

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Mr John Malpus (Chair)
Mr Keith Gregory Mrs Laurie Needham
Mr Martin Webbon Mr Mehmet Gonulalan
Mr Roger Merry-Howe Mrs Cathy Duffy
Mrs Sue Gerrard Mr Kevin Preston
Mr J Poland Mr Cannon (Recycling)

18/135 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

18/136 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs C Taylor, PCSO Harburt
A letter of resignation has been received from Mrs Helen Measures due to work commitments. Helen joined the council in June 2018 and stated she has thoroughly enjoyed her time as a Councillor.

18/137 **To report any declarations of interest:** Mr Malpus re the library, Long Furrow Mrs Duffy regarding the Village Hall, Mrs Needham regarding the Library,

18/138 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.09)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

18/139 **Matters arising from the minutes**

18/112 – Lilac Way play equipment has been installed.

18/118 – The clerk will apply for a seasonal decorations licence once we have agreed the contractor.

18/125 – Lingdale Lodge – hedge still not cut back

18/130 – Councillor Email – GDPR compliance – Cllrs Gerrard, Gregory and Gonulalan still to sign and return the form to the office.

18/118 – Broomfield Primary School – request for a donation – we have had clarified that unfortunately we are unable to help with a donation.

18/140 **Matters arising from the Police**

PCSO Harburt sent an email with the latest crime figures. Between 01.07.18 and 30.09.18 there were 2 x burglaries, 2 x vehicle crime and 1 x theft.

18/141 **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Poland discussed the Local government re-organisation with Councillors. A new report sets out drivers and options for re-shaping local government in Leicestershire. The report will be considered by cabinet on 16th October. The report states a single council would save £30m a year or a 2 council option would save £18m per year. The county council has saved £200m since 2010 and needs to save another £50m by 2022.

Cllr Webbon said that he had read the report and there is only a very small paragraph relating to Parish Councils.

Cllr Malpus said that at the A-Z meeting which he attended many Councils were against taking on an enhanced role and more services due to the increased expenditure.

Cllr Preston said that we must not be afraid of change and must engage and respond to the consultation when it is produced.

School places – Parents with children due to start secondary school next year are reminded to apply for places by 31st October 2018.

18/142

Borough Councillors report

Cllr Gerrard emailed a report to all Councillors.

- The £1000 I had to spend on the village has nearly all been used, I am waiting for the football team to come back to me. The Scouts and Brownies have benefitted from this money.
- I have asked again for weed spraying of the gutters in East Goscote
- Many thanks to John and Helen Measures, Ryan and Rebecca Franklin, Rod Axon and all those who helped us in the fight against Gladman's, They now have until the end of February to make an appeal, if they do we will be ready to fight again.

Cllr Malpus asked why the Parish Council were omitted from the list of "Thank you's" as the office spent many hours with members of KEGG, Rod Axon and compiling letters. Cllr Gerrard apologised and said it was not meant to cause offence.

18/143

Review of Reps on Committees and Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – A meeting was held on 27th Sept. C Duffy gave a full report from that meeting. Bookings were strong, a new CCTV camera is being installed at the front of the hall, 2 new radiators are being fitted in the Kitchen, the disabled toilet is being painted, a full electrical check is being carried out and an energy Audit will be completed during half term. The VHMC is looking at upgrading the kitchen units and worktops and is obtaining quotes. Next meeting 29th November 2018.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: J Malpus has completed the playground checks, a few minor issues will be dealt with.

LONG FURROW – Deadline for articles is 15th October.

NHOOD WATCH –An article has been written for the next Long Furrow, also the facebook page has been updated as there have been several crimes which residents need to be aware of.

TREES – Mr Webbon has carried out tree checks and given the information to the Clerk. The professional inspection is due and will be carried out by the end of October – cost £360.00

PARISH APP - Total downloads were Android 259, Apple 443.

WEBSITE – Total website page views (last 12 months) 5172

LIBRARY – Has registered for the Charnwood Community Lottery – Tickets are now on sale and 50% will go to the library funds.

