

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr J Malpus (Chair)	Cllr M Webbon
Cllr M Nelson	Cllr S Gerrard
Cllr D Cannon	

Cllr J Poland	PCSO Matthew Harburt
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- 19/073 **Co-option of New Members**
- 19/074 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**
- 19/075 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr L Needham, Cllr C Duffy, and Cllr R Merry-Howe
- 19/076 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Malpus re library, Long Furrow, Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow, Cllr Gerrard re the defibrillator.
- 19/077 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting held on 12th June 2019**
One amendment was P19/054 Cllr Webbon said that a tree report had been handed into the office. Otherwise the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 19/078 **Matters arising from the minutes**
19/046 Fly tipping cost – Cllr Needham is waiting for information from Charnwood 18/264 – Still in discussion with a recommended electrician to get defib installed
19/052 Church land – awaiting legal documents regarding the land, the council can mark out the bays and charge the church for this service.
19/065 – A letter regarding the A46 expressway was signed by Councillors and sent to many recipients, replies have been received from CPRE and LCC
19/070 – Ling Dale wall – Charnwood have asked a builder to visit the site and investigate what works are required.
19/070- A meeting was held with Ling Dale to point out where the waste was dumped by the hedge. This has now been cleared.
19/046 – We will ask Cllr Merry Howe for an update on the speed-watch programme and if he had investigated the cost of signs. It was noted there is a budget of £2500 for a speeding project.
19/064 – Cllr Malpus thanked the Council for the donation to the Community Library.
- 19/079 **Matters arising from the Police**
PCSO Harburt was present and gave details of crime between 3rd June and 1st July. There have been problems with criminal damage on the village and he confirmed that he has spoken to some youths about this. Cllrs informed PCSO Harburt of the excessive amount of helium bullets and empty tins of lighter fuel, which are being found around the jubilee playing fields and the shop car park.
He also informed the council that there are many changes to the leadership of the Charnwood LPU.
Cllr Gerrard informed him of a vehicle which was causing problems around the village.
He did say that he would be spending more time patrolling the village given the amount of criminal damage.

19/080

County Councillors Report

Cllr Poland said that residents can shape the future plans by getting involved in a major consultation which has just been launched. People are urged to have their say by completing a short questionnaire regarding the LCC budget and the best way to save £75million over the next four years. "Leicestershire matters" will be delivered to every household and contains a copy of the questionnaire which can be returned freepost. The Deadline is 8th September. Other events will be taking place to inform Leicestershire residents about this survey.

A question was raised regarding LCC becoming a unitary council. Cllr Poland explained the process for this and said that ultimately finances will drive the unitary debate.

Cllr Malpus said that at the LCC parish event, once again volunteers were being asked for in terms of community transport. He asked "where will it all end, getting volunteers to do jobs for the LCC" Cllr Poland said LCC are looking at demand responsive services for transport and again it is all down to the shortfall in funding. LCC have balanced the budget for the next two years, but more savings need to be made.

Cllr Cannon asked why Charnwood had not announced climate change as an emergency like LCC had. He said that Charnwood are going to meet the same target, which is carbon neutral by 2030.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Poland for attending the Gladman planning enquiry and speaking on behalf of the residents of East Goscote.

19/081

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham emailed a written report to all Councillors.

Details included were:-

- Planning enquiry – Gladman developments
- Resilience Project – Creating a plan for East Goscote should a major event happen like flooding or power outage.
- Training courses attended
- Painting parking bays in Ling Dale
- Future surgery dates

Cllr accepted the report which was very informative.

19/082

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – The Chairman wrote a report for the Long Furrow which was copied for all Councillors highlighting the many improvements over the last year. The committee is also working on many more improvements such as a new boiler, a new front door, the kitchen being painted, and the floor will be repolished.

LONG FURROW – Next edition to be delivered to every household at the beginning of August. It will be a full colour edition containing 24 pages.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Playground checks will be completed by Cllr Needham for July and the Clerk for August. Cllr Webbon gave his report for June Cllr Cannon attend a playground inspection course and informed Councillors that there was also a two day course for the more thorough check. He said there were three areas of inspection required, Daily, Monthly and annually. He will obtain further information. The Clerk confirmed that when checking village equipment, yellow vests are available in the office.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Nothing to report

TREES – Cllr Nelson would like to apply for 30 trees from the Woodland Trust to place on Melton Road. It was decided that Cllr Nelson is to look at Parish Land where

trees could be planted and bring any plans back to the next parish council meeting. Cllr Webbon gave his tree report.

PARISH APP - Total downloads were Android 284, Apple 468.

WEBSITE – Total website page views (last 12 months) 5881

SPEEDWATCH – An advert asking for volunteers has been placed in the next edition of the Long Furrow and on noticeboards. We will ask for an update from Cllr Merry Howe.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN – a small group (8) met to look at how we would cope in the case of an emergency event. The next step is to complete the checklist and a further meeting will be held in Mid July to begin creating the plan.

PARISH LIAISON EVENT – Cllr Malpus and the Clerk attended this event, which mainly focused on the shortfall in funding the LCC are facing. There is a survey which is featured in the “Leicestershire matters booklet going to every household”.

