

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.**

Present: Cllr J Malpus (Chair) Cllr M Gonulalan  
Cllr R Merry Howe Cllr D Cannon  
Cllr K Preston Cllr L Needham  
Cllr C Duffy Cllr M Webbon

Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant) 1 Member of the Public

- 18/248 **Matters arising from the Public**  
The resident present expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and was present to observe.
- 18/249 **Matters arising from the Police**
- 18/250 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Gerrard and Cllr Poland sent their apologies which were accepted by the Council.
- 18/251 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus and Cllr Needham Re Library (Other personal interests), Cllr Malpus and Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow Magazine, Cllr Duffy (other personal interests) re the Village Hall.
- 18/252 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.02)**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Cllr Preston requested on point 18/244 that it be amended to read “The Chairman of the Leics and Rutland Neighbourhood Watch group attended the meeting. Cllr Gerrard’s comments regarding the minutes were noted, but it was agreed that the minutes were accurate.
- 18/253 **Matters arising from the minutes**  
18/227 – Community Response Plan – Cllr Webbon, Needham and Preston will meet to commence the process of writing this plan with the LCC rep. The flood warden will be invited.  
18/203 – Jelsons should be clearing the drains at the shopping precinct this week  
18/231 – The Lilac Way trees have been pollarded  
18/233 – Still waiting to hear from Mr Reynolds family regarding the plaque  
18/236 – The Petrol mower has been purchased  
18/245 – Fitness equipment rust – installers to be informed that we are still unhappy.
- 18/254 **County Councillors Report**  
Cllr Poland emailed a report which will be circulated to Councillors tomorrow.
- 18/255 **Borough Councillors Report**  
Cllr Gerrard emailed a report to all Councillors. With regards to the defib, it was noted that the resident is happy with the defib which has been purchased, and had agreed previously that the choice of defib was at the discretion of the Parish Council.

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

VHMC – Cllr Duffy confirmed that a meeting was held on 28th Feb.

- PAT testing was carried out on 25th January
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2018 was £25,279.00
- Solar Panels are being fitted in March
- A new kitchen is being fitted in the Easter Holidays.
- Party Bookings are healthy.
- More plastic chairs and tables are being purchased
- Next meeting 25th April

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: -

The pavilion check will be completed by L Pizer and C Cadle.

Playground checks were completed on 11<sup>th</sup> March by L Pizer and C Cadle. They will be completed professionally in March.

LONG FURROW – Our Annual Meeting agenda was in the Feb edition of the Long Furrow to inform residents. Deadline for the next edition is April 1st. 250 copies will be produced for distribution and it will be available online. Mr Bishop has resigned from the Long Furrow Committee.

If funds are available the Long Furrow committee would like to have a special edition in August to celebrate 50 years since the first community magazine. It will include the history of East Goscote. The committee would like the Council to consider helping fund this edition. The committee to provide details of costs for the August edition prior to our Annual meeting in May when donations are considered.

NHOOD WATCH – Cllr Preston has registered the East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch group with the ICO. He has created an email group of all those who have given consent to receive newsletters and crime information.

TREES – Cllr Webbon is concerned about a tree which he feels is dead on Weavers Wynd. It was agreed that we would contact the professional who inspected the trees in November and ask for a site meeting to look at this tree.

Cllr Cannon said that a tree on Melton Road required inspection. He will forward details to the office so that it can be sent to LCC.

LIBRARY - Cllr Malpus said the AGM was on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm and everyone was welcome. Cllr Malpus said that the library is still well supported and has a healthy bank balance. However, LCC grants are reducing each year and a fund raising committee has been set up. A talk on the history of East Goscote is being held in the village hall on April 17<sup>th</sup> and is a sell-out. The talk may run for a second time and videoing the talk is also a suggestion. Any ideas for fundraising for the library are welcomed.

PARISH APP/WEBSITE – Total app downloads amounted to 723

Website sessions over the last 12 months amounted to 6186

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### **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £6136.05

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### **Correspondence**

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

- Council tax base for East Goscote is 939.3 which means that the 19/20 band D cost to our residents equates to £61.75 per household for the parish cost. The full Council tax costings were noted and for a band D property the cost will be £1765.89 which is an increase of £81.70 on last year.
- The Open Spaces Assessment has been received- investigation into the drainage at the playing field was one of the recommendations.
- Pavilion Hire – East Goscote Girls- for long term bookings of the pavilion, it was agreed that a 50% discount would be applied.
- NHW registered with the ICO
- New regulations for Websites – will be forwarded to our app developer
- A resident donation of £10 was received towards the defib. A thank you letter will be sent.