SPEEDWATCH – Cllr Merry-Howe thanked everyone for helping run the Speedwatch scheme. There were 21 sessions carried out and 206 vehicles were recorded and reported to the police with an average speed of 39mph. Cllr Merry Howe felt that the scheme certainly had a positive impact. Cllr Preston Thanked Cllr Merry-Howe for organising the event and felt that there was a lot of support for it. It was agreed that we would run this scheme again next year if we have enough volunteers. Cllr Gerrard asked Cllr Merry Howe to send the stats through to Cllr Poland.

18/144

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4451.25 for October.

18/145

Correspondence

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

- Activate your community – Agreed not to take part in this initiative
- Review of Litter bins – Next agenda

18/146

Planning Matters

P/18/1830/2 – 56 Huntsmans Dale – Erection of two storey side and single storey to front of dwelling – No Objection

P/18/1755/2 – 212 Broome Lane – Erection of single storey extension to front and side of dwelling and erection of garage following demolition of existing garage – No objection

P/18/1753/2 – Revised elevations and Block Plan – 1 The Meadows - Councillors felt that this was still overbearing on the street scene and the revised elevations did not make a lot of difference. RESOLVED to object as per the original objection.

18/147

Christmas Update

a) **To approve the contractor for light installation.**

Quotes were received to install and remove the lights. RESOLVED that we ask TLB to carry out the installation.

18/148

To look at options for a Recycling Grant

Mr Cannon set out a table with examples and costs for a “bag for life” which he hoped would be funded by the recycling grant, along with a special edition of the Long Furrow which would be delivered to every household. Residents would take a voucher to the library (contained within the Long Furrow) to claim their free bag.

The special edition would be colour and would contain advice on Waste minimalisation within our area. Anticipated delivery would be April 2019. 75% funding is available from the Recycling Grant.

All Councillors selected their two favourite “bags for life”. Mr Cannon will now work on the application based on our selections and we will discuss again at our November meeting.

18/149

To consider the revised Discipline and Grievance policies

Councillor Gonulalan has worked on the new policies. It was established (Yesterday) that NALC are updating these two policies at the moment. It was decided to adapt the new policies when they are published and consider at our December meeting.

18/150

To consider Section 106 funding – Zip Wire Quotes

Due to the fact that only one company will install at our preferred location, it was decided that we will give more thought to this and re-agenda in December.

18/151

To arrange a date to consider next years’ precept (Dec mtg approval)

The Finance committee will meet to discuss next year’s precept. All councillors were asked to submit to the Clerk their suggestions for village improvements next year before the end of October. The Committee will meet on the 22nd of November at 2pm. The draft precept will be presented to full council in December.

18/152

To arrange employee appraisals

The staffing committee will be given the opportunity to complete the staff feedback forms, by November 15th. Appraisals will be held on 22nd November prior to the precept meeting commencing at 12.30pm. The Chairman and Clerk will complete the staff appraisals and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will complete the Clerks appraisal.

- 18/153 **To consider the risk assessments for the street furniture/pavilion and council offices**
Councillors Webbon and Merry-Howe have updated the risk assessments for this year. The final report will be sent to the Clerk for any actions. One concern was the length of the heater cords in the pavilion.
- 18/154 **Budget Update**
The Clerk presented details of the current expenditure to the end of September. All budget headings were on target and there were no questions. Quotes are being obtained to repair the Mound slide steps. Money will be vired into the play equipment budget to allow for these repairs from the Hedge cutting budget £400 and £587 from the Dog bags budget.
- 18/155 **Maintenance**
Cllr Gerrard said the Dog Bin by the Field gate needs attention. The new blue table is suffering burns to the recycled plastic
There is a pothole at the junction of Broome Lane and Melton Road (clerk to report)
- 18/156 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Christmas lights installation (subject to licence)
- 18/157 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
Cllrs Presented the Clerk with a signed letter asking to revoke the decision to request Charnwood to remove the recycling sign. We have already requested removal as per the decision from the last meeting; however, we will try to put this on hold.
Lamp post poppies will be installed by the end of October (subject to the licence)
Remembrance Sunday – The Chairman is unavailable, however the Vice Chairman will attend the church service.
The Chairman reminded Councillors to adhere to Standing order 6vii relating to correspondence. Councillors must not send any correspondence themselves as a Councillor, but can send personal letters.
Cllr Gerrard said that monitoring of air pollution was being undertaken in Charnwood and we should be getting results through soon.
- 18/158 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 14th 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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