

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr J Malpus (Chair) Mr M Gonulalan
Mr R Merry Howe Mrs S Gerrard
Mr K Preston Mrs L Needham
Mrs C Duffy Mrs E Garner

Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant) 4 Members of the Public
Mr Webbon (Tree Warden) Pc Bailey (852) and PC Waft (130)

17/225

Matters arising from the Public

4 Members of the “Keep East Goscote Green” group attended and spoke to the Council regarding the public consultation and their concerns.

Their observations have shown that Gladman’s tactics have been extremely underhanded in the way they have operated ie Short notice/small number of houses leafleted/newspaper announcement the day after the consultation.

The group has set up a facebook account (378 members in just a few days) and now have a dedicated website.

Members of the group polled many attendees and it became clear that the large majority were objecting to the plans.

The group’s areas of concern were noted and they asked that the council support the village with these concerns. They believe that there is not a need for these homes to be built in the area and that they would be built purely for greed not need.

The Chairman thanked the members for their comments and asked that the Clerk put a link to this new website on our Parish Council website. He said this issue will be discussed under “planning matters” later in the meeting.

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Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Harburt would like to continue to hold “beat surgeries” in the library and his next suggested date is April 4th between 10am and 11am. PC’s Waft and Bailey attended the meeting and reported that there had been 2 crimes. The Chairman asked if action had been taken to remove the “cones” on Wayfarer Drive.

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Apologies for Absence: Mrs S Lander (work commitments) and Mrs L Castle (family commitments). Both apologies were accepted by the Council

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Declarations of Interest: Cllr Malpus and Cllr Needham Re Library (Other personal interests), Cllr Malpus re the Long Furrow Magazine, Cllr Preston and Gonulalan (prejudicial) regarding the proposed development by Gladman Land. Cllr Gerrard (prejudicial) regarding the library volunteer event, Cllr Duffy (other personal interests) re the Village Hall Grant.

17/229

To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.02)

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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Matters arising from the minutes

17/205 – Resident received a reply from Mr Argar who advised that he felt it was acceptable to hold the surgeries in the White Slice.

17/214 – Resident complaint re parking on footpaths has now been resolved.

17/214 – Data protection toolkit – The staffing committee have started to discuss the effects of the new regulations, and a further meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd March at 1pm, Caroline Taylor will be invited to this, as she attended the training recently.
17/188 – Cyber Crime event – to be held in May in the Library – Date to be rearranged.

17/231

County Councillors Report

Cllr Poland reported on the following:-

- LED street lighting – this project to upgrade the County street lights to energy saving LED's is almost complete. The new lights are expected to save around £2million per annum.
- Road Gritting – the workforce has been out 96 times covering 115,000 miles of road. To date 1256 night runs have been carried out which is a 41% increase on last year.
- Cllr Poland has requested information on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the construction of the Rearsby Bypass.
- Cllr Poland stated that he was in support of the “Keep East Goscote Green” group, and will support the Parish Council.

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Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Gerrard said that she was dealing with the following issues: Lighting issues, litter, Speeding on Melton Road, Sims, and that she was meeting a lady to learn about Bats nesting. She said that David McGrath from Charnwood felt that using the White Slice for her surgeries was a great idea. MP Ed Argar will be producing posters for Cllr Gerrard.

The Chairman and Clerk said that they felt the White Slice was not appropriate as there were no areas for Private conversations, nor tables and chairs to make notes, read paperwork etc. The Library has a private room. Cllr Gerrard replied that the residents want to use the White Slice.

Cllr Gerrard will also be supporting the “Keep East Goscote Green” group and the Parish Council and confirmed that when the application is submitted that she will “call it in”.

17/233

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr Duffy confirmed that a meeting was held on 22nd Feb.

- PAT testing was carried out on 19th January
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2017 was £1592.94
- The committee have agreed that the roof works will commence on July 30th.
- The committee has applied for a climate change grant for new LED lighting throughout the hall and office.
- The hire agreements and terms of letting have been reviewed.
- Next meeting 26th April

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: -

The pavilion check will be completed by L Pizer and C Cadle.
Playground checks will be completed professionally in March.

LONG FURROW – Our Annual Meeting agenda was in the Feb edition of the Long Furrow to inform residents. Deadline for the next edition is April 15th. 150 copies will again be produced for distribution and it will be available online.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES –There is a small amount of tree debris to the rear of Broome Avenue and the Meadows. The tree warden said he did see a Leics County Council van with trees loaded on to it, pull up at our Playing Fields, but as they had no access they left.

LIBRARY - Cllr Malpus said the AGM was on 16th May at 6.30pm and everyone was welcome.

PARISH APP/WEBSITE – Total app downloads amounted to 620 (608)
Website page views over the last 12 months amounted to 4217 (3960 previous)

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Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £14,397.66

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Correspondence

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

- Council tax base for East Goscote is 933.9 which means that the 18/19 band D cost to our residents equates to £60.56 per household for the parish cost, This is a 3.7% decrease on last year (£62.91) The full Council tax costings were noted and for a band D property the cost will be £1684.19 which is an increase of £86.74 on last year,
- Charnwood Planning – enforcement plan – consultation ends March 23rd.
- Library request for Donation – May agenda
- Scout group – request to hire playing fields – Saturday June 10th for fete
- Outline Planning for 150 houses at Queniborough – Library/doctors informed
- Guidance on “Marking the death of a Senior National Figure.
- Scouts Septic tank – problems advised by D and M Tankers – to be discussed at next Scout committee meeting and our May agenda.

17/236

Planning Matters

P/18/0219/2 – 2 Brackendale – single storey extension to side and replacement flat roof to pitch roof of garage – No Objections

E/15/0594 – 6 Broomfield – Works to be completed by the end of March

P/18/0205/2 – 56 Huntsmans Dale, East Goscote – Concerns re other use of playroom/TV room and also driving across the grass to access this property. – The Clerk will liaise with Charnwood Planning. Otherwise no objections.