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### **Planning Matters**

P/18/0611/2 – 220 dwellings at Melton Road, Queniborough – Appeal has been lodged – further representations by 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Needham spoke regarding the application for a temporary car park for the convent at Rearsby. Cllrs agreed to comment as individuals and Cllr Needham will email everyone the link.

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### **To approve Petty cash Payments**

Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £79.90 income £70.00 and expenditure of £112.99 Carry forward £36.91 RESOLVED that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.

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### **Parish Council Elections - information**

The clerk gave out the election packs to all Councillors present. Pointers to note were:-

- All papers must be completed in Pen
- The nomination paper must be signed by two electors including the electoral number
- The candidate may choose for their home address NOT to be published on the statement of persons nominated or the ballot paper.
- No correction fluid should be used to cover up errors
- All nomination papers must be hand delivered to the Council offices no later than 4pm on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The original version must be submitted
- The earliest date on which nomination papers can be submitted is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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### **Recycling Centre/project update**

Cllr Cannon gave an update of the number of fly-tips which have occurred since taking over the recycling centre. There were a total of 24 incidents since October 2018 (5 of which were dealt with by Charnwood) Cllr Cannon is happy to continue to volunteer to check the area regularly, and take any waste to the tip using his trailer. In terms of performance we have recycled approx. 6 tonnes of paper/cardboard, 3 tonnes of glass, and 8 tonnes of clothing since taking over the site. Cllr Cannons expenses to date include the materials for the new sign. It was RESOLVED to continue with the takeover of the recycling area and only to review should problems occur. Cllr Webbon gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Cannon for all his hard work.

The recycling grant was turned down by LCC and we have made comments regarding our disappointment. It was agreed that we would not make any further comments and would not continue with the grant application.

A request has been received from Charnwood for us to provide all our recycling weights since the takeover. It was agreed that we would send in these figures.

The Chairman asked Cllr Cannon to query if Serco offer a free waste collection service to registered charities.

18/263 **Playing field Lease – update from Charnwood/Scouts**

The Solicitor is still waiting for the lease from Land Registry. With reference to the Scout lease, this is being progressed through the Scouts Association and our solicitor is waiting to receive any comments.

The scouts have written to us to request permission for them to proceed with the installation of the fence to the rear of the scout hut. It was resolved that until the lease is signed off and any conditions for the installation of the fence have been checked, we would not give permission for any works to commence.

18/264 **Defibrillator project update**

The Clerk confirmed that orders have been placed for the Defib and the cabinet. Mr Smith will be sending in writing the details of what he would like including on the plaque. He will also arrange the installation with a qualified electrician.

Costings were given out to the council and it was noted that there was a shortfall of £204.00 which the council have agreed to cover.

18/265 **To consider the professional playground inspection.**

The inspection company has yet to carry out the inspections therefore it will be deferred to the May meeting.

18/266 **Maintenance**

Parking at the end of Ling Dale and driving over grass on Ling Dale was discussed. The Chairman felt that LCC and the Church Council should sort this problem out. The ice cream van which has also been causing problems has been spoken to by the Church Council.

Cllr Webbon also mentioned the sunken area outside the school gate/play area. The clerk has visited the site and confirmed there were no drains in the area, and the water collects at the lowest point. The Chairman will look at how water is drained at the Library.

18/267 **Items approved for expenditure.**

Petty Cash/Defib shortfall

18/268 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**

Dog Fouling – Cllr Preston said that dog fouling is still an issue and he continues to receive complaints. He has looked at the dog fouling campaigns on the “Keep Britain Tidy” websites and mentioned the reflective posters that are available. C Taylor will check if the dog warden visited. We will discuss dog fouling on our June Agenda.

Cllr Cannon informed the council that he has become a member of the Green Party and will be standing in the Borough elections.

18/269 **Staffing Committee Report (confidential)**

Standing Order 18a was invoked – in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public were excluded from this part of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

L Pizer

14/03/19