

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.

Present: Ms S Lander (Chair) Mr Mehmet Gonulalan
Mrs L Castle Mr Roger Merry Howe
Mr J Malpus
Mr Kevin Preston Miss Laurie Needham
Mrs Caroline Taylor (Assistant) Dr Jo Willett

Dr Jo Willett attended prior to the meeting to talk to Councillors regarding the Parish App. She said she had found it online and thought it was “amazing”. She is researching information about Parish Councils, their work and how they communicate.

- 16/216 **Matters arising from the Public**
None
- 16/217 **Matters arising from the Police**
A police report was emailed to Cllrs. There were 6 reported incidents in February. PCSO Geeson would like to continue to hold “beat surgeries” in the library however, has asked to rename them “Meet and Greet”.
- 16/218 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Houseman, Mrs Cathy Duffy, Mrs Elaine Garner
Mrs S Gerrard, PCSO Geeson
- 16/219 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Malpus and Cllr Needham Re Library (Other personal interests) and Cllr Malpus re the Long Furrow Magazine.
- 16/220 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (08.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 16/221 **Matters arising from the minutes**
16/191 – Cllr Garner to advise of lamp numbers that are out.
16/199 – Fleury Court Dirty areas – A one off clean has been carried out by Charnwood and letter has been sent to remind the residents it is their duty to clean the area.
- 16/222 **County Councillors Report**
Councillor Houseman sent a written report by email which was circulated to all Councillors. It gave details of the new service offered by Leics County Council called First Contact Plus. Details have been included on our website and a notification sent out via the parish app.
- 16/223 **Borough Councillors Report**
Cllr Gerrard gave the Clerk a hand-written report which she scanned and circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk has questioned which “pavilion users” have been contacted to date, regarding the grant application and initial meeting.

16/224

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – The clerk confirmed that a meeting was held on 16th Feb.

- PAT testing was carried out on 19th January
- Total amount spent on maintenance for the hall in 2016 was £1311.64
- The committee have applied for a grant to replace the roof to the Charnwood Community Facility Grant – we will know if we have been successful in April.
- The hall has been approached by a new customer wishing to start a day care pre-school from September
- Next meeting 27th April

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: -

The pavilion check has been completed by L Pizer and C Cadle.

Playground checks will be completed professionally in March.

LONG FURROW – Our Annual Meeting agenda was in the Feb edition of the Long Furrow to inform residents. There were other articles relating to the Tennis court, parish app, and neighbourhood watch.

NHOOD WATCH – Cllr Preston has held a meeting with the Rearsby Roses area co-ordinators and they have set up a Facebook page called “Rearsby Roses Neighbourhood Watch”. The article in the Long Furrow did not generate any interest from residents wishing to rejuvenate schemes elsewhere on the village.

TREES –Nothing to report

LIBRARY - Cllr Malpus said the AGM was on 29th March at 6.30pm and everyone was welcome.

PARISH APP/WEBSITE – Total users of app in February amounted to 240 (238 last month) Website page views over the last 90 days amounted to 2711 (3136 previous 90 days)

PAVILION GRANT APPLICATION- Update in Borough Councillor Report “Waiting to hear back from the users”.

16/225

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £7917.78

16/226

Correspondence

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

- Council tax base for East Goscote is 927.2 which means that the 17/18 band D cost to our residents equates to £62.91 per household. This is a 5.3% increase on last year (£59.73)
- Resident letter re installation of a memorial bench in memory of Mrs Christine Brett. This was agreed in principle by the Parish Council and will be ratified at May’s meeting.

16/227 **Planning Matters**

The period for appeal relating to the refusal of 6 Broomfield, East Goscote, has now ended. The officer is liaising with the resident and believes a new application will be submitted although the enforcement process has commenced.

16/228 **To approve Petty cash Payments**

Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £5.63 income £150.00 and expenditure of £151.41 Carry forward £4.22. RESOLVED that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.

16/229 **To consider the professional playground inspection.**

The inspection company has yet to carry out the inspections therefore it will be deferred to the May meeting.

16/230 **To consider the Industrial Estate site visit.**

Cllr Merry Howe completed a site visit of the Industrial Estate and gave details of his findings to the Council. In summary he felt that there was an improvement on last year in the general tidiness of the area. He will email his report to the office, which will then be sent to Parish Councillors and Mr S Wilson at Jelson Ltd.

