

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J Malpus (Chair) Cllr K Preston
Cllr D Cannon Cllr S Gerrard (part)
Cllr R Merry-Howe Cllr C Duffy (part)
Cllr L Needham
Cllr M Webbon
Mrs C Taylor (Acting Clerk)

- 18/222 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**
The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public.
- 18/223 **Matters arising from the police**
The Police sent their apologies.
- 18/224 **Apologies for Absence:**
Cllr M Gonulalan sent his apologies.
- 18/225 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus regarding the Library and the Long Furrow.
Cllr Needham regarding the Library, Cllr Duffy regarding the Village hall and Cllr Preston regarding Neighbourhood Watch.
- 18/226 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.01)**
Cllr Gerrard wished to have her name removed 18/205 (third paragraph) from the raising of previously collected monies. This was done. The minutes held on 9th January 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 18/227 **Matters arising from the minutes**
18/183a 20 mph school light has been replaced
18/183a Broomfield School has put into a Friday Flyer a notice about not keeping car engines running
18/188 Community Response Plan – No further progress
18/203 Drains are still blocked – Jelsons’ agreed to jet wash the drain.
18/211 Pavilion and Playing Fields – Cllr Cannon has been booked onto an Inspecting Play Equipment course in June this year (£50)
18/211 Trees – the split tree is ok according to the tree expert. They are waiting to see what happens in spring.
18/217 Charity Football Match – Wreake Valley Academy were contacted regarding the fundraising for a defibrillator and an email received back indicated no funds raised at all.
18/218 Scout Lease/Charnwood Lease – The Scouts were written to and the £214.50 for rent has been paid, however the service charge is still outstanding.
18/221 Parking behind the Church – Jelsons have confirmed that they own the land, however, they will not put bollards up. After Cllr Needham’s second call to them, they put up a couple of “no parking” notices. RESOLVED to write to Jelsons’ again and point out that cars are parking in front of the fire exit of the building there.
Dog fouling near the school – Charnwood Borough Council had been contacted and they are sending a street warden to look into the problem.

18/228

Update from Working Party regarding the defibrillator project

Cllr Duffy took this opportunity, with the Chair's permission, to speak to Cllr Gerrard about her report in the February edition of the Long Furrow. Cllr Gerrard had made some comments about a community defibrillator that cast a slight on the Council, when the decision taken at the time was a full Council decision. Cllr Duffy asked for an apology from Cllr Gerrard about this article and then left the meeting after this.

The Working Party met on Tuesday 5th February. Cllrs Gerrard, Preston and Webbon and the Clerk attended this meeting. Cllr Gerrard had contacted EMAS and verbally gave their information to the meeting but did not have anything in writing at the time of the council meeting. Cllr Malpus also asked Cllr Gerrard about her comment in her report about fund-raising for a second defibrillator to be housed in the shopping precinct area at Merchants' Common. She stated that she has emailed Jelsons for permission.

Cllr Preston gave a report that covered the points outlined below:

- Location - pavilion
- Type of defibrillator – the ones outlined were issued by Community Heartbeat, St John's Ambulance, EMAS and Stryker (Heartsine 500P). The prices for each were discussed. RESOLVED to order Heartsine 500P from Stryker through a resident of the village. This would cost £758.
- Lockable cabinet to be installed – an IP66 would cost in the region of £439 + VAT
- Arrange for the defibrillator to be wired up to the electrics in the Pavilion with its own fuse board.
- Training to be arranged via East Midlands Ambulance Service – this training is free, all they require is a donation of at least £50. RESOLVED to look at this once the defibrillator is in place.
- Parish Council need to –
 - a) insure the defibrillator – the current insurance covers a defibrillator and case up £5,000
 - b) cover a funding shortfall. RESOLVED to make up the shortfall but cap at £250. RESOLVED to put the crowdfunding link on the website
 - c) look at the running costs – the running costs include the changing of the pads when they are used (£40/per pair of pads), electricity (£10-15/year), battery costs (£50/year)
 - d) look at the maintenance costs – pads need changing yearly (or every time used), battery changed every 4 years, life of defibrillator is 8 – 10 years.
 - e) put policies in place if necessary – a policy would lay out who would cover the cost of maintenance and who would be responsible for the cost of replacement.

