

<b>EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL</b>
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Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr J Malpus (Chair)	Ms C Duffy
Mrs S Gerrard	Mrs H Measures
Ms L Needham	Mr M Webbon

Cllr J Poland  
members of the public

18/080 **Presentation to Sally Lander**

The Chair presented Ms Lander with a bouquet of flowers and a gift card to show the Council's appreciation of her work during her time on the Council and as Chair.

18/081 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**

A resident raised two concerns;

**1. The reduction in local recycling facilities**

It is not clear what is happening to the recycling banks behind the shops on Merchants Common. The Borough Councillor confirmed that the aluminum can banks will be removed. The paper recycling bin is very well used, and the contract is with Smurfitt Kappa. There are 2 charity clothing banks (Salvation Army in contract with the Village Hall). The resident believed that the PC could enter into a contract to keep the paper/cardboard bank. His concern is that there will be no support from Charnwood after the banks have been removed. There is a lot of fly-tipping behind the banks and there are currently 3 tyres. The Clerk will obtain facts in writing from Charnwood BC.

**2. Shire Grant application for a waste reduction project**

The resident would like to investigate producing a recycled shopping bag for East Goscote with some information in it about East Goscote for residents with the slogan "Greener Goscote" on it. He is happy to work on this. The deadline for a shire grant application is 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**RESOLVED** to consider submission at September's meeting.

18/082 **Apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Cllrs Preston, Gonulalan & Merry-Howe and the Police.

A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Garner dated 1<sup>st</sup> July. Councillors agreed to thank Cllr Garner for her 3-year service with a bouquet of flowers.

**To report any declarations of interest**

Cllr Malpus re library and Christmas Event, Cllr Needham re the library, Cllr Duffy re the Village Hall.

18/083 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (6<sup>th</sup> June)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

18/084 **Matters arising from 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Matters arising from 6<sup>th</sup> June meeting:

- 18/053 – Register of Members' Interest forms have been completed and returned to Charnwood BC

- 18/055 – Cllr Castle received her bouquet of flowers and was very grateful
- 18/058 – Cllr emails still under consideration
- 18/058 – the Chair explained that the Police has still not been seen to explain the rise in violence
- 18/029 – Coles have confirmed they will replant the tree free of charge
- 18/060 – 30 mph sign on Broome Lane – still not been done
- 18/062 – sticker books were ordered and have been given to the Library
- 18/064 – the Clerk has received information from Syston Town Council and will make a site visit later in the summer. Prices have been received for the Cemetery (East Goscote residents the fees x 4)
- 18/065 – a press release was issued, and an article appeared in the Leicester Mercury
- 18/072 – the bank signatory forms have been signed and taken were taken to the bank on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- 18/076 – the Social Action Youth Project started on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July and lasts for 2 weeks
- 18/077 – the trench has been filled in at Ploughmans Lea

18/085 **Matters arising from the Police**

None

18/086 **Reports from Reps on Other Committees Inc**

**VHMC** – The Chair reported as follows:

- Finances good
- Donated £25 to NCS project who have painted the hall
- Climate change grant has been approved for an energy audit
- Roof works will commence 31<sup>st</sup> July for approximately 2 weeks
- A full electrical inspection in October is planned
- Next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm.

**LONG FURROW** – John Malpus has written the parish council news for the July edition.

**PAV & PLAYING FIELD** – Playground checks to be completed by Cllr Needham.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** – nothing to be reported.

**TREES** – M Webbon reported that 1 ash tree near the Scout Hut is looking parched. Deadly nightshade is in plenty abundance around the village.

**LIBRARY** – nothing to report.

**CHRISTMAS EVENT** – see below.

**PARISH APP** – Total downloads were Android 241(237), Apple 437 (429). Total website page views (last 12 months) 4721(4568).

**SPEEDWATCH** – will take place between 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September. Cllr Merry-Howe is waiting for the training dates.

**SOCIAL ACTION YOUTH PROJECT** – For the last two weeks a group of 15 teenagers have been working on projects at the Pavilion, the Library and the Village Hall. They have put some flower beds in at the Pavilion and weeded and tidied up the bench near the Pavilion. They are painting and put in flower beds at the Library and they have

repainted the Village Hall inside and will do the handrails outside. They finish on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July with a community get together and walk around the village showing people what they have accomplished. Caroline Taylor will attend the closing ceremony on our behalf.

**LCC CONFERENCE** – M Webbon attended the Conference and sent a written report to councilors.

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting

18/087 **Proposed Accounts**

Accounts to the sum of £5300.00 were accepted by the Council.

18/088 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence was handed out to all Councillors present.