16/231 **Playing field Lease – update from Charnwood/Scouts**

The Scouts replied to our proposals and a further working party meeting was held on Tuesday 7th March. The recommendations from the working party were:

- The WP propose that we continue with our original proposal of Permitted user – Scouts only – May not be used by other groups or sub-let. This is in accordance with the lease currently in place.
- To continue with our proposal made at the 8th Feb meeting, the District Valuer will carry out the review, every 5 years, which is out of our control. Any increase will be passed onto the scout group. We cannot offer any concessions or capping.
- The Scouts offered to pay a service charge of £150 relating to the access road and car park maintenance. The WP feels this amount is unrealistic, and according to our figures, a service charge of £500pa would be more appropriate. An alternative would be a lower service charge plus a share of exceptional costs.

Other options are:

- a) To renew the lease – continuing with the current terms i.e. “Pay on demand” or
- b) Offer the scouts under the 3rd schedule “rights granted” - The right of access at reasonable times for proper purposes in connection with the use of the premises as hereby authorised without vehicles.
- The scouts have offered to insure the water pipe for any required repairs, which we agree to.
- RE the Septic Tank - The WP proposed that following advice, we require that it be emptied bi-annually as per our original proposal.

The Scouts asked if the Parish Council, as a gesture of goodwill, would repair the car park surface to the front of the Scout Hut. The WP feel that the scouts have not taken into consideration that since 1997, they have not been charged rent, and also have never been charged any maintenance for the car park. The small amount requested for the access road (10%) was exceptionally low given that they are the main users of both the access road and the car park. We have obtained a quote for works to the front of the scout hut and car park which amounts to £5200. These works do need to be carried out, however we would need to obtain three quotes, and under the current lease, charge the scouts accordingly (To pay on demand a fair proportion according to use).

The building interior and exterior is the responsibility of the tenant.

The Council RESOLVED to approve all the above proposals and felt that we were being very fair with our terms. Hopefully we can agree with the scouts, all the terms to renew the lease. The Council asked the working party to arrange a further meeting with the scouts before our AGM in May (poss mid April). The lease is due for renewal on 1st November 2017, so we need to start the process with our solicitors. It was noted that if the Scout group cannot agree to new terms, in accordance with the current lease (5.15), the next stage is “at the expiration of the term, to yield up the premises in repair and in accordance with the terms of this lease, to give up all keys of the premises to the landlord, and remove all lettering and signs erected by the tenant in, upon, or near the premises and forthwith to make good any damage caused by such removal”.

16/232

Community Defibrillator – update from working party meeting

Cllrs Gonulalan and Preston met to research the installation of a defibrillator. It was noted that Cllr Gerrard failed to attend the initial meeting. A paper was distributed to all Councillors with the agenda, which included details of costs, lifespan, and training, defibs nearby, and other issues. A long debate ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages and it was noted from 2014 stats that paramedics arrive within 8 minutes to a cardiac arrest 70.8% of the time. If they arrive one minute quicker this increases survival rates by 24%. The Council were also informed that only 2% of incidents receive defibrillation. The local doctor has a defib for patients which has never been used, and the elderly persons home, Lingdale lodge does not have one - they rely on paramedics.

If a person requires use of a defib, when they dial 999 they are given the code for the cabinet to get access. A lot of discussion was held regarding the short span of time a resident has to get the defib, whilst giving CPR would also be of benefit.

After a great deal of thought on this matter, it was Resolved Unanimously that we would discount the purchase of defib because the practical difficulties outweighed the advantages and as paramedics respond so quickly it was felt that survival rates would not be improved given the short space of time available. It was suggested that we look into the training of residents in the administering of CPR and use the monies raised for this. The Chairman suggested that the working party looking at pavilion improvements, could also look at having a defib on the pavilion exterior for use by football players.

Cllrs Mehmet and Preston were thanked for working so hard on this research.

16/233

Community Governance Review – to agree our response

All Councillors were given a copy of the letter received from Charnwood Borough Council relating to this review. RESOLVED that we respond indicating that we feel no changes are required at East Goscote.

16/234

Staffing Committee Report

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.

16/235

Maintenance

The Clerk confirmed that the Queniborough Brook, Melton Road had been dredged by the Environment Agency.

The new mound swings are being fitted this week.

Virgin media works – the office have received a few enquiries. We have included some details on our website.

Senior Goalposts – we have been informed the brackets are cracked and damaged. The Clerk has looked into this and all four brackets have needed replacing. One of the brackets must have been damaged with some force, the clerk will ensure they are inspected regularly and any further damage will be charged to the football clubs who use the senior goalposts.

16/236 **Items approved for expenditure.**
Petty Cash/Goalpost brackets

16/237 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

L Pizer
09/03/17