

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.

Present: Cllr J Malpus (Chair) Cllr D Cannon
Cllr M Nelson Cllr L Needham
Cllr M Webbon

Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant) 1 Members of the Public
Cllr James Poland, Leicestershire CC

- 19/231 **Matters arising from the Public**
There had a been a resident complaint about quad bikes riding round the Long Furrow and damaging the Jubilee Playing Field.
Resolved to pass the information onto the Police.
A resident spoke at the meeting about their draft letter regarding flooding and the risks attached to it for the village. He explained that the Environment Agency can undertake some works without a Flood Assessment being undertaken.
Resolved that the resident will write the covering letter and then forward onto the Clerk for checking and then to send the letter and flood report to Leicestershire County Council and other authorities for their information.
Resolved to write to the Environment Agency.
- 19/232 **Matters arising from the Police**
The Police did not attend.
- 19/233 **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Duffy and Gerrard sent their apologies.
- 19/234 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Malpus re Library and Long Furrow Magazine, and Cllr Cannon re Long Furrow.
- 19/235 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (12.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
Cllr Nelson asked that Councillors receive draft minutes.
- 19/236 **Matters arising from the minutes**
19/210 – Cllr Needham had investigated the number of bins on the Rearsby Road development. The bins there are to be adopted by Charnwood BC. To request a dog bin, 10 residents will need to ask for one.
Resolved that Cllr Needham follow up the request for a dog bin by the playground.
19/211 – Charnwood Watch signs will be installed on Thursday 19th April by Cllr Webbon and the Groundsman. Sargent Wharton of Charnwood East team had previously messaged Cllr Needham about setting up a meeting. This is to be done at a separate time. The parking issue on Lilac Way is still causing problems.
19/194 – Fleury court bins – Cllr Needham said that Charnwood had stated that the bins were not on their land and that in fact Jelsons were the landlords and they needed to enforce this.
19/218 – Bird boxes have been installed at The Meadows.

19/218 – Resilience project – the template plan was submitted, and they have applied for funding for several items.

19/226 – the memorial forms have been received back.

19/227 – the bench and plaque have now been received and it now needs putting in place with a small presentation.

19/237

County Councillors Report

Cllr Poland reported on the following:

- Leicestershire Matters magazine had started to be delivered through the county on Monday
- LCC is asking residents to nominate LGBT+ people who are considered as role models. Closing date for nominations is 31st March.
- Resident request for better screening on the Long Furrow near the factories.
Resolved to table at the June Parish Council meeting.

19/238

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham reported on the following:

- Survey undertaken around the village of 80 residents. Top concerns are speeding, development and crimes.
- Street signs are dirty **Resolved** to ask at Charnwood who would clean them.
- Cleaning of communal area in Fleury Court is below the standard that should be expected. Cllr Needham has raised this with the relevant officers at Charnwood and suggested that the officers check on the scheme after a few months.
- Resilience planning is just about completed, and the equipment request has been submitted. Once the plan is completed it will be circulated to the interested parties and a copy kept at the library with energy supplies.
- Next surgery is 28th March at the Library.

19/239

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr Duffy confirmed that a meeting was held on 27th Feb

- PAT testing was carried out on 19th Feb
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2019 was £17,027
- The hall has recently had new blinds fitted
- Next meeting 16th April

PAV/PLAYING FIELD

- The pavilion check will be completed by L Pizer and C Cadle.
- Playground checks will be completed professionally in March.

LONG FURROW

- The Annual Meeting agenda was in the Feb edition of the Long Furrow to inform residents.
- Deadline for the next edition is March 31st.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES

- Resident is concerned that silver birch on Lilac Way has not been cut back enough.
Resolved to table at the June meeting.

- Issue of too tall row of Leylandii on private property was raised.
Resolved that Cllr Webbon would visit the site and the Clerk to supply Cllr Malpus with information.

LIBRARY

- Cllr Malpus said the next meeting was on Wed 29th April at 6.30pm and everyone was welcome.
- The library had a record footfall of 219 people in the last week.

PARISH APP/WEBSITE

- Total app downloads amounted to) Android 327, Apple 491
- Website page views over the last 12 months amounted to 4635.
- Website page views are gradually going down, whilst the app downloads are gradually increasing month on month.

GREENER GOSCOTE

- Opened bank account and now waiting to apply for Shire Grant.
- Next meeting is in April.

SPEEDING

- A further 100 Wheelie bin stickers have been purchased and distributed around the village.

19/240

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £5055.04.

19/241

Correspondence

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

- Civic Service for the Mayor of Charnwood to be held on 22nd April
- Review of pitch inspection process.

Resolved to be put on the May agenda.

19/242

Planning Matters

Nothing to raise this time.

19/243

To approve Petty cash Payments

Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £36.91 income £100.00 and expenditure of £83.91 Carry forward £53.00.

Resolved that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.

19/244

To consider quotes for the pavilion car park

Charnwood Borough Council are chasing for a decision as to what to spend the money on. Three quotes have come in to look at repairing the car park at the Pavilion and Scout Hut on the Jubilee Playing Field. The works include tarmac to front and sides and to infill and roll to the rear of the Pavilion.

19/245

Section 106 Balance – to consider how we can use it

Quotes also received for new sports wall as it is showing signs of wear after 22 years. A cost of approximately £6,000 has been quoted for this. After some discussion a vote was taken about what to spend the S106 monies on.

Resolved to put the S106 monies toward the upkeep of the pavilion car park. Clerk to meet to discuss the quote with the contractor. A maximum spend up to £15,000.

- 19/246 **To consider the area to the rear of Long Furrow/Chestnut Way**
The Chairman said that the fences were falling down into the area and there is gravel on the footpath.

A resident has asked if this area could be used as a dog exercising area with a gate on it and a dog bin. Greener Goscote also asked if they could plant a few fruit trees. The conveyance of the land stated that there must always be access to that area as it is for the people of East Goscote. The entrance to the area must be big enough to fit the mower in and putting a gate up might make that too small.
Resolved to investigate the size of the mower, the possibility of planting fruit trees and table at the June meeting.
- 19/247 **To consider replacing the “village welcome signs”**
Cllr Nelson raised this and suggested that the signs could say “Please Slow Down”. A quote was asked for and a sign of 150mm x 100mm would cost £600.
Resolved to ask Cllr Poland what the likelihood would be of getting this changed.
Resolved to table at the July meeting.
- 19/248 **Maintenance**
Trees
Guides’ bed on Chestnut way has been tidied
- 19/249 **Items approved for expenditure**
Petty Cash
Car park
- 19/250 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**
Cllr Needham raised the biodiversity training at Leics CC. This is being held on 3 separate occasions. Cllr Nelson has said that she will attend on 23rd March.
Resolved that Cllr Needham would co-ordinate any bookings should anyone wish to go.

The Chairman said that he would be absent for the Annual meeting in May.
- 19/251 **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.
Resolved that a staffing meeting be arranged for April 3rd at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

C Taylor
12/03/20