

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 6.30pm via zoom.

Present:

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| Cllr J Malpus (Chair) | Cllr Martin Webbon |
| Cllr Laurie Needham | Cllr David Cannon |
| Cllr S Gerrard (part) | Cllr M Nelson |
| Cllr R Axon | Cllr N Shivers |
| Cllr G Slack (part) | Cllr C Tate |

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| Mrs L Pizer (Clerk) | Cllr J Poland |
| Renata Jones | |

20/155 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

None

20/156 **Matters arising from the Police**

Some emails received from the police which have been circulated

Cllr. Nick Shivers requested we ask police to check school for cars, parking and speed

Cllr. Sue Gerrard asked if it could go in the long furrow magazine

Cllr. Rod Axon and Liz said we could ask Headteacher to add to their newsletter to parents

Cllr. Gemma Slack said from experience best to take photos of bad behaviour and send to PCSO

RESOLVED that Cllr Axon would visit the Headteacher to speak with her, and, we would write asking the police to monitor the speeding around this area (20mphr) during school times

20/157 **Apologies for Absence:**

20/158 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow and community garden, Cllr Malpus regarding Long Furrow and Library, Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall

Cllr. Nick Shivers – library and hall

Cllr. David Cannon – garden/Greener Goscote

20/159 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (11.11)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

All in favour

20/160 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 20/006 – Flooding letters have been sent off.
- 20/137 – Asset management meeting re mound – deferred to the spring – Cllr. Laurie Needham will action when possible
- 20/086 – SEN information from Cllr James Poland – for Cllr. Michelle Nelson – Cllr. Poland has chased, not forgotten, not got them yet. Cllr. Michelle Nelson thanked Cllr. James Poland for his efforts. Deferred until received.
- 20/137 – Lime Tree works – Tree life have been asked to visit and recommend required works to the tree so that permission (TPO) can be obtained. – deferred until trees later in the evening
- 20/90 bike rack requested – will be discussed is on agenda for later
- 20/101 – Cllr. John Malpus has reviewed the financial regulations and there are no changes.

- 20/117 – Both senior teams have written in to confirm that they have no objections to a charity match being held on Boxing Day. The Council agreed to this. Resolved – reconfirmed agreement.
- 20/138 – A flood risk map is outstanding from Cllr. James Poland – hasn't got one. Cllr. Rod Axon said he can get one from the environment agency website and circulate on email.
- 20/139 – Tags on our trees – Cllr. John Malpus read out a response as not all Cllrs could confirm they'd had it or had seen it. Owners of trees need to be confirmed. Ones with tags are confirmed as our own ownership. Discussion was had regards which trees were believed to be tagged and which were not currently.
- 20/140 – The Christmas lights were installed on 5th December and are on every evening.
- 20/144 – Admin to write to Charnwood to ask if they would consider a bin in the Rearsby Roses area. – to do. Primarily problem is dog waste. However, bin for general waste would also be helpful. Cllrs James Poland and Sue Gerrard explained points system at CBC. Cllr. Laurie Needham said she'd written before and Cllr. Sue Gerrard said so too but could be a year or more ago. The management company at Rearsby Roses said relocation of existing bin or a new bin would need to be paid for by the residents.
- 20/144 – Bin at the end of Wayfarer Drive – still needs attention – possibly replacement. Cllr. Laurie Needham to chase this up. Has been fixed, but not properly.
- 20/152 – Drain outside village hall – has been attended to by Severn Trent
- Website photos required from Cllrs Rod Axon and Gemma Slack. Holding images used. Cllrs can pop to office and have them taken outside the office if can't send.

20/161

County Councillors Report

- Leics leading the way in climate change, target to be hit by 2025, five years earlier than national, regards omissions.
- 16k fast (lateral flow) Covid test kits have arrived in county, 1 hr tests without lab processing.
- Happy Christmas and happy new year

Cllr Axon asked how net zero would be achieved when planning doesn't factor for it. Cllr. James Poland confirmed context planning a borough matter and called on Cllr. Laurie Needham.

Cllr Needham talked about biodiversity in the housing plan from a recent CBC briefing. Does mention net zero but doesn't seem to have an effective plan as to achieving it. Seemed plan is to fund via off set contributions to encouraging elsewhere, but Cllr. Needham not convinced effective based on finite land space. Cllr. Rod Axon asked for more details, Laurie said a white paper should come out with more information too.

Cllr Sue Gerrard asked about response to planning recently, was disappointed it was a form as wanted to add more. Cllr John Malpus clarified that's why we [as a council] had sent supplementary letter with objections.

