. Furthermore, he will be asking his property surveyor to visit the site and inspect the progress of such works. Some of these letters were received in August. However, the Council has written to Enterprise inns on 5th June and 4th July and little has been done to improve the appearance of the area to date other than a small amount removed from the overhanging tree. RESOLVED that we

follow up our initial letters asking if the property surveyor has visited to inspect the progress of any works.

- 17/107 **To discuss litter bins on the new bus shelters on Melton Road**
On 19th July Charnwood informed the office that the bus shelters do not score highly enough in accordance with their litterbin policy to install any bins.
On 20th July the Clerk wrote to our Borough Councillor to ask her to obtain more information regarding this, ie why the score was so low, and where are the nearest Charnwood litterbins for this new development.
Currently all our village bus shelters have bins, which have been provided by, and are emptied by Charnwood Borough Council.
Cllr Gerrard advised the Council that we have been offered one litterbin free of charge although she is negotiating for two. RESOLVED that the free litterbin be placed on the bus shelter, which heads towards Leicester. The Clerk asked Sue when this had been agreed and asked to see any letters, which offer the litterbin free of charge.
- 17/108 **To consider/approve the update Financial Regulations**
The new financial regulations were given to all Councillors and had been worked through by the Clerk and the Vice Chairman.
RESOLVED to approve the new Financial Regulations.
- 17/109 **To consider cutting the playing field hedge (top and sides)**
Our mowing contractor has confirmed that to cut the playing field hedge this year, the price would be £250 + vat. RESOLVED to ask that this work be carried out.
- 17/110 **Maintenance**
The village sign requires weed killing and the weeds removing.
- 17/111 **Items approved for expenditure**
Risk Assessments, Council insurance policy, playing field hedge
- 17/112 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
Cllr Gerrard informed the Council of a new app, which informs your contacts if you are in distress and your location.

Cllr Preston said that he had visited a resident regarding loose grass cuttings from the Mound who was happy with our response.

The Chairman informed everyone present that due to a change in her work and personal life she found it very difficult to give time to fulfill the duties of the Chairman and it was with great sadness that she will be resigning with immediate effect from the Chairmanship duties. She will however, remain as a Councillor. The Vice Chairman and Clerk thanked Cllr Lander for all her hard work as Chairman since winter 2014 when she helped the Council through some difficult times.

Cllr Poland was now present. The Chairman introduced herself, and stated that she had many frustrations with our Borough Councillor and the constant problems she has with her computer, which leads to her not carrying out her duties. Cllr Poland said that if our council has issues with our Borough Councillor, he would try to help where possible.
- 17/113 **To consider a 25-year service award for our Clerk.**
The Clerk and Vice Chairman left the room whilst the council discussed this matter. RESOLVED that an event be arranged and funds are used from the Chairman's Allowance.

Date of next Meeting:
Wednesday October 11th 2017
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

L. Pizer
7th September 2017