18/229

County Councillors Report

Cllr Poland sent his apologies. His report was circulated at the meeting.

18/230

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Gerrard's report was circulated at the meeting. Cllr Gerrard left for another meeting at this point.

18/231

Reports from Reps on other Committees:

VHMC – Next meeting February 28th 2019. The Committee are considering the installation of solar panels.

Pavilion and Playing fields – Cllr Gerrard carried out the checks for January.

A Pavilion check will be undertaken in due course. The Clerk and Caretaker will carry out a playground check by the end of Feb.

Long Furrow – The latest edition is on line and copies are still to be printed and put in the Library, the shop and St Hilda’s Church. Some residents have been asking if there can be a full delivery of the magazine again. Cllr Malpus, who is on the Editorial Committee for the Long Furrow, said that the printing costs and no advertisers make it difficult to take a step back to printing the full number of copies (1,200). There would also be a problem recruiting distributors. It will be discussed at a future meeting of the Editorial Committee.

Trees – There has been a resident letter, from Broome Avenue, requesting that 2 trees be cut back (40 & 41). They have complained of “continuous shade” and having to have the lights on. This item was coming up under Correspondence so would be dealt with then.

- 8 Poplar trees on Lilac Way – the pollarding must be done by the end of March. Two quotes have been received.

RESOLVED to accept the quote at £380 and inform the contractor immediately.

- The issue with the Silver Birch needs to be done after Summer when the sap goes down. There was no resolution at this time.

Parish App/Website Latest Figures –Website page views over the last 12 months amounted to 6198 (6066 previous) App users stands at 451 Apple and 269 Android (711 previous)

18/232

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £3,448.45 for February.

18/233

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- Leicestershire CC offer of an autism workshop – various dates
- Charnwood BC – the revision of Polling Districts; no charge for East Goscote
- P/18/2382/2 - the Pumping Station was REFUSED
- Death of retired Councillor Ivor Reynolds. Cllr Malpus pointed out to the Council that Cllr Reynolds had been a previous long serving member of the Parish Council and Chair of the Council 1997-2001. The Council discussed the idea of using the bench on the Mound as a place of remembrance and put a plaque there, commemorating his service to the village. RESOLVED to contact the family and ask for their agreement, clean the bench, purchase a plaque, engrave it and put on the bench. Monies capped at £200.
- Cllr R Merry-Howe’s letter to Council was read out to the Council
- Resident email regarding trees close to property. RESOLVED to write to the resident explaining that members of the Council have looked at the trees and that they do not consider them to restrict the light to the house. No action is required at this time.
- Wreake Valley Academy – the Charity Council did not raise any funds towards a defibrillator for East Goscote. RESOLVED to reply thanking Wreake Valley Academy and to inform them that we have raised enough ourselves and will be in touch with the Academy if we require their help any time in the future.
- NCS – RESOLVED not to have them again and to reply accordingly.
- Scout fete letter – agreed to allow the Scouts to use the playing field on 9th June. RESOLVED to send a booking form to them.

18/234

Planning Matters

P/18/2542/2 – Two storey Extension to side of property and pitched roof to porch at 49 Ploughmans Lea

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RESOLVED to send No Objection.

18/235 **Update re the Charnwood/Scout Lease**

The Scout group still owe the monies for the service charge and have informed the Council that they will not pay this until the lease is put in place. RESOLVED to chase up the Council's solicitor.

18/236 **To discuss the Purchase of a Petrol Mower**

At the Caretaker's last review, the purchase of a petrol mower was discussed. A few models have been found. The mower favoured by the Caretaker was a Webb Classic Petrol mower 46cm, self-propelled.

RESOLVED to purchase the mower for a price of £230 including a spare blade.

18/237 **Dog Bags – Second review following library distribution**

The sale of dog bags is still low when compared to the free distribution of them, however 86 dog bags were sold in December. Over half of sales have been retained from the change-over. The sales have been monitored from August to January as agreed.