LRALC AGM – was attended by Cllr Duffy who issued all Councillors with a written report.

19/083

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £3639.01 were accepted by the Council

19/084

Correspondence

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

- LCC will be carrying out a tree survey in the coming months. A copy of proposed works was given to Cllr Webbon.
- Charnwood charging £20 for up to three bulky items to be collected
- New Mayor – Brenda Seaton
- Charnwood targets being carbon neutral by 2030
- Hallam Land – have withdrawn their appeal
- Planning Glossary for Councillors- Copies to Cllr Webbon and Cllr Gerrard
- Syston and District Cemetery opening – Friday 19th July at 4pm – Cllr Malpus and the Clerk will attend.
- Library figures for active borrowers 2016 - 2019 There are 370 active borrowers for 2018/19

19/085

Planning Matters - P/19/1133/2- Erection of 1.8m high fence and formation of new site access at the old pumping station. – No objection (4 Councillors)

The Gladman enquiry – Cllr Malpus thanked everyone who attended and spoke on behalf of the residents, We hope to know the outcome by August 5th.

19/086

Lease Update between PC the Scouts

The Scouts have now signed the lease which is in the hands of our solicitors.

With regards to the fence to the rear of the scout hut, this will be considered in the future as a variation to the lease.

19/087

Budget update (April, May, June)

The clerk gave a fully comprehensive spreadsheet to all Councillors listing expenditure to date, and the variance to budget. There were no questions and the update was approved by the Council.

- 19/088 **To consider creating a door in the Council Offices into disabled toilet**
 As the village hall now have a full time pre-school it is quite difficult for the staff to access the toilets and water in any emergency. The pre-school ask that we enter via the front door when opened by a member of staff.
 We have asked a builder to look if it would be possible to create a door directly into the disabled toilet (other side of wall) for the staff to use.
 We have received a quote which amounts to £1600 + vat to carry out these works. The council has yet to give the £500 allocated grant to the village hall, which could be used towards these improvements meaning a net cost of £1100. Other quotes will be sought if the council agreed to go ahead with these works in the summer holidays. RESOLVED that the door be installed for the health and well-being of the council staff. The council will order the works and give this as a donation to the hall; with a maximum grant cost of £1600 (additional £1100 will be vired from other budget headings)
- 19/089 **To arrange a Football Managers Meeting**
 Cllr Merry Howe will hold a meeting with all prospective football managers for the season commencing September 2019 on Thursday August 15th at 6.30pm.
- 19/090 **To consider quotes for two new bus shelters (Long Furrow/Melton Rd)**
 The clerk informed the council of quotes to replace the bus shelters adjacent to the playing fields on Long Furrow and in front of Broome Avenue on Melton Road. Quotes were £7180, £4980 and £2150 for the same type which we have had installed in other locations.
 RESOLVED to place an order for two bus shelters at the lower quote. This will be paid in full upon ordering to obtain a further 10% Discount.
- 19/091 **To consider three quotes for a new springy on the mound**
 This piece of equipment has several splits in the framework and although not urgent was identified as requiring repair or replacement in the near future. The professional inspection also identified that the surrounding wet pour did not meet with the requirements of the current applicable standards. The play equipment budget was set at £1500 which would not be enough for a replacement and wet pour extension; however money could be vired from other budgets. Defer to September when all quotes are received including the wet pour extension.
- 19/092 **To consider funding for a defib – following a £1000 donation (Cllr Gerrard took no part)**
 Cllr Gerrard handed a Cheque to the value of £1000 for a defibrillator which the donor would like to be placed on the front of the village hall.
 RESOLVED:
 - The Council were very pleased to accept this donation towards a defib. Assuming that we can purchase via a resident offering a discount, the shortfall would be in the region of £100 which the council will cover.
 - The Council will donate the defib to the village hall management committee and write to them asking if they wish to accept it, and would cover the cost of electricity (£15 per annum) and replacement pads should it be used.
 - A plaque will be fitted to the wall to state details of who donated it.
 - Installation of the cabinet will be investigated as to the cost and referred back
 With regards to the pavilion defib. Cllr Gerrard said that her electrician is currently working In London, but hopes to fit this by the start of the football season.
 Cllr Gerrard also stated that she has a contact that lives at East Goscote who would be willing to provide de-fib training free of charge.

- 19/093 **Maintenance**
Lamp post poppies - Currently we have 40 lamp post poppies which we placed from the industrial estate to the Church. RESOLVED that as these were gratefully received by our residents we would order a further 40 to install all around the Long Furrow.
- 19/094 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Poppies, Defibrillator, Bus shelters, Office door,
- 19/095 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
The August accounts will be checked and signed by members of the Finance committee and presented to the September meeting.
Criminal damage has occurred to the Ling Dale play area roundabout. Damage to the wet pour has been quoted at £1500. The clerk is talking to our insurance company.
Graffiti Wall – this insurance claim is in the hands of the assessors at present.
Electrical check at the pavilion – Has failed – the clerk will obtain quotes to address all the points as soon as possible.

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday September 11th 2019**
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall – Cllr Webbon gave his apologies

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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10th July 2019