20/162

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr. Laurie Needham explained more about the local plan. It's coming to council end March, not been seen yet, no actual date as to when seen. Must go through scrutiny and cabinet first, so could be seen by all councillors ETA February. After council there's examination in public. Not like previous consultation, all comments go to planning inspector, then a long time until adopted. All comments to national body, not CBC.

CBC had said they'd engage with parishes, so we should look out for that.

Police good on Twitter, encouraged to follow.

Has been following up on potholes. Has noticed one has progressed to have yellow spray paint around it, which is promising.

Has asked about electric vehicle charging points, only to be on CBC car parks so discounted our area. However, funding may be available for one. –Discussion held re ideas for charging points and that one may be available at our local garage.

Residents feedback – dog poo problems. Do we have the option to ask for the warden again? – If recurring problem areas can be identified we can request the dog warden revisit.

Residents feedback – speeding – will speed watch happen again? Question put to James as LCC, he'll find out.

Residents feedback – youth provision, has had three requests so good we've got the outreach programme.

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting.

20/163

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr. Nick Shivers presented with support from L Pizer. A meeting was held on 26th November 2020. The Chairman said that

- Currently the hall is open for Pre-School only
- The insurance policy was reviewed, and the supplier was changed
- Quotes are being obtained to upgrade the toilet sink units.
- Terms of letting are being reviewed.
- Next emergency meeting 11th January 2021 to review COVID restrictions
- Next regular meeting 28th Jan

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Checks are being carried out by Cllrs Axon, Malpus and Webbon In our Caretakers absence.

Liz and Cllr. Nick Shivers to do December check, and that to be a training session for anyone who wants to do it but isn't currently trained. Four asked to be trained.

Cllr. Martin Webbon for January checks.

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the next edition is 1 January 2021. There are two new advertisers which will help with funding.

TREES – Cllr. Martin Webbon reported that he has received a complaint regarding a tree at the rear of the Meadows which the resident believes could cause future problems. Treelife have been asked to attend the site and report on the condition of the tree. Our expert was scathing about what one of the residents had done regards tree clipping previously discussed. Hedge trim needed near pavilion gateway on Long Furrow.

Lime Tree Lilac Way –Expert advised we can remove dead wood without TPO, but not living branches. So will now get quote for removal of dead wood.

Cllr. John Malpus – re new trees planted around the mound. Was some confusion re exact planting location so need maps circulated. Note for the future. Cllr. Nick Shivers – we must clear the bottom of trees Cllr. David Cannon, if we get mats that go around the base of tree it's preventative for future, labour saving. – Response additional, concern raised strimmer might cut through new trees.

Cllr. Michelle Nelson has contacted highways, at LCC, and Cllr James Poland, and response received that tree near Rearsby Roses will be replaced.

Cllr Rod Axon, do we need a policy as seems ad hoc? – Response, we have a tree policy. However more maintenance, Rod would like a future documented somehow.

Cllr James Poland left the meeting.

LIBRARY – The library re-opened on 7th December with limited computers and limited numbers.

Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr. Tate - Fraud going on, a lot of it, but thankfully not affecting East Goscote currently.

CAR PARK UPDATE- The works have been completed satisfactorily using hardcore and tarmac. Thanks to Councillor Webbon for attending site daily and overseeing the works, and for his work on quotes and getting a good price. The section 106 funding has been received from Charnwood. Drainage is better with the hardcore. Environmentally Hard core is better too. Edges of tarmac now fortified so won't break as easily when cars drive over edges.

WILDFLOWER VERGES UPDATE – Cllr. David Cannon has sent the application off to LCC. We have been informed that applications have been extended to the year end.

Cllr. Cannon has another meeting tomorrow with LCC via zoom so will get more info then and report back.

CYCLE RACK UPDATE – A site meeting was held and Cllr Cannon and Malpus along with the Caretaker and Clerk, felt that a good position would be in front of the scout hut. Unfortunately, the scouts did not approve the siting and therefore at the moment we do not have a suitable site for the location of the rack. Cllr. Rod Axon suggested another existing concrete base that could be used, away from building. Apparently previously used for shed for storage, now not used.

Cllr. David Cannon proposed have another site meeting to look at alternative locations.

20/164

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £1587.41 for December. Wages and Pension payments will be considered and approved by the Finance committee.

