

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, April 08th 2020 at 7.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Via Video Call

Cllr J Malpus (Chair)	Cllr M Webbon
Cllr D Cannon	Cllr C Duffy
Cllr L Needham	Cllr M Nelson
Cllr J Poland	
Members of the public	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was

20/001 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Gerrard,

20/002 **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 10th 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

20/003 **Matters arising from the minutes:**

20/004 **Matters arising from the Police**  
Annual figures were extracted by the Clerk from the website UK Crime Stats which gave a breakdown of offences and a total number of 125 crimes at East Goscote for the period Feb 19 – Jan 20. There were 102 for the previous 12 months ( Feb 18 – Jan 19).

20/005 **Chairman's Report**  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
He had produced a written report included in everyone's papers.  
Some of the issues covered were:-

- Council and Staff
- Planning
- Gladmans Development
- The cost of vandalism – this year amounted to £400.00
- Dog Fouling
- The Village Hall
- East Goscote Library
- The Parish Phone App/website
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Christmas Events
- The Snow Warden Scheme
- Village Trees
- The Long Furrow Magazine
- Defibrillator at the Sports Pavilion and village hall
- Leases
- Speedwatch Scheme
- Closure of the Doctors Surgery
- The new group "Greener Goscote"
- Next year's projects

The Chairman paid tribute to: our County Councillor, Borough Councillor, MP Mr Argar, and our PCSO's for all their hard work. He also thanked the Council staff team for all their hard work this year and explained that our Admin Assistant has left the role for a new career.

He also wished to thank East Goscote Library for hosting the Christmas celebrations and for their service to our residents

There were no questions.

20/006

### **Finance report**

The annual report was issued to everyone present, along with information about the precept. The 2020/21 budget would be £89,900.00 with the precept at £58,700. This equated to a cost of £62.35 for a band D property which is a 1% increase on last year.

Projects for 2020/21 include investigating costs to renovate the pavilion car park, new village welcome signs, replacing the swings to the Village Green play area, and several new benches.

There were no questions.

20/007

### **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Needham issued a written report which contained details of:

- Charnwoods Budget
- The corporate plan
- The new draft local plan
- East Goscote Support group
- East Goscote Resilience group

20/008

### **County Councillors Report**

A written report was issued to everyone with the agenda.

His report focused on County Council challenges following storms in February, helping East Goscote Residents and the LCC finances and the Medium term financial strategies. £80m of savings are required.

Cllr Poland stated that the budget foundations remain strong with LCC being independently rated as the most productive council in the Country for the last three years.

He thanked the Parish Office staff, our Borough Councillor, and our MP Edward Argar.

20/009

### **East Goscote Village Hall Update**

All members received a copy of the annual report with their agenda.

Details included were:

- Solar panels fitted to the hall saving money
- New aluminium front doors
- Members grant awarded to help fund a new boiler
- A new kitchen was fitted in April 2019
- New tables and chairs purchased
- In November 2019 the hall gratefully received a defibrillator
- New blinds were installed in April 2020
- £17,027 was invested in the hall in 2019

Thanks were noted to the village hall committee and all the regular users of the hall whose funding helps us to make all the improvements to the hall.

With the current pandemic the hall is closed and its income reduced to zero. We have applied for a grant from LCC community fund.

20/010

**East Goscote Community Library**

Cllr Malpus included a written report in everyone's papers.

He said that they were now more accustomed to the way we should work. The library continues to be financially stable but LCC subsidies are reducing. Fundraising is better organized with the new committee. The dog bags bring in much needed income. The library are looking at changing some of the heaters to more economical ones. There are currently 23 volunteers who work in the library. The Christmas events continue to be a great success.

20/011

**Matters arising by permission of the Chairman**

The Chairman confirmed that a vote was held regarding delegation of powers to approve account and any decisions. It was ratified that delegated powers be given to the Clerk and Chairman to make any decisions necessary.

It is hoped that we can continue with our meetings remotely. It was an option that we could cancel our AGM in May however, Councillors felt that we should try to carry on and hold the meeting remotely at the same date and time as previously agreed. The clerk informed the councillors that there would be a monthly charge to Zoom of around £15 for meetings longer than 40 minutes. It was agreed to upgrade to this on a monthly basis.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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09th April 2020