

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr John Malpus (Chair)	Mrs Cathy Duffy
Mr Roger Merry-Howe	Ms Laurie Needham (part)
Mr Kevin Preston	Mr Martin Webbon
Mr Mehmet Gonulalan	Mr David Cannon

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)	Mr Rod Axon
3 members of the public	Cllr James Poland

#### 18/183 **Co-option of New Members**

Mr David Cannon applied for the position of Parish Councillor and was duly co-opted. The declaration of office was signed and the completion of the register of interest is required within 28 days.

#### 18/183a **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

2 Members of the public asked the Councillors to consider their request to hold a Charity football match on Boxing Day to raise funds for a village defibrillator. The request will be considered later on in the meeting.

1 resident asked why the 20mph school lights were not working. Cllr Poland will investigate this.

He also asked that we request that the school writes to parents asking them to refrain from leaving their engines running whilst parked in Ling Dale waiting for their children.

#### 18/184 **Matters arising from the Police**

Not present

#### 18/185 **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Sue Gerrard

#### 18/186 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr J Malpus regarding the Library, Long Furrow, Cllr Duffy regarding the village hall.

#### 18/187 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.11)**

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

#### 18/188 **Matters arising from the minutes**

18/164 – Cllr Gonulalan will be issued a new GDPR form

18/120 – The hedge surrounding Lingdale Lodge was cut back

18/175 – The tennis court has been closed and we will work on the surface before re-opening

18/166 – Free Trees were collected from Charnwood

18/173 – Community response plan – a meeting will be arranged for February

#### 18/189 **Borough Councillors Report**

The Borough Councillors report had been emailed to all Councillors.

- New Gladman application been called in
- Information re Charnwood Lottery
- Dog Fouling reported to Charnwood – patrols asked for
- Cleaning of drains has been requested

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### **County Councillors Report**

The County Councillor gave his report on the following items:-

- LCC budget proposals 2019. Continued pressure on the budget particularly social care, SEN and disability support, with inflation this will add £94m to the budget by 2023. The four year plan requires £74m of savings comprising £34m detailed savings and a plan to reduce SEND costs by £20m with a £20m gap.
- The council tax will rise 3.99% which would generate £12m.
- Proposals to create a new unitary authority are pressing ahead at County Hall. In the autumn the Secretary of State James Brokenshire and all of Leics MP's wrote to Nick Rushton (Leader of LCC) to say they would not support a unitary status for Leicestershire. As a result the Borough and Districts ceased the work surrounding this. The County however, has decided to press on, as they believe the unitary conversation will not be going away. If a future government changes its position, LCC want to be ready with proposals which have already been examined and agreed. Cllr Poland confirmed there will be difficult spending decisions for a long time.

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### **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –A meeting was held on 29th November 2018. The Chairman said that

- Party bookings are very healthy over the winter and New Year.
- A new gas contract has been arranged following the collapse of Extra Energy
- Terms of letting have been reviewed.
  - A new kitchen is being fitted in April 2019 and new blind to the hatch
  - Hire Charges have been increased for regular users
  - Appraisal was held with the Cleaner
  - New digital timer fitted in the car park (light)
  - Next meeting 28th February 2019

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Cllr Webbon/Needham have carried out playground checks for November, The Clerk and Caretaker will ensure inspections are done prior to the Christmas Break. The Chairman carried out the Pavilion check.

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the Feb edition is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

TREES – Later on agenda

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EVENT – J Malpus confirmed that the Santa event was a great success with 61 (75 last year) children visiting Santa and receiving their gift. Numbers were believed to be lower as the School held a Christmas event the same afternoon with Santa.

AFTERNOON TEA EVENT – a total of 58 elderly applied although 52 attended. The event was very successful with a total cost of £302.85

NHOOD WATCH – Cllr Preston has arranged a village meeting for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019. He wished to leaflet the village and a draft leaflet was proposed at a Maximum cost of £85. Distribution would be by volunteers (Arrangements organised by Cllr Preston). The leaflet was discussed and changes made. RESOLVED to print 1200 off and distributed during the first week of January. Cost to council £85 plus village hall hire.