RESOLVED to continue the sale of dog bags from the Library and review next Autumn.

18/238 **Recycling Grant – Update**

The grant for the re-usable bags has been turned down. The response from Leicestershire CC has been previously circulated to Councillors. In summary, County Hall are broadly supportive of the magazine but not bags for life. A letter was circulated to Councillors to consider, which explains our disappointment with the Panel's decision. RESOLVED that Cllrs Cannon and Webbon liaise about further wording on the letter and then email to the Clerk for her to send to the person who made the decision, copying in the lead officer and lead Councillor for the waste recycling at County Hall and Cllr Poland.

18/239 **Review of Hire Charges April 19 – April 20**

All Councillors were given details of current hire charges. It was RESOLVED that the hire charges would remain unchanged for the forthcoming season.

18/240 **Budget (Expenditure) Update**

The Clerk presented all Councillors with month by month expenditure figures and variance within the budget. The Council approved the latest expenditure details.

18/241 **To discuss a Speed-watch scheme for 2019**

Cllr Merry-Howe was asked by Cllr Malpus if he would like to take on the responsibility of the Speed watch scheme for 2019. He replied that he would be happy to share the responsibility with another Councillor. Cllr Malpus also reiterated to Cllr Preston the need to clear any work he was taking on with the Council first and not to use it for campaigning.

Cllr Preston had previously informed Leicestershire CC that the Parish Council would be interested in running another scheme for 2019 and had received an email requesting the locations where speeding is a concern. This was discussed and the areas are; both ends of Melton Road and Long Furrow from the corner heading towards the industrial estate. This will be confirmed by Cllr Merry-Howe so the office can respond by the deadline. RESOLVED that the Council respond by 25th February 2019 deadline.

18/242 **To arrange a staffing committee meeting to Review Salaries**

It was agreed that the staffing committee would meet on Monday, March 11th at 2pm.

- 18/243 **Rearsby Neighbourhood Plan – any comments**
Page 14 of Rearsby Neighbourhood Plan shows the current area of separation and the proposed area of separation. No further comments. The Council agreed with the proposals as put forward for the increased area of separation. RESOLVED to send an email to the Clerk at Rearsby Parish Council supporting their expansion of the area of land of separation as stated in section 4.20 of the draft neighbourhood plan.
- 18/244 **Neighbourhood Watch Meeting – Update/GDPR/Registering with ICO**
Cllr Preston held a Neighbourhood Watch meeting on Wednesday 23rd January. The Neighbourhood Watch speaker was the Chair of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Group and the PCSO attended the meeting. The main points of the meeting were;
- 28 attendees
 - Street Co-ordinators for Broome Lane, Sadlers Close, Archers Green, The Meadow, Squirrels Corner, Freemans Way and Rearsby Roses
 - The Clerk provided the consent forms that were completed by everyone wishing to give data to the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.
 - The guidance notes in regard to data protection says that Cllr Preston is classed as the Data Controller as the Scheme Co-ordinator and therefore needs to register with then ICO at a cost of £40. Has the Scheme got the funds to pay for this? The Council discussed this. RESOLVED that Cllr Preston would contact the ICO about the correct course of action if he is no longer the ICO.
- 18/245 **Maintenance (All sheets were issued for completion by Councillors)**
Cllrs Webbon and Merry-Howe checked their maintenance areas and returned their completed sheets. Cllrs Needham and Malpus commented that there is no change in their areas.
- 18/246 **Items approved for expenditure**
Proposed Accounts - £3,448.45
Inspecting Play Equipment Course - £50
Petrol Mower £230
Tree work - £380
Defibrillator cabinet - £439 (+VAT)
Funding shortfall on defibrillator – to be capped at £250
Remembrance plaque for Cllr I Reynolds – to be capped £200
- 18/247 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
Cllr Cannon asked if he could report on the recycling centre at the next meeting as it has been running for 6 months. RESOLVED to add it to next month’s agenda
- Cllr Duffy requested that all members of the Council be called Councillors rather than Mr, Mrs, etc and Cllr Needham agreed. RESOLVED to do so from these minutes onwards.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm

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14.02.19