

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, April 12th 2017 at 7.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr S Lander	Cllr R Merry Howe
Cllr S Gerrard	Cllr E Garner
Cllr L Castle	Cllr M Gonulalan
Cllr K Preston	Cllr C Duffy
Cllr D Houseman	PCSO B Geeson
1 Member of the public	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was the forum for village issues and was not a Parish Council meeting; however, any questions may be dealt with at a future meeting, and would not be debated at this meeting. Any personal matters or complaints should be put to the council in writing. All Councillors present were available to listen to any issues that residents may wish to bring to their attention.

- 17/001 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr L Needham, Cllr J Malpus
- 17/002 **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 13th 2016 were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.
- 17/003 **Matters arising from the minutes:**
None
- 17/004 **Matters arising from the Police**
Annual figures were extracted by the Clerk from the website UK Crime Stats which gave a breakdown of offences and a total number of 92 crimes at East Goscote for the period Feb 16 – Jan 17. There were 115 for the previous 12 months (Feb 15 – Jan 16). PCSO Geeson submitted his personal report which included information regarding burglary, vehicle crime, changes to how police record crime, and details of our local beat officers. He thanked Cllr Preston for his hard work in setting up the Neighbourhood Watch for the Rearsby Roses development, Cllr Malpus for providing the opportunity to hold “Meet and Greet” the police in the Library, to the office staff and the Councillors.
PCSO Geeson informed the meeting that a previous spate of vehicle crime was admitted by 4 people and it will be going to Crown Court.
Q. How does crime at East Goscote compare to other local villages.
A. In terms of burglaries there are a fair amount of burglaries in Rearsby as well. In some villages crime is non-existent. There is more crime in East Goscote, than Queniborough and the surrounding smaller villages because it is a larger village.
- 17/005 **Chairman’s Report**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
She had produced a written report included in everyone’s papers.
Some of the issues covered were:-
 - Council and Staff
 - Planning
 - The cost of vandalism – this year amounted to £100.00
 - Dog Fouling
 - The Village Hall

- East Goscote Library
- The Parish Phone App
- The big lottery grant for fitness equipment
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Next year's projects

The Chairman paid tribute to: Dave Houseman for all his work as our County Councillor and wished him well in his retirement, Sue Gerrard for representing us on the Borough Council, and her Vice Chairman John Malpus. She also thanked the Council staff team for all their hard work this year.

She also wished to thank East Goscote Library for hosting the Christmas celebrations. Finally she thanked the people of East Goscote for their support to ensure that our village continues to flourish.

17/006

Finance report

The annual report was issued to everyone present, along with information about the precept. The 2017/18 budget would be £83,150.00 with the precept at £58,330. This equated to a cost of £62.91 for a band D property which is a 5.3% increase on last year.

Projects for 2017/18 include a donation towards the replacement of the village hall roof, continued support for the library and hopefully an event at Christmas for the elderly.

There were no questions.

17/007

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Gerrard read out her report as copies were not available owing to the lateness of the submission of the report.

The report contained information relating to:-

- Rearsby Roses
- Neighbourhood Plans
- The Watermead Regeneration Corridor
- Loughborough Science Park

Cllr Gerrard said that she had received a lot of calls from residents regarding the installation of Virgin Cables around the village with the majority of complaints about being dealt with in an inappropriate manner by the contractors. Cllr Gerrard is waiting for an email from Virgin, and will list all the complaints in an email to them.

Q. What have been your main achievements this past year, and what do you hope to achieve for the village next year ?

A. "I have helped a lot of families, I keep checking on everything at East Goscote, but nothing has really gone on."

Q. What progress have you made regarding the Pavilion refurbishment since your meeting with the sports council on 1st Feb?

A. "I have another meeting to get more information re funding". Cllr Gerrard has made no progress regarding the action plan discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

Q. Why didn't we receive your written annual report with the agenda and other reports?

A. Because I had caring responsibilities.

One Councillor said that at most meetings, for the last two years on a regular basis, Cllr Gerrard had given garbled excuses as to why she has not done things requested of her. Her reports are poor and largely irrelevant despite her being presented with a suggested format to help her construct a more pertinent report (which she refused to use). The Councillor felt that Cllr Gerrard was totally ineffective and inefficient and that she should ask herself whether she represented value for money for this village. The above statement was seconded by another Councillor present who also stated that she was being paid for achieving nothing on our village. Cllr Gerrard said that the LRALC felt that she did a good job.

17/008

County Councillor's Report

A written report was issued to everyone present.

The report contained information relating to: Funding, Learning disabilities – helping those to get back into employment, Hospital delayed transfers, Results from the annual survey of Adult Social Care users, and the Healthwatch Summer Survey 2016.

Cllr Houseman also said that his highlights were: installing more dropped kerbs around the village, getting gritting of the Long Furrow re-instated, additional street lighting and the installation of traffic lights on Craftsmans Way before the industrial estate was developed.

Cllr Houseman stated that he was retiring in May and said it had been a real privilege to be the County Councillor for the Syston Fosse Division. He thanked the Council Staff, all Councillors, the police and the village residents for their support.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Houseman for his report and said that he had done an amazing job - he received a round of applause for all his hard work.

Q. When do you officially retire?

A. "Between 4th and 8th May."

Q. Have you been contacted by any residents regarding Virgin media?

A. "Yes I have received 3 complaints".

Q. Do LCC receive any payment for allowing Virgin to put the cables in the roads, footpaths and on grassed areas?

A. "No payment is received – they do have to put the footpaths back to their original condition."

17/009

Matters arising by permission of the Chairman

Q. Can the disabled parking space and hatched area be re-instated in the Merchants Common Car park ?

A. This belongs to Jelson who did give us permission in the past to do this work. We will discuss this on our next available agenda.

Q. The football teams continue to park in front of driveways on Huntsman's Dale on Saturday mornings. There is a lot of animosity between football parents and the residents.

A. The clerk has spoken to the club however will put this complaint in writing once again.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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