

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr John Malpus (Chair) Ms Sally Lander
Mrs Sue Gerrard Mrs Laurie Needham
Ms Cathy Duffy Mr Mehmet Gonulalan
Mr Kevin Preston Cllr James Poland
1 Member of the public

- 17/141 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**
One resident joined the meeting part way through and asked if the Council were commenting on the parliamentary boundary changes.
- 17/142 **Matters arising from the Police**
A report was received from PCSO Geeson and emailed to all Councillors. During October there were 3 crimes reported in East Goscote. PCSO Geeson reported that by the end of November he will be moving on to Loughborough.
- 17/143 **Apologies for Absence:** Approved written apologies received from Mr Roger Merry-Howe, Mrs Elaine Garner, and Mrs Lisa Castle.
- 17/144 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow and Christmas event, Cllr Needham regarding the Library, Cllr Duffy regarding the village hall.
- 17/145 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.10)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 17/146 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- Wreake Valley way – a talk is being held at the Library on 6th December at 6pm.
 - Cllr Malpus has written on 14th October to Enterprise Inns to get the update regarding Sims public house, no response to date.
 - Long Furrow magazine – it was previously reported the cost to print an 8 page greyscale publication was £100 - the actual cost was £293. Cllr Malpus apologised for giving this incorrect information.
 - Hedging plants will be planted to replace the failed ones alongside the mound during week commencing 13th November. The total cost was £81.00
 - Public funds raised at the village Chemist for a village defibrillator. Cllr Gerrard stated that she has taken legal advice and the Council cannot give the money to Wreake Valley for their defibrillator project without the permission of Cllr Gerrard who organised the raffle. The council will return the £100 funds raised to Cllr Gerrard.
 - Cllr Duffy said that although she was appointed as the Parish Representative on the Member Conduct Committee, the Charnwood Full Council voted against her appointment due to the fact that she was previously a BNP member. An article featured in the Loughborough Echo detailing the vote (16 for, 23 against, 4 abstentions and 10 Councillors absent) Cllr Duffy felt that the decision not to appoint her – given the fact that she left the BNP party in 2015 was completely wrong and biased.

17/147 **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Poland confirmed that he had written to the highways department to ask for signs indicating the way to the village centre on Broome Lane. He said there were no major upheavals from the County point of view and had nothing to report. There were no questions.

17/148 **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Gerrard read out her report which stated that she had to withdraw her call in for 25 Huntsmans Dale and 6 Broomfield; the reason for the withdrawal is that they both have passed the planners specifications. Cllr Gerrard was told that there were no grounds for an objection to be raised.

The waste bin on the bus shelter on Melton Road will be emptied by Charnwood Borough Council.

Sims – Cllr Gerrard has not had a response from Jelsons although has asked our MP Ed Argar to write to Jelsons and Enterprise Inns.

Grass cuttings on the Chase and surrounding areas – Cllr Gerrard has arranged for Charnwood to clean up the mess.

Q – Re 6 Broomfield, this application was previously refused for a whole list of reasons. Only one minor change has been met with the reduction in the height of the roof – so how can the specifications have been met? The Chairman asked when the call in was withdrawn? Cllr Gerrard confirmed that she withdrew it yesterday 07.11.17 on the officers say so, as “it has all been passed”. Cllr Poland suggested that Cllr Gerrard would have seen a report and made her decision to withdraw relating to this. Cllr Gerrard said she had not received a report.

The Chairman asked Cllr Gerrard to re-instate her call in and ask the planning committee to consider this application based on our written objections. The Chairman noted that Cllr Gerrard was an acquaintance of the resident whose application it is, and said that he would like her support of the Parish Councils decision, along with many residents who have complained to him about this building. Should this not be presented to the planning committee, we would like a full explanation from the planning officer as to how all the previous reasons for refusal by the Borough Council have been met – this was a refusal which was at the enforcement stage.

Q. The Chairman read out an email which was sent to Cllr Gerrard by the Clerk on 17th October relating to outstanding work. Cllr Gerrard did not respond nor include any of the items in her report.

Q. Could you hold monthly surgeries for residents to contact you or visit you with any issues? Cllr Gerrard said that she did hold surgeries every second Saturday of the month at the White Slice bakery. Cllr Needham asked if this was advertised, and the reply was “only by word of mouth which works”. The Clerk said clearly this was not working, as no one in the room knew about it and certainly the Clerk should be made aware. She asked Cllr Gerrard to produce some posters which could be placed on village noticeboards. The Chairman asked how any discussions were held in confidence? Cllr Gerrard said that she went outside in the shopping precinct. He suggested that she could move her surgeries to the Library which has a private room and is open on Saturday mornings.

17/149 **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –Next meeting 23rd November 2017. We have been shortlisted for fundraising in Tesco stores throughout November and December where you are given tokens to put into a box. The three projects with the most tokens in the region are awarded funding.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Duffy will carry out playground checks for November.

LONG FURROW –The latest edition is now on line and has been delivered to residents. No editor has come forward yet and we are regularly putting out details on the parish app.

TREES – Mr Webbon visited the office with his report. We are awaiting a quote to remove a dead tree on Lilac Way.

