

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr Cathy Duffy (Chair)      Cllr Martin Webbon

Cllr Laurie Needham          Cllr David Cannon

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)

1 members of the public      PC1909 Ady McCaffrey

- 19/170      **Co-option of New Members - None**
- 19/171      **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**  
One Member of the Public raised his continued concerns regarding speeding around the village and the recent increase in burglaries.
- 19/172      **Matters arising from the Police**  
PC McCaffrey informed the council of the new beat team members. He said that there have been ad-hoc speeding campaigns in the area. He gave the crime figures for the last 30 days and said he would be patrolling East Goscote until 3am. He informed the council that the police are producing a newsletter which is available via Neighbourhood Link. Cllr Duffy said that if you are a member of our Neighbourhood Watch scheme, this newsletter is sent out.
- 19/173      **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Sue Gerrard, John Malpus, M Nelson and Cllr J Poland – all absences were approved.
- 19/174      **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Duffy regarding the village hall, Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow.
- 19/175      **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (13.11)**  
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 19/176      **Matters arising from the minutes**  
19/147 PCSO Richards has only very recently been appointed to her new post. We will inform her of our issues in due course.  
19/125 – Ling Dale Wall has been repaired  
19/139 – The Manhole Covers will be sealed down once the weather allows.  
19/155 – The play area signs have been made and installed. Total cost £138.00  
19/155 – The silver birch tree on Lilac Way has been pruned  
19/157 – A response was sent to Queniborough PC regarding their Neighbourhood plan.  
19/160 – The new bench will be purchased in the spring for installation on the Mound.  
19/166 – The new litter bins have been ordered.  
19/162 – The pavilion asbestos survey was undertaken on November 28<sup>th</sup> and the report will be sent once payment has been received.  
19/163 – The bin “20’s plenty” stickers have been received and Cllr Nelson will distribute in January, also the Banners for the Bus shelters will be installed in January.  
19/164 – The tennis courts have been closed for the winter and all members have been informed.  
19/166 – Cllr Nelson and volunteers planted the sack of bulbs on November 24<sup>th</sup>, thanks to everyone who took part.

### **Borough Councillors Report**

The Borough Councillors said that she is currently working on getting the lights repaired at Fleury Court, which has been out for some time.

Cllr Needham reminded councillors that Charnwood are operating the free tree scheme and asked if it could be sent out as a push notification.

### **County Councillors Report**

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

- Leicestershire named “most productive council” for third year running. Consultancy firm IMPOWER evaluated 149 councils by measuring value for money, and to what degree each pound is spent improving lives.
- Lord Lieutenant’s Young person of the year award – People are being urged to nominate inspiring young people for this award. It is open to 13-19 year olds. The closing date for this award is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- GoLearn Adult learning courses – open up new horizons for 2020 – Courses are available at venues across the county and classes that being in January are open for enrolment now. [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/golearn](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/golearn) Anyone who enrolls on a course before 31 January 2020 will receive an early bird discount of 10%.

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

VHMC –A meeting was held on 21st November 2019. The Chairman said that

- Party bookings are very healthy over the winter and New Year.
- Terms of letting have been reviewed.
- New 6ft plastic tables have been purchased to replace the heavy wooden trestle tables
- The committee are looking at the costs to replace the blinds with new ones
- A new outside light has been fitted by the Kitchen door
- The defibrillator was fitted by East Goscote Electrics free of charge on 21<sup>st</sup> November
- Next meeting 27th February 2020

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

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the Feb edition is January 1st. Cllr Cannon informed the Council that Cllr Malpus will be standing down as assistant editor. He is responsible for putting the magazine together and spends a lot of time on this. In the February edition we will advertise for help on the committee.

TREES – The Silver Birch tree on Lilac Way has been pruned back and the loose branch removed from the tree opposite the School. Our Caretaker has also lifted many of our village trees.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EVENT – J Malpus confirmed that the Santa event was a great success with 55 (61 last year) children visiting Santa and receiving their gift. The library has recently had CCTV installed, thanks to the help of a members grant. J Hincks have now re-established their surgeries in the library which will give additional income to the library.

AFTERNOON TEA EVENT – a total of 58 elderly have applied. Cllr Webbon is helping to set the event up, and the library committee and brownie group are helping to organise the event.

NHOOD WATCH – Currently members in the region of 22/23 who are sent updates on a regular basis.

WEBSITE AND MOBILE APP – Website – Page views over the last 12 months amounted to 5177 (5465 previous 12 months). App Users now stands at 797 Android, 312 Apple 485

RESILIENCE PROJECT – Cllr Needham confirmed that she really did not wish to lead this project. Our Flood warden has confirmed that he gets very little information from the flood authority or environment agency. Cllr Cannon has checked our emergency bag and created a list of items which need replacing. There are currently 6/7 members of this group and it was agreed that a meeting would be held on January/February.