Gladman Land – Public consultation to build 300 houses, off Melton Road, East Goscote.

The Chairman first asked all Councillors how they felt about this proposed development. He said that the public exhibition was very well attended by a lot of concerned residents. It was RESOLVED that the Council were against this proposed development.

The Clerk issued Councillors with a suggested letter to Gladmans regarding the consultation process and the fact they felt it was badly managed, with little notice, and the representatives could not answer our resident queries. Also the advert in the Melton Times was after the event. All councillors read the letter and it was approved.

Gladmans have offered the Parish Council a private meeting on Tuesday 20th March or after the application has been submitted. It was agreed that we would hold the meeting after the submission in order to ask any further questions.

The Chairman asked that the clerk request the following information from Gladmans as soon as possible.

- a) Results of the traffic flow survey
- b) the analysis of the amenities and services
- c) the proposed measurements of the Country Park
- d) Notification of the date that they submit the application to Charnwood.

We are expecting the outline planning application to be submitted by the end of the month, when our formal response will be put forward. The Council agreed to work with various other organisations/groups i.e. CPRE/Keep East Goscote Green.

The Chairman said that we would call an emergency Parish Council meeting to formulate our response to this application within the consultation period.

The Chairman asked the Borough Councillor to establish how long it takes for Charnwood to notify the Parish Council once the application has been received.

17/237 **To approve Petty cash Payments**

Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £4.22 income £180.00 and expenditure of £104.32 Carry forward £79.90. RESOLVED that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.

17/238 **To consider the donation to the village hall for a replacement roof.**

Councillors were informed that the cost to replace the hall roof was between £20,000 and £33,000 depending on the condition of the roof when the panels are removed. To date, Charnwood have offered us £3,600 or if the cost is £33,000 then the grant will be increased to £10,000. Tesco (bags of help) have awarded the roof project £1,000. The hall has also been saving the money raised from the clothes bank for this project.

In this financial year the council had budgeted £7,500 for this project. RESOLVED that the invoice for £7,500 plus vat be paid as the first instalment as the donation from the Parish Council towards the new roof. The vat element will be claimed back.

17/239 **To consider a donation for a volunteer event at the Community Library**

At the full council meeting held in February it was suggested that we donate a small amount to the library towards an event for the volunteers to thank them for their support to the library over the past 2 years. RESOLVED that we donate a one off payment of £150 for a volunteer event.

17/240 **Feedback from the CPRE event re the Leics Strategic Growth Plan**

Mr Webbon our tree warden attended the above event on 20th February.

He informed the council of the possible effects of the growth plan for East Goscote.

Views are to be submitted by April 5th. It was RESOLVED that we ask if the CPRE have produced a template letter of concerns, if not, the Council will use the report from Mr Webbon to formulate a response. (Mr Webbon agreed to us using his report/letter) Cllr Needham will work with the Clerk to agree the letter on behalf of the Council.

17/241 **Playing field Lease – update from Charnwood/Scouts**

The Solicitor has sent her invoice for payment. The lease should hopefully be signed off by all parties by the end of March. The final cost exceeded the quoted £750 as the lease had many amendments. The solicitor has advised that she will be registering the lease with the land registry. Hopefully when this is signed off, we will be in a position to send off a proposed lease to the scout group.

- 17/242 **Community Speedwatch - update**
The Clerk confirmed that to date we have 15 people signed up to take part in this scheme. A date for the scheme has been agreed with LCC which is 08.09.18 to 21.09.18. Members all have to undertake training (approx. one hour) prior to carrying out any speed checks. This date is to be arranged in due course. Sites to carry out the speed checks have to be agreed and LCC will carry out risk assessments on these suggested sites. Cllr Merry Howe agreed to propose 4-5 sites to undertake speed checks for the Council to consider at their May meeting.
- 17/243 **Section 106 Update**
At a recent planning training course, we were advised that a deed of variation could be applied for to use the remaining funds on projects other than the Tennis Court. The Clerk has been speaking to David Wilson Homes to discuss the spending of the balance of the Section 106 funds from the Rearsby Roses site. David Wilson Homes have now replied in writing to state that they are happy for the Parish Council to re-allocate the remainder of the Open Spaces Contribution to an alternative use in the village. The clerk will copy this letter to Julie Robinson at Charnwood. This item will be included on a future agenda to discuss how the money can be spent. We have until July 2020 to spend the money.
- 17/244 **To consider the professional playground inspection.**
The inspection company has yet to carry out the inspections therefore it will be deferred to the May meeting.
- 17/245 **Staffing Committee Report**
Standing Order 18a was invoked – in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public were excluded from this part of the meeting.
- 17/246 **Maintenance**
Fence backing onto our land at the rear of the Doctors Surgery. It was agreed to send a letter to the resident whose fence has fallen onto our land and ask them to remove it.
- 17/247 **Items approved for expenditure.**
Petty Cash/Library donation/Village Hall Donation
- 17/248 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**
With regards to Clerk/Councillor communication it has been suggested that all Councillors have a Cllr.... Email address rather than communicating with their own personal addresses. Cllr Malpus and Duffy have already set this up using Gmail.
Cllr Needham informed the Councillors that various talks are being arranged at the Library every third Wednesday of the month. For March it is “Adventures in New Zealand” and for April it is “Leicestershire Archaeology”
Cllr Preston said that the speed on Broome Lane is 40mph when you drive onto Melton Road, this speed restriction then changes to 30mph but there are no signs to inform drivers of this. The Clerk will discuss this with James Poland our County Councillor.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm