

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr J Malpus(Chair) Mrs E Garner
Mr R Merry-Howe Mr M Gonulalan
Mrs L Needham Mrs C Duffy
Ms L Pizer Mrs C Taylor
1 Member of the Public Martin Webbon (Tree warden)

17/205 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**

The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public. The member of public present said that he thought it was a good idea to get the speed-watch scheme up and running again this year.

He also stated that he had read a notice from our Borough Councillor in the “cob shop” and could not believe that surgeries were being held there. He felt that it was an absolute disgrace that the Conservative party would allow their representative to discuss matters with residents in a “cob shop”. He also stated that our MP Mr Argar was joining Cllr Gerrard for a visit to the village. Would this be held in the “cob shop” as well?

The Chairman stated that we had offered Cllr Gerrard the Library to use free of charge which had a private room for discussions, but this was declined. The resident agreed to formally write in with this complaint, which will be forwarded to Mr Argar to ask the question if he intends to use this facility as well.

17/206 **Matters arising from the police**

The Police have sent in apologies but had informed the Council that there have been 2 crimes in the last 28 days.

17/207 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Poland, Mrs S Gerrard, Mrs L Castle Ms S Lander, Cllr Preston and the Police submitted their apologies

17/208 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus regarding the Library and the Long Furrow. Cllr Needham regarding the Library, and Cllr Duffy regarding the Village hall.

17/209 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.01)**

The minutes held on 10th January 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

17/210 **Matters arising from the minutes**

17/188 – Cyber Crime Event – LN will contact the police to arrange this event in the Library.

17/169 – Cllr Gerrard still has not given the Clerk any posters regarding her surgeries to put in the village noticeboards.

17/201 – The caretaker has done some work to alleviate the problem of water at the village green play area gate, although Cllr Needham felt we still need to address the problem of the muddy areas either side of the gate.

17/193 – The January playground checks were completed and forms handed in.

17/203 – Rearsby Roses plan, it is believed the condition to provide a “flood pond” was discharged and the area of the development was reduced.

17/211 **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Gerrard was absent but had issued a written report to Councillors.

17/212 **Reports from Reps on other Committees:**

VHMC – Next Meeting February 22nd 2018. Cllr Duffy informed the Council that Tesco’s awarded us £1000 towards the roof fund.

Pavilion and Playing fields - A Pavilion check will be undertaken in due course.

The Clerk and Caretaker will carry out a playground check by the end of Feb. It was noted that we have a problem with dog fouling on the playing fields at the moment.

Long Furrow – The latest edition is on line and some copies are in the Library, the shop and St Hilda’s Church.

NHood Watch – No report.

Trees – no problems found, although we will check the area on Broome Avenue (small green area) where branches are being dumped. The dead sapling was removed from the area adjacent to the industrial estate.

Parish App/Website Latest Figures –Website page views over the last 12 months amounted to 3960 (3734 previous) App downloads stands at 608 (597 previous) The Clerk informed the Council that our supplier has offered us a “webapp” free of charge. We will be looking at this and its benefits. So we will have our website, our app, and then the app will also be available as a website. Our app was advertised in the Friday Flyer to all parents of Broomfield School.

17/213 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4463.32 for February.

17/214 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- Strategic Growth Plan for Leics – Consultation until April 5th
- CPRE are holding an event to discuss their concerns regarding the Strategic Growth Plan on February 20th. Cllrs could not attend although our tree warden said he would like to go.
- Flood Plan update
- Information re the new External Auditor
- Free home energy assessments – possibly a visit to the Library
- Data Protection – Caroline Taylor attended training and comprehensive notes have been produced. LRALC guidance is that the Clerk should not be the Data Controller although we are awaiting further information from NALC along with a toolkit.
- Letter from resident regarding parking on footpaths in Squirrels Corner – we will ask if the resident wishes her complaint to be forwarded to the police.

17/215 **Planning Matters**

P/18/0003/2 – Two storey Extension to front and rear of property at 17 Broome Avenue – only 3 Councillors responded so the Clerk did not submit any comments.

P17/1569/2 - 6 Broomfield – Planning permission for amended application. Works to be carried out by the end of February or enforcement proceedings will start.

- 17/216 **Update re the Charnwood/Scout Lease**
The solicitor has now confirmed that Charnwood have agreed to most of our suggested amendments. A final copy of the lease has been sent to the working party and it was RESOLVED to give the working party (Cllr Malpus, Merry Howe and the Clerk) delegated powers to sign off the lease. The solicitor can then work on providing a new lease to the Scout group.
- 17/217 **Clerks nomination to attend the Royal Garden Party.**
The clerk was nominated by Councillors to the LRALC to be awarded the honour of attending the Queens Garden Party. This nomination was successful and the Clerk has been invited to attend on Thursday 31st May.
It is a condition that she takes a guest with her. RESOLVED that the clerk be awarded expenses to cover the travel costs, for the day, for her and her guest. The Clerk thanked the Council for their nomination.
- 17/218 **Review of Hire Charges April 18 – April 19**
All Councillors were given details of current hire charges. It was RESOLVED that the hire charges would increase slightly for the forthcoming season.
- 17/219 **Budget (Expenditure) Update**
The Clerk presented all Councillors with month by month expenditure figures and variance within the budget.

Cllr Duffy said that the library was celebrating their two year anniversary in June. As we only used a small amount of the budget for the Elderly Christmas event run by the Library, she suggested that we make a donation to offer an event for the 26 volunteers who help to keep the library going. Cllr Malpus and Needham declared their interest at this point and took no part in the discussion. It was RESOLVED that we vire £150 from the “Xmas project” budget into the “library budget”. A donation of £150 was agreed in principle; however this will be ratified at the next meeting.
The Council approved the latest expenditure details. Cllr Merry-Howe noted the underspend and suggested that we may increase our donation to the Village Hall Roof – This will be discussed at our next meeting.
- 17/220 **To discuss the Speed-watch scheme and decide if we wish to take part.**
All Councillors were in receipt of details of how we take part in this year’s speed-watch scheme. We require a Speed-watch co-ordinator who would collate the information and send to the Police (daily) and a minimum of 6 volunteers to operate and deliver the scheme. All volunteers must also undertake training. The scheme will have duration of 2 weeks. It was resolved to appoint Cllr Merry Howe as our co-ordinator and a list of 10 volunteers was approved. The Clerk will inform LCC that we wish to be considered to take part in the 2018 scheme. It was agreed that we would also seek further volunteers by means of asking for members of the public to help via our Parish App and “Spotted East Goscote”.
- 17/221 **To arrange a staffing committee meeting to Review Salaries.**
It was agreed that the staffing committee would meet on Thursday, March 8th at 2pm.

17/222 **Maintenance**

17/223 **Items approved for expenditure**

Proposed Accounts, Clerks travel expenses for the Queens Garden Party.

17/224 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**

Cllr Needham said that in our County Councillors report it informed us of an Early Years consultation. The proposal is to close many “Sure Start Centres” and to streamline young people’s services. The consultation ends on 22nd April and Cllr Needham urged our members to take a look at this. She agreed to send the link to all Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

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