20/165

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Rest Centre – volunteers required by Charnwood borough council, for emergency rest centre running, no volunteers came forwards.
- Community recovery worker – Council did not require a meeting regarding this.
- Census poster to be displayed on our noticeboards, and handbook circulated
- Tennis – resident – asked if could be open all year if playing at own risk. Resident to be told won't be revisiting decision. Need potential to close to clean if necessary.
- Scouts said thanks for car park refurbishment, via spotted and Facebook.
- TPO – info from NOLA received and recirculated.
- £7k received for car park S106
- Cllr. Cannon has circulated a report update regards climate change meeting
- Register of electors 2021, 2304 electors

- Virgin – currently working on Melton Road, Cllr. Martin Webbon spoke to them, has a map of works, Liz Pizer has circulated. They're planning to dig up our land near bus shelter on Long Furrow. Cllr. James Poland has provided contact telephone number and permit number. RESOLVED– we should not give permission to dig up our land.
- Covid 19 preventative behaviour and symptom study – request to complete survey. Cllr. Michelle Nelson has made enquiries, seems like a general research question. Cllr. Gemma Slack – let's put it on the council website and see if the public want to take part.
- Request for a skate park/Youth provision – more needed for older children, skate park request for back of mound. Zip wire requested near railway line. Cllr. Laurie Needham – Has spoken to the resident, thinks the skate park would be good, would like added for a future meeting for a wider discussion. Wants an existing underused facility to be replaced as good area for it. Cllr. Rod Axon - zip wire seems too high maintenance. And one area suggested intrudes on wildlife corridor. Resolved, discuss further at later meeting

20/166

Planning Matters

P/20/1605 – Outline application for erection of 200 houses to land at Melton Road. Cllr Axon helped to draft a letter of objection which has been sent to Charnwood. Letter created and sent was based on feedback from Queniborough and on similar previous case objections.

P/20/2031/2 – First floor extension over existing garage to create a fourth bedroom at 175 Long Furrow, East Goscote – No objections

Prospective undertakers (Merchants Common) – Cllr Malpus has had a resident ask if a change of use is needed, previously a butcher. Cllr. Laurie Needham says info would be online. Liz Pizer has contacted building control. Cllr. John Malpus says resident concerned about flat above, and parking for fleet of cars. similar size. Resolved further information needed, await response from building control.

Gladman Planning – A letter has been received informing us that Gladman Developments Limited intend to submit an application for outline planning permission for up to 270 dwellings, including 30% affordable housing, structural landscaping, open space and a community park. They have offered us a meeting in a closed forum for members to discuss the application in further detail. It was resolved that a subgroup of Cllrs Axon, Needham and Webbon would attend a meeting via zoom on Wednesday December 16th at 6pm. A website containing further details of the planning application is also available at www.your-views.co.uk/east-goscote.

Cllr Axon said that 2.4 hectares should be decontaminated, then building, could mean up to a decade of resident inconvenience from new building. Cllr. Laurie Needham, reason housing supply levels lost came down from national, and CBC has pushed back it was unfair. New plan still going through until 2022, so existing local plan currently stands, which is same argument as last time at enquiry. So seems same position except land supply. Resolved, all seemed in favour of proceeding with meeting and subgroup.

20/167

To consider and agree the Precept 2021/2022

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1st, 2021 and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £59,000 to meet the expenses of the parish. The Precept request forms will be duly signed. It was also confirmed that the budget would be £86,000 and we would use our reserves and working balance to keep the precept low. Resolved all in favour, Cllr Cannon abstained.

Cllr. Nick Shivers queried bus shelter at doctor's fee, did we know if needed. Money has been budgeted in case a new shelter is required when the home is occupied.

Cllr. David Cannon was disappointed by response regards climate change budgeting. Cllr John Malpus responded it was too much money to budget on a 'what if' scenario. Cllr. Martin Webbon said that vehicle budgeting and electric vehicle is part response. Cllr. Laurie Needham said it needs a working group for further consideration and for precept 2021/2, and a climate plan, and a carbon zero plan and committee, and these should go on future agenda. We could also call on help from other authorities who have gone through the process already. Cllr. David Cannon proposed a climate change subgroup to be established to work towards 2022 precept, Cllr. John Malpus seconded.

Cllr. Michelle Nelson asked what the five-year plan and vision could be for our village, however felt various plans could be made to work hand in hand to create a full coherent structure. Resolved, subgroup to be formed to start putting together a 5-year development plan for the village.

20/168

To ratify the detached youth provision by the LRYFS

The Clerk was contacted by the Leicestershire and Rutland Youth and Family Services to say that they have a small amount of funding to provide detached youth provision in East Goscote, every Thursday evening for a period of four weeks. A poster was provided, and they wished to ask, out of courtesy for our approval. Councillors were emailed and it was RESOLVED that we approve to the youth work on our village. A report will be provided for our attention at the end of the project.

