

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair) Mr Malpus
Mrs L Castle Mr K Preston
Mrs E Garner Mr R Merry-Howe
Mr M Gonulalan

16/176 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**

The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public.
No Public present.

16/177 **Matters arising from the police**

No police presence – A report was read out to councillors detailing incidents of note. The village suffered mainly from damage to motor vehicles.

16/178 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Duffy, Cllr Needham, Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr Houseman not required.

16/179 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus – Long Furrow and Library.

16/180 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.12)**

The minutes held on 14th December was agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

16/181 **Matters arising from the minutes**

16/156 – The Clerk has been in contact with the football club who have suggested that they would like to hire the pavilion on a Saturday morning for the many children training. It is being organised.

16/145 – Is there a limit to the volume of any extension compared to its original size. This was asked of our Borough Councillor on 9th November 2016 – no answer as yet.

16/158 – Continual mess around Fleury Court – Cllr Gerrard has written to Charnwood to ask for larger bins for Fleury court residents. However it was noted that the problem was with the residents of Merchants common. Cllr Malpus will monitor this situation – there is some wooden debris there at the moment, we will write to both Jelsons and Charnwood to ask for this to be cleaned up.

16/154 – Charnwood Sports Facility grant – Being led by our Borough Councillor – She has a meeting with the sports council on 1st February.

16/162 – Emergency plan – letters to local groups – Cllr Needham to send letters out.

16/164 – Boxing Day match – comments were made on Spotted East Goscote to the affect that it was a village event rather than a senior football team event, also we were contacted by the Leicester Mercury. The Clerk is unsure if any article/comments were written.

16/168 – Consultation letters have been posted to approx. 30 houses regarding the Bus stop improvements on the Melton Road. We have had one concern (verbal) re the shelter being an eyesore – the residents have been asked to put their concerns in writing.

16/170 – The Scout group have made comments regarding the suggested terms of the scout lease. The working party will need to consider these comments, along with the Charnwood lease and present options to the full council at our February meeting.

16/182 **Reports from Reps on other Committees:**

VHMC – Next Meeting February 16th 2017

Pavilion and Playing fields - A Pavilion check will be undertaken by the Caretaker and Clerk in due course. Cllr Garner and Castle have carried out the playground checks. The Clerk will ensure all minor repairs are carried out.

Long Furrow – The deadline for the next edition is January 14th 2017 The Long Furrow editor has received a letter from a resident regarding Sims Public House and its condition. The Long Furrow have written to the tenant and are awaiting a full response. The Council are concerned that Sims is not being maintained to a good standard – particularly the frontage which is an eyesore, and is the main focal point of the village. Concerns were also voiced regarding its continued business use, as it is suggested that the current tenant will be vacating the premises sometime this year. Enterprise Inns are holding the lease, however when we have written in the past, they simply pass the complaint to the tenant who is responsible for the upkeep, and who is suggested to be leaving.

NHood Watch –An article has been sent to the Long Furrow asking for volunteers to take over the neighbourhood watch scheme in other areas as the Rearsby Roses scheme was a success.

Trees – nothing to report

Library – nothing to report – next trustees meeting 18th January

Parish App/website latest Figures – Website page views over the last 90 days amounted to 2944 (2794 previous 90 days) App users now stands at 232 (236 last month).

16/183 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4472.79 for January.

16/184 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- Leics County Council draft financial plan – The LCC proposals are to save £68 million by 2020 and to raise council tax by 4% per year for the next 3 years. All Councillors were emailed details of the financial plan which is out for consultation until January 10th. The clerk informed Councillors that the proposed increase in LCC council tax 4% would equate to £45 for a band D property. The government is also giving councils the flexibility to increase the 2% adult social care precept by another 1-2% for the next two years. This would cost an additional £22.50 for a band D property.
- Planning guide – Cllr Gerrard emailed to obtain copies for every councillor (15.12)
- Thank you letter from the Friendship Club

16/185 **Planning Matters**

None

16/186 **To consider the mowing contract for 2017/2018**

The Clerk informed the Councillors that we have received a quote for the grounds maintenance contract for 2017-2020 from Roma Landscapes. This company has been carrying out our contract since at least 2003. As well as the mowing contract, he also arranges to initial mark the pitches and cuts the playing field perimeter hedge all at good prices. The Clerk felt

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that with his vast experience of our village maintenance it would be reasonable to revoke standing orders and financial regulations to offer the contract for the next three years. In terms of best value, in the many years we have obtained alternative prices, Roma have always been the best value. RESOLVED unanimously that we would award the contract to Roma Landscapes until 2020.

16/187 **Review of Councillor maintenance responsibility, playground and pavilion checks.**

Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks for 2017.

16/188 **To approve the APM agenda for the next edition of the Long Furrow**

All councillors were in receipt of the draft agenda – The Long Furrow Editor “Jules” suggested that we add something engaging like “come along and hear what we’ve achieved” This was agreed, Cllr Malpus will try to get the agenda in the Magazine as prominent as possible.

16/189 **Maintenance**

16/190 **Items approved for expenditure**

Proposed Accounts/Mowing contract

16/191 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**

Residents of Huntsman’s Dale have received a letter from Charnwood Borough Council offering them the land which we previously had as part of our lease. The letter states that the land is “surplus to requirements” and offers the land to the homeowners at a relatively low cost. The Clerk will check if this covers land registry fees.

Cllr Garner raised concerns that the new LED street lamps in some cases are not giving out enough light. In particular the bend on Long Furrow has no lights. Cllr Garner will identify the street lamp numbers which are off at night. It was agreed that the clerk will check the plan of lamps on and off and request that this bend is lit up at night due to the large amount of cars parking on this bend.

Cllr Castle asked why there is no longer a recycling bin for “plastics” in the recycling area. The clerk will investigate this.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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