

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr John Malpus (Chair)
Mrs Sue Gerrard Mrs Laurie Needham
Mr Martin Webbon Mr Kevin Preston

2 members of the public

- 18/159 **Matters Arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**
One member of the public asked Cllr Gerrard to establish if the cost of the Brown Bin scheme is remaining at £40 for next year.
The cost of fly tipping was also questioned, it was confirmed that we do have figures for the financial year ending March 18 and will compare these to the figures given in March 19.
- 18/160 **Matters arising from the Police**
A report was emailed to the Clerk and will be distributed to all Councillors.
- 18/161 **Apologies for Absence:** Mr Roger Merry-Howe, Mr Mehmet Gonulalan, Ms Cathy Duffy
A letter of resignation has been received from Mr Gregory. The vacancy was advertised from 1st November.
- 18/162 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow, dog bags and Christmas event, Cllr Gerrard regarding the Library and the Long Furrow, Cllr Needham re the Library.
- 18/163 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.10)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, several comments were made by Cllr Preston although these did not relate to the accuracy and are listed under matters arising.
- 18/164 **Matters arising from the minutes**
18/125 – Lingdale have not yet cut the hedge back, C Taylor has written a letter to request it be done by the end of November.
18/157 - Reminder of standing order 6vii which states “Councillors must not send any correspondence themselves, except where there is a resolution to the contrary”.
18/143 Speedwatch – Cllr Preston confirmed that the speedwatch season runs from April to October and there is a waiting list for 2019. LCC have noted our interest in running the scheme next year.
18/130 – Cllr Gonulalan is still to complete his GDPR form.
18/146 – Planning Cllr Preston was informed that if he wishes his vote/comments to be recorded, he must ask for them to be included in the minutes.
- 18/165 **County Councillors Report**
Cllr Poland was absent.
- 18/166 **Borough Councillors Report**
Cllr Gerrard reported on the following:-
 - Dog fouling issues have been reported to Charnwood
 - Fly tipping on private property is not covered by Charnwood
 - The Clean Air report has been received and will be circulated

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- Members Grant – will be used as the Long Furrow and Library are going to apply for funds. The football team did not apply.
- 2000 free trees are available from Charnwood
- Gladmans – appeal lodged and new application sent in. Cllr Gerrard will have meetings with Charnwood once dates are released.

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Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC –Next meeting 29th November 2018. We also have a community lottery page and to date have sold 5 tickets.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Malpus will carry out the pavilion check, Cllr Needham will check the Ling Dale play area, and Cllr Webbon will carry out playground checks for the playing Fields and Lilac Way.

LONG FURROW –The latest edition is now on line but has not yet been printed.

TREES – A branch was broken on a tree next to Broomfield, we had to get the tree surgeon in to remove it.

Silver Birch tree on lilac way – Clerk to establish ownership.

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 12 months amounted to 5650(5172 previous). App downloads stands at 259 Android, 444 Apple. The Clerk confirmed that the app now has details of village events on a “tickertape” at the bottom of the app. She can also send out notifications directly from her phone at any time.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS;

a) Santa (7th Dec) – Sticker books have been delivered to the library for Santa to give out to the children.

b) Afternoon Tea/Sing-along (1st Dec) – was advertising in the Long Furrow and tickets are available to collect from the Library.

The closing date for applications to attend the Elderly Christmas Event is 26th November.

c) Christmas Tree Festival (7/8/ Dec) – Cllr Gerrard will arrange to decorate a tree in the Church on behalf of the Council; this year’s theme is “Plants and animals from the Bible”.

NHOOD WATCH- Cllr Preston said that following the incident on the village the followers of the Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page increased from 53 to 355. He would like to extend the scheme and get more residents involved. A village presentation will be held in the village hall and led by the Leic and Rutland NHW scheme co-ordinator in January. **RESOLVED** to accept the costs of the meeting and any new signs which are required.

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Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3971.56 for November.

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Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Snow Warden scheme – we will take part although it was noted that LCC are now only paying a contribution towards the cost.
- Licence to install the Christmas tree lights has been received.
- Charnwood – Free trees
- TSB – Additional compensation of £150

- Dog bags will be made available to the football teams in the pavilion (Cllr Malpus took no part in this discussion)

18/170

Planning Matters

P/18/0709/2 – Outline Planning for up to 270 houses on Melton Road. Charnwood have confirmed that the appeal date commences on 5th November. The date, location and anticipated duration of the enquiry are yet to be determined. All representations made to Charnwood will be forwarded to Charnwood. Additional comments can be made by 17th December. It was agreed to hold a meeting at 6pm prior to the next parish council meeting to finalise any additional comments that we wish to make. Clerk to invite members of KEGG and Mr Axon.