Cllr Preston will also investigate if the Neighbourhood watch scheme is run by a community group, or affiliated to the Council. There were also questions surrounding the new GDPR regulations. Posters will be put on Council Noticeboards and on our website and app.

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WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 12 months amounted to 5928 (5650 previous 12 months). App Users now stands at 261 Android, 445 Apple 706 (703 last month)

18/192 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £13,366.48 for December.

18/193 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Use of senior pitch (Boxing Day) – was approved by the Council as a free of charge, one off for fundraising for a village defibrillator. We will confirm that the location, purchase, management and maintenance will be at the discretion of the Council.

18/194 **Planning Matters**

P18/2123/2 – Outline application for erection of up to 270 houses, Land off Melton Road, East Goscote – Object – the letter will be finalised at a meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December between the Clerk, Chairman and Mr Axon.

P/18/2259/2 – To cut back TPO tree on Broome Avenue – object as there is no professional tree report, and also all TPO trees should have been replaced, Tree 1 has not been replaced.

P/18/0709/2 – Appeal by Gladman – A further letter will be written at the meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Councillors and Kegg were given draft copies for any comments.

RESOLVED plans and material which have been purchased for the effective research will be reimbursed – total cost approx. £60.00.

The Clerk is working on the booking of a local venue to hold the appeal in June.

18/195 **To consider and agree the Precept 2019/2020**

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £58,000 to meet the expenses of the parish. The Precept request forms were duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £85,300 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low.

18/196 **Update re Charnwood Lease/meeting with Scouts**

The Signed lease between Charnwood and the Parish Council is with Land Registry and could take up to four months to process.

We now have seen the Renewal lease by reference to the existing lease between the Scouts and Parish Council. This has been sent to the Scout Group Leader for comment.

18/197 **To discuss the proposed application for a Recycling Grant.**

All Councillors were given a copy of the proposed grant application form.

Three quotes for the purchase of 1200 bags were considered and it was agreed that we would go with a Leicester based company Cotton shoppers. It was agreed that the Long Furrow magazine would be a 16 page full colour edition which will be distributed in May. The design on the bag (Colour printed on both sides) will be approved at a later meeting; we will ask various villagers to try to design a logo which incorporates the village shield. The name of the project was unanimously agreed as “East Goscote – A greener village”. The total cost to the council will be £869 if we are successful.

- 18/198      **To receive the professional tree survey**  
A tree survey for all our trees was carried out on 31.11.18 by Treelife Ltd. There was no urgent action most being work desirable if budget allows.  
There were two things of note: All the Norway maples have minor deadwood and appear to be deteriorating. It may be prudent to start thinking about new tree replacements.  
Also the poplars in Lilac Way would benefit being pruned back to the previous pruning points. (9 years growth). To leave them and prune in future years would be a much larger task.  
RESOLVED to obtain a quote to prune the poplars on Lilac Way  
A resident of Lilac Way has requested that one of our Silver Birch trees be cut back to remove a branch overhanging his driveway. He would prefer that the tree be felled. After much discussion it was agreed that we would prune the tree but would not remove it – Maximum cost £160.00
- 18/199      **To appoint the internal auditor for 2018/2019**  
The Auditor has written to confirm that he will be undertaking internal audits next year. He wishes to be informed by the end of December if we wish to go ahead and appoint him. The charge for the audit for 2018/19 will be £260 + vat. RESOLVED to appoint Redwood Pryor and agree to their terms and condition.
- 18/200      **Employee Matters (Confidential)**  
Standing order 18a was invoked, any members of the public were asked to leave.
- 18/201      **Maintenance**  
The area of land outside the school gate is subject to regular flooding. It was agreed that we would look at the installation of a soakaway.
- 18/202      **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Recycling grant, NHW leaflets, Internal Audit, Tree work.
- 18/203      **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**  
A drain in Merchants common is blocked and requires attention – Jelson Owned  
There is an abandoned vehicle also on Jelson Land which needs removing.
- 18/204      **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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13.12.18