A report has been circulated recently to all Cllrs and was read out by Cllr. John Malpus at the meeting outlining the first two weeks visits. A full report should be received in January, and maybe create a subgroup to look in more depth at the issue of youth provision and facilities. Cllr Nelson said there is a group running at the church, once a week, 5yrs old up, Reverend Tim Day to contact for more info. Cllr Slack added, lots of concern recently about mental health in young people in the media, especially considering Covid, and could make more enquiries to various bodies for us.

Resolved – approved work of youth group in village, and to add to future agenda for further discussion.

20/169

To Purchase covered/hooded bins for our playing fields.

The Clerk informed the council that the current red bins on our playing fields are open and for a long time it has been a problem in wet weather when the bins fill with water as well as litter and dog waste.

We do have remaining funds in our Environmental Improvements budget, and it was RESOLVED to purchase two initially and up to four eventually, 90 litre Kestrel bins in green with a steel liner. The base cost is £126.00 per bin, although there may be fixing charges which might be extra. With the second two to be considered, potentially on February's agenda.

20/170

To appoint the internal auditor for 2021/2022

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 2021 will be £285 + vat. RESOLVED to appoint Redwood Pryor and agree to their terms and condition.

Cllr. Martin Webbon proposed acceptable and we stick with him [as a supplier].
Cllr. Rod Axon seconded.

E.G.P.C. 09.12.20

All in favour.

Cllr Slack left the meeting.

20/171

To consider proposed changes to our Mowing contract

Cllr. David Cannon issued a written explanation of proposed changes he would like to see to our mowing contract. Cllr. Rod Axon did not issue maps giving more detail in time for consideration by Councillors.

Cllr. John Malpus asked councillors to be aware there were to be two separate heights of mowing needed, and that's something to be mindful of. It impacts costs and equipment; it changes the contract.

Cllr. Nick Shivers raised concerns the public would find it untidy, and that the rented land from CBC on mound so could be a clause about maintenance within.

Liz Pizer – cutting was reduced to once this year from twice on the mound. Mowing contractor said an edge left to grow would be more expensive to trim not cheaper once it is long, would need raking before cutting. Also concerns around composting potential. Contractor suggested starting smaller, a patch near tennis courts.

Cllr. Rod Axon suggested further areas for potential wildflowers areas to be left, near to tennis courts and industrial estate. Greener Goscote could help with any necessary raking.

Cllr. John Malpus proposed revisit when Cllrs have had chance to study the maps.

Cllr Laurie Needham proposed Cllrs Axon and Cannon meet mowing contractors.

Liz Pizer explained timelines for mowing contractor renewals, which start again in March, with preceding deadlines to brief and sign, so decisions are needed in January to get quotes in for consideration at Februarys meeting.

Resolved – Liz to speak to Dan [contractor] to arrange meeting for Liz, Cllr David Cannon, and Cllr Rod Axon via zoom. A full schedule and map are required with the agenda for our January meeting so Councillors can make a decision on the way forward.

20/172

Community Garden project update

Further to our decision at the last meeting, due to COVID restrictions, face to face meetings could not be held in the library as agreed and therefore the letter was held back.

The Clerk and Chairman circulated a letter suggesting meetings outside of the library for consideration by the council, or alternatively to offer written or telephone feedback only.

It was Resolved – for drafted letter circulated to be printed and sent out to residents. 17 to be printed. Cllr. John Malpus and Cllr. Rod Axon can collect and deliver. Cllr Shivers asked if residents could join us on Zoom – they can do this under matters arising from the public at our next meeting.

20/173

Maintenance

The Chairman asked if we could arrange for a quote to repair the Perspex in the Swallow Dale bus shelter. Resolved to do so.

20/174

Items approved for Expenditure

Precept and budget, Internal Auditor for 2021, litter bins

20/175

Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman – None

Cllr. John Malpus gave notice he intends to leave the council from 4 Jan 2021.

E.G.P.C. 09.12.20

Councillors were very shocked and saddened to hear that Cllr Malpus was retiring from his work as a Parish Councillor but wished him well and thanked him for everything that he has done since joining in December 2014.

Cllr. Laurie Needham – Christmas lights, proposed we add to a future agenda, but before spring, that we investigate adding more decorations. Cllr Michelle seconded, all in favour, carried.

Weekly Playground checks will be undertaken by various councillors in the absence of our caretaker.

20/176

Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

Closed to public from 9.30pm.

20/177

Employee Matters (Confidential) – moved to end.

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

The Chairman updated the council on the staffing meeting minutes (3rd December)

Our caretaker is currently off work self-isolating for two weeks. Councillors are helping to cover the workload.

The staffing committee will next meet on 1st February 2021.

The meeting closed at 10pm

L Pizer and R Jones

10.12.20