P/18/2259/2 – To cut back tree (TPO) at 32 Broome Avenue - Defer to next meeting – a professional tree report is required before making a decision, also we need to clarify if a TPO tree is removed does a new tree have to be replanted ?

18/171

To discuss the application for a Recycling Grant.

At our meeting in October, Councillors considered which type of “bag for life” they preferred. Mr Cannon issued all councillors with the results of the vote and the way forward. After much Discussion the following was RESOLVED:-

- 1) The bag for life will be the cotton 10oz with gusset.
- 2) The bag will be delivered to every household in the summer 2019
- 3) The Long furrow magazine special edition will be included in the bag
- 4) The Council will precept a total of £1000 to cover the 25% required funding
- 5) At the next meeting in December we will approve the application form, the final costs and the bag design.
- 6) It was also suggested that the Long Furrow incorporate the usual village information as well as the “”Recycling special” and maybe consist of 12-16 pages.
- 7) The Council will look at providing other useful information/gifts in the bag ie energy saving products, safety information/products etc.

18/172

Review of our litter bins and Dog Bins

The Clerk has reviewed the dog bins and recommended that the bin on Broome Lane, adjacent to the footpath to Rearsby is in need of renewing. RESOLVED to purchase a new bin. The map showing the litter bins around the village was discussed. It was agreed that we have an adequate number of litter bins around the village at the moment.

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Community Resilience – to prepare a community response plan

The Resilience Partnership have written to the Parish Council to encourage them to create a “Community response plan”. Assisted by their officer, they provided a template, a workshop and review audit. Once completed the community is rewarded with £600 to spend on key pieces of equipment which may be necessary in response circumstances.

To take this forward it was agreed that a working party would need to be established to hold a 2 hour workshop. RESOLVED that the following Councillors would take part in preparing this response plan: Cllrs Webbon, Needham, Preston and Gerrard, although the other Councillors not present will be invited to the 2hr workshop. Cllr Needham will ask the Partnership for available dates next year.

18/174

To consider the quote to repair the slide steps

The Mound slide steps require repair – RESOLVED to remove all old timber runners and fascias (24 steps) and replace with new, also replace the wet pour effectively creating new steps. The maximum cost would be £950.00 + VAT The clerk will obtain quotes and arrange for the work to be carried out this financial year.

18/175 **To consider closing the tennis courts over the winter and removing the net.**

The Chairman suggested that as the use of the Court was very much weather dependant, both for safety reasons and to protect the surface of the court. RESOLVED to close the court from 3rd December to 4th March 2019 unless the weather prevents it from opening in March, when delegated powers would be given to the Clerk.

Maintenance of the court - The court was installed in June 2015 and the installer suggests that it is maintained annually by means of a pressure wash to the surface and application of moss killer. Our Caretaker applied Moss killer last year which was very successful. RESOLVED to purchase this and reapply next spring at a cost of approximately £100.

18/176 **Lease update with Charnwood Borough Council/Scout Group**

Our Solicitor confirmed that the lease with Charnwood was completed on 5th September. We have yet to receive our final signed copy of the lease and despite emailing our solicitor on several occasions; we have not had an update on the progress with the scout group.

18/177 **To receive the professional tree survey.**

Defer to next meeting as report not yet available.

18/178 **Update on the issue of dog bags from the Library.**

The library commenced the sale of dog bags for Library funds from August 2018. For the first three months sales have been as follows:

August	88 (lots of 50 bags)	Income	£70.40
September	70		£56.00
October	98		£78.40

Compared to these three months last year:-

August	85 free	48 Paid
September	90 free	47 Paid
October	88 free	46 Paid

RESOLVED to continue with the sale which helps raise funds for the community library, but we will look at the figures again at our February 2019 meeting.

18/179 **Maintenance**

All sheets were issued for completion by Councillors – Cllr Gerrard has arranged for road sweeping (leaves) in The Chase.

18/180 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Recycling Grant, Dog Bin, Slide Steps, Tennis maintenance, Dog Bags, NHood Watch meeting.

18/181 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

- The management of the recycling Centre was discussed. There have been some incidents of flytipping which have been attended to, but otherwise it is kept clean and checked daily. The Can bank is now in place.
- Dogs – not under control on our playing fields – report to police if happens again
- Co-option – The procedure was discussed
- Planning Applications – Cllr Preston felt that any comments should be sent to the Clerk only and not to all Councillors.

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12th 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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