- Leics CC – proposals for a unitary authority. Cllr Poland updated the Council re this proposal and said this would be a topic for discussion for quite some time
- Leics CC – Parishes Liaison Event 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Changes to bus service 5/5a
- P/18/0205/2 – 56 Huntsmans Dale – appeal lodged
- Cllr resignation letter
- Resident letter regarding changes to dog bag scheme – response agreed
- Rearsby Roses – damaged road – letter to Housing Association. The Chair felt that the Council should get involved
- Recycling centers – publicising this and transition arrangements
- Shire recycling grants – consider submitting a “bag for life” scheme
- Training – it was agreed that provisional bookings would be made for Cllr Malpus to attend the Fire Safety training Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of £50 to be split between the Library and the Council. Councillor training for Cllr Webbon Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10-1 pm. This will be ratified at the next meeting
- Replacement notice board – quote received for £230 and agreed
- Long Furrow Accounts approximate balance £850.00

18/089 **Planning Matters**

- P/18/0205/2 – 56 Huntsmans Dale – appeal lodged
- P/18/1219/2 – 1 The Meadows – 2-storey side and rear extension – object to this planning application due to the size of the extension as it is out of character to the rest of the street and is over-dominant.
- Letter to Charnwood re Gladman’s application - a further letter was ratified (16<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

18/090 **Lease update between the Parish Council and Scouts**

There has been no more movement on this matter as the matter still rests with Charnwood BC’s Solicitor. The Solicitor dealing with this matter has left the council and so the matter has been brought to the Chief Executive’s attention. There is now someone at the council dealing with this matter.

18/091 **Budget Update (Apr May June)**

The Clerk gave a fully comprehensive spreadsheet to all Councillors listing expenditure to date, and the variance to budget. There were no questions and the update was approved by the Council.

18/092 **To Consider new/updates to policies**

Cllr Gonulalan has looked the policies below and has made amendments as follows;

**a) Complaints Policy**

All the changes have been accepted

**b) Disciplinary and Grievance**

Cllr Gonulalan is still working on this policy (next agenda)

**c) Health and Safety**

All the changes made have been accepted

18/093

**To consider a Christmas Project for the Elderly – J Malpus**

- The Council has a budget of £500 to offer a Christmas event for the elderly.
- There are several ideas for entertainment at the party for the elderly and this will be discussed at the Library Committee meeting in August.
- Last year 45 elderly residents attended.
- A date of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December was suggested.
- Further ideas/costings will be presented to Council in September (next agenda).
- The date for Santa is 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.00 pm.

18/094

**To arrange a Football Managers Meeting**

Cllr Merry-Howe and the Clerk will hold a meeting with all prospective football managers for the season commencing September 2018 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. Keys will be issued, and Terms and Conditions of Hire will be signed.

18/095

**To consider an upgrade to Lilac Way play area**

The Clerk presented 3 quotes from Wicksteed Leisure, Greyhound Leisure and Streetscape with associated pictures for a possible upgrade to Lilac Way. There is a budget of £8,000 for this area.

**RESOLVED** that Wicksteed Leisure be offered the job for upgrading the Lilac Way play area. Their quote also includes the repairing of the sunken area. The total cost will be £8,000.

18/096

**Section 106 – quotes for work – Jubilee Playing Fields**

There is an outstanding balance of approximately £7,700. Quotes were received to replace the Whirly Bird and other items. There some discussion around what should be replaced, and it was felt that a “zip wire” for the Mound would be worth investigating.

**RESOLVED** to defer the decision to the September meeting and investigate installing a “zip wire” at the Mound (3 quotes).

18/097

**Review of our Financial Regulations (Auditor Rec.)**

The Finance committee will meet to review the financial regulation and present any amendments to the full council in September.

18/098

**Review of our Records and Retention Policy**

The Clerk has created a new Policy based on NALC’s topic note (LTN40), however, this topic note is due to be reviewed. The question was asked if the Council wanted to adopt the new policy as it stands or to wait for the update from NALC.

**RESOLVED** to wait until NALC update their topic note.

18/099

**To consider purchasing poppies for Lamp posts**

With the WWI 100-year anniversary and Remembrance Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> November, it was agreed the Council would purchase 40 lamp-post poppies at a cost of £3 each to be placed around the village.

**RESOLVED** to purchase 40 lamp-post poppies at a total cost of £120.

- 18/100     **Donation to Friendship Club**  
A letter has been received asking the Parish Council for a donation towards the running of the Friendship Club. A copy of the letter was issued to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED** to donate £100 to the Friendship Club this year.
- 18/101     **CCTV – costs to upgrade system and policy required under new GDPR**  
The Clerk issued the Councillors with a draft policy.  
**RESOLVED** that this will be adopted.
- The present CCTV system was discussed and whether it was fit for purpose.  
**RESOLVED** to investigate the whole CCTV system and the costs involved. Bring to the September meeting.
- 18/102     **Review of Committee Membership following co-option of new Councillors**  
The Councillors reviewed the committee membership.  
**RESOLVED** to change the Long Furrow Rep to Cllr Measures.
- 18/103     **Discussion re “Councillor” retirement/leaving gift guidelines/policy**  
At present there are no guidelines around retirement or leaving gifts. Anything given comes out of the Chair’s allowance. It was proposed that the following guidelines be adopted;
- Less than 2 years – receive nothing  
2 – 4 years £25 gift  
4 – 8 years £50 gift  
Over 8 years – to be discussed at the time as to what would be appropriate  
Special provision would be provided to retiring chairs at the time of their retirement
- RESOLVED** to draw up guidelines to this effect
- 18/104     **Maintenance**  
Noticeboard for front of village  
Bus shelter on Melton Road/Broome Avenue – needs replacing  
Pathway between The Meadows and Broome Avenue – cutting back the edges
- 18/105     **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Notice Board - £230  
Donation to the Friendship Club - £100  
Lilac Way playground improvements - £8,000  
Lamp-post poppies - £120
- 18/106     **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**  
The August accounts will be checked and signed by members of the Finance Committee and presented to the September meeting.

Date of next Meeting: **September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 in the Village Hall**

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

C Taylor  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2018