19/180

**Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £6,547.31 for December.

19/181

**Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- A resident sent in some information regarding Flood Risk at East Goscote. He is suggesting that we contact the Lead Flood Authority and the Environment Agency to request a review of our flood risk. It was agreed that we would write and request a review.
- Powerforpeople bill Cllrs decided not to support the local electricity bill at this stage
- Projector Hire – Pocket Rocket – was approved
- Cllr Nelson will attend Councillor Training on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

19/182

**Planning Matters**

P/19/2407/2 – Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof to front elevation of dwelling at 1 Countrymans Way, East Goscote

RESOLVED the council have no objection to this application

b) To consider our response to Charnwood Borough Council's draft preferred options Local Plan.

All Councillors were emailed the final draft response (16 pages) which was written by our professional consultant. The document was issued to members of KEGG and various interested parties for comment. The final response did include a much stronger conclusion.

RESOLVED to accept the response and send to the local plans team along with the leader of the council, all members of the Cabinet and the head of planning.

19/183

**To consider and agree the Precept 2020/2021**

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £58,700 to meet the expenses of the parish. The Precept request forms were duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £89,900 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low.

19/184

**To consider applying for S106 funds to resurface the pavilion car park**

The clerk confirmed that we have previously looked at alternative projects to use the remaining S106 funds from the "land at Melton Road". There is a balance of £7717 which has to be used by 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

One major programme of works which needs consideration is the resurfacing of the pavilion car park, which is used to access the pavilion and scout hut. The clerk provided pictures of the existing surface for the Councillors to have a look at.

One quote has been received to tarmac the whole area (approx. 1175m<sup>2</sup>) but this amounts to over £30,000.

It was suggested that we could part tarmac, and part refill and compact down to improve the area. RESOLVED that we would get three quotes, and send in the application form for the monies early next year. (Next agenda)

19/185 **To appoint the internal auditor for 2020/2021**

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 2020 will be £265 + vat. RESOLVED to appoint Redwood Pryor and agree to their terms and condition.

19/186 **To Purchase a new office computer (previous one 2012)**

The Clerk informed the council that the current desktop computer in the office is 7 years old. Although it is still working, it is suggested that we upgrade from a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation computer to the latest 9<sup>th</sup> generation, and latest windows 10. Quotes were received; however, one company offered a very special price during Black Friday Week, which the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to purchase. The cost to replace the computer was desktop £410.00 (reduced from £549.99) software (office) £49.99, Labour cost to transfer data £50.00, to set up new computer and configure £30.00. RESOLVED to ratify the total spend of £539.99 + vat for the complete package.

19/187 **To consider flower bed for Bizzy Bees to maintain**

Cllr Nelson had requested that the Council consider offering a flower bed for Bizzy Bees pre-school to maintain. An email had been received from Pocket Rocket also asking if we could allocate a bed to their group.

After much discussion it was agreed that we cannot offer a suitable area for a flower bed, as the areas suggested did interfere with our mowing schedule. Concerns were also raised regarding the possible neglect of any flower bed, as this has happened with a bed which was approved for another community group. RESOLVED not to offer flower beds to community groups, however, we could ensure they are made aware of any community litter picks or bulb planting events which they may like to take part in.

19/188 **Recycling centre update/Charnwood Environmental Grant/Greener Goscote Group**

Cllr Cannon issued with the agenda a paper for Councillors to consider regarding retaining the bottle banks which would cost £0.83p per day. Letters had been given to all the shopkeepers and the Public house to ask if they would consider making a donation towards the cost of this service.

The shops that replied stated that they all have their own waste removal service and were unwilling to pay towards this provision.

Cllr Cannon suggested several options as a way forward. RESOLVED that if the power to provide recycling facilities is available to Parish Councils, we would agree to cover the costs until the end of March. During this time Cllr Cannon will try to form a community group, with a constitution and bank account that will work on environmental projects within the village.

19/189 **Employee Matters (Confidential)**

Standing order 18a was invoked, any members of the public were asked to leave.

The Chairman confirmed that new Disciplinary and Grievance policies have been approved by the staffing committee along with a new email policy.

19/190        **Maintenance –** A sheet was handed in by Cllr Webbon.

19/191        **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Christmas events, local plan consultation, Precept and budget, Internal Auditor for 2020,  
New Office computer, Recycling costs.

19/192        **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman -** None

19/193        **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

L Pizer  
13.12.19