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 12 months amounted to 3968 (3977 previous data). App downloads now stands at 577 (571 last month)

CHRISTMAS EVENTS;

a)Santa (8th Dec) – Sticker books have now been delivered to the library for Santa to give out to the children.

b)Afternoon Tea/Sing-along (16th Dec) – was advertising in the Long Furrow and tickets are available to collect from the Library. As of today's date there has been a few applications. The closing date for applications to attend the Elderly Christmas Event is 30th November.

c) Christmas Tree Festival (8/9 Dec) – Cllr Gerrard will arrange to decorate a tree in the Church on behalf of the Council, this year's theme is "The Nativity Story".

d) Tree lights – Are hopefully going to be installed on 2nd December subject to LCC approving our licence.

DEFIBRILLATOR- No update - this will not be included on an agenda until February.

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Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3965.98 for November.

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Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- LCC Snow Warden scheme – agreed to continue participating in this scheme
- Precept – form to be completed and signed off by 16th January. Councillors were asked if they have any ideas/projects to write to the Clerk with their suggestions by 16th November.
- Mayors carol service – 20th December in Loughborough
- EG Library – request to install a noticeboard on the fence of the village green play area. Councillors to look at the suggested site and discuss at our next meeting.
- Graffiti on the back of the pavilion – photograph shown to Councillors – we will paint over in the spring when the paint will dry.
- Wicksteed are offering 25% match funding for play equipment – future agenda.

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Planning Matters

a)**Planning Training for Councillors.** The Clerk advised the council that Charnwood Borough Council are offering free training on various planning topics in January, possibly at Anstey on 15th or 24th January for 2-3 hours. Topics will include Material considerations, Section 106, Strategic Planning and Development Management. They are asking for an idea of the numbers who may wish to attend. A total of 5 places were requested if the training goes ahead on those dates.

- 17/153 **Proposed Boundary Changes.**
The Chairman confirmed that the review of Parliamentary constituencies in England is underway with a final report expected in September 2018. Within the proposals, East Goscote is moving to the Rutland and Melton County constituency. The closing date for comment is 11th December 2017, the Chairman asked Councillors to make comments individually. Our County Councillor has said that we would remain in Charnwood Borough Council for our services.
- 17/154 **To discuss the Risk Assessments for street furniture/pavilion/office.**
The Risk Assessments are being completed by Essential Safety Solutions. Councillors will receive a summary of actions resulting from the inspections. Next agenda
- 17/155 **Valuation of the Sport Pavilion and Village Hall**
To ensure that our insurance cover is adequate, we have had a professional valuation of the sports pavilion and village hall. The Clerk confirmed that currently the village hall is insured for £305,289 and the sports pavilion is covered for £176,970. The report suggests that our cover should be £360k for the hall (which is due to be renewed in December 2017 by the Management committee) and £180k for the pavilion, which is within 15% of the value insured so no change is necessary.
- 17/156 **To consider closing the tennis courts over the winter and removing the net**
The Chairman suggested that as the use of the Court was very much weather dependant, both for safety reasons and to protect the surface of the court. It would be wise to delegate any decision to close the court to the Caretaker and Clerk. RESOLVED that delegated powers be given to allow the court to be closed when necessary. The Clerk will ensure that the terms and conditions of use include information re possible closure.
a) Maintenance of the court - The court was installed in June 2015 and the installer suggests that it is maintained annually by means of a pressure wash to the surface and application of moss killer. A quote for a single year has been received and is £450 per clean and £180 for moss killer. However for a 5 year contract the cost would reduce to £350 per clean and £130 per moss kill. The clerk has written to ask if this cost can be met from the Section 106 available funding. If not, it would mean including this annual maintenance work into our precept to keep the court at it's best. We have a contingency budget available for works to go ahead next spring. RESOLVED that subject to having a water supply available, in principle we would agree to enter into a 5 year cleaning contract.
- 17/157 **To consider a new Media policy**
All Councillors were in receipt of a draft policy which the Chairman and Clerk had worked on. There was one suggested change to point number 14 which was agreed. The new policy was signed and approved by the Council.
- 17/158 **Lease update with Charnwood Borough Council/Scout Group**
Our Solicitor wrote to Charnwood on 26th September with amendments she was suggesting in the lease. At 1st November she has been advised that they are still reviewing the lease at Charnwood.
- 17/159 **Data Protection Officer and Data Protection Training January 2018**
The Clerk confirmed that the Data Protection act is changing from 25th May 2018. To prepare for the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) there is a booklet "12 steps to take now". The LRALC, at a recent briefing, suggested that they may employ a Data Protection specialist service that we could buy into, as, a lot of clerks will not have the knowledge to become the Data Protection Officer. There is a training course on 31st January 6pm-9pm at a cost of £35 per delegate. The Clerk has asked if the council would approve for her to go on this course. RESOLVED that the Clerk attend

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this course.

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Maintenance

All sheets were issued for completion by Councillors – Cllr Gerrard and Needham gave in their completed forms.

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Items approved for Expenditure

Tennis Court Maintenance, Data protection training,

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Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman

Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman advised that he cannot attend, so our Vice-Chairman Cllr Duffy will attend to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Lander said that the Long Furrow article which relates to her resignation was slightly misleading. She felt that it should have stated that although she resigned her Chairman's duties due to work commitments, she did in fact remain as a Parish Councillor and is still serving the village. The Chairman said that if another edition is published he will include an article along with an apology on behalf of the Parish Council for misleading the public.

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13th 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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