

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Cllr C Duffy (Chair) Cllr M Webbon
Cllr J Malpus Mrs S Gerrard (Part)

PC1909 A McCaffrey

19/194 **Matters arising from the public. (Meeting Adjourned)**

The meeting was adjourned to receive any comments/statements from members of the public. Cllr Malpus was asked to bring to our attention the problem of the wheelie bins at the back of Fleury Court/Merchants Common. The flats from above the shops are leaving the bins at the end of the alleyway causing a hazard as the area is not lit at night. Clerk to inform Charnwood via Cllr Needham and Jelsons to ask if anything can be done about this. Cllr Webbon congratulated LCC for a very quick response to a lighting issue over the Christmas period. Cllr Gerrard asked if any hampers were delivered to people in need, at East Goscote, from Wreake Valley students. No one present had heard of this.

19/195 **Matters arising from the police**

Pc McCaffrey informed the council that year on year crime in the Charnwood area had a 7% reduction in crime. Resident burglaries were down 25% within Charnwood. He informed the council of local crime in the last 30 days. A resident had written in regarding a complaint re traffic cones on Wayfarer Drive. This was passed over to Pc McCaffrey who said that he would speak to the resident concerned. Cllr Gerrard asked if the police would be present at our summer Scout Fete to issue advice and products relating to crime and safety. The Clerk will inform PCSO Richards of the date of the next fete.

19/196 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs L Needham, D Cannon, M Nelson and Cllr J Poland

19/197 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Duffy re the Village Hall and NHWatch, Cllr Malpus re Long Furrow, Library and Wayfarer Drive.

19/198 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (11.12)**

The minutes held on 11th December was agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

19/199 **Matters arising from the minutes**

19/179 – The Long Furrow magazine is appealing to residents to volunteer in several areas including, Parish Councillors, Library trustees/Volunteers and the Long Furrow deputy editor.
19/181 – Cllr Nelson will attend councillor training in May rather than April.
19/179 – Resilience project – A meeting is being held on 15th January in the Library.
19/186 – The new office computer is up and running
19/187 – The Guide group were given a copy of the flower bed licence on 16th December 2019.
19/139 – The manhole covers will be cemented in as soon as the weather improves.
19/177 – The lights in Fleury Court are still out.

19/200

Reports from Reps on other Committees:

VHMC – Next Meeting February 27th, 2020

Pavilion and Playing fields - A Pavilion check will be undertaken by the Caretaker and Clerk in due course. The playground checks for January were carried out by Cllr Webbon who informed the Clerk of any issues. He said that the Youth Shelter is showing corrosion in various areas and possibly requires sand blasting and re-painting. Also, a new no ball games sign is required for the village green. February's check is the pre professional inspection and will be carried out by the Clerk and Caretaker to check on the last professional check notes.

Long Furrow – Is with the graphic designer and will be distributed in due course.

NHood Watch – Cllr Duffy said that she was forwarding alerts to all those who have signed up. She suggested that we re-advertise for members in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

Trees – The Silver Birch has been pruned on Lilac Way, however the resident felt that it has not been reduced enough. Both the Chairman and the Tree Warden visited the tree and felt that it has been cut back to a nice shape, if the contractor would take more off next year at his own expense that would be appreciated. Also, the invoice is for £180 rather than the £160 quoted at the time – this will be queried by the Clerk.

Library – next trustees meeting 29th January 2020

Christmas Event – Cllr Webbon said that although over 50 people requested tickets approximately 40 attended. The total cost was approx. £275. Thanks, would be sent to the entertainer who did a fabulous job and it was suggested that a donation of £50 be sent to the Queniborough Choir. This was agreed by the Council.

Parish App/website latest Figures – Website page views over the last 12 months amounted to 4994. App downloads now stands at 804 (797 last month). The clerk gave the annual increase in the app downloads, which last January was 711. The website views have dropped from 6066 to 4994, but we believe this is because the app is preferred as many people access information via apps.

19/201

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £6613.91 for January.

19/202

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was circulated to all Councillors.

- The Council tax base for 20/21 is 941.5 which is a slight increase on last year.
- Leics CC – Proposed Council tax increase of 3.99%
- Loughborough Cemetery – plots due to run out in 2022 – new cemetery planned
- Obstruction of footpath Wayfarer Drive – Clerk to inform police
- Asbestos Management report for the Pavilion – Summary of Asbestos locations included the ground floor vinyl which is bonded to the concrete as a “very low” risk. Recommendation is to label and manage via visual inspections – avoid any drilling or cutting into the material.
- Re-enrolment and re-declaration to the Pensions regulator

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting at this point.

- 19/203 **Planning Matters - None**
- 19/204 **Review of Councillor Maintenance responsibility, playground and pavilion checks.**
Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks for 2020.
- 19/205 **To approve the APM agenda for the next edition of the Long Furrow**
All councillors were in receipt of the draft agenda – Cllr Malpus suggested that we add an agenda item for the East Goscote Village Hall as the council are trustees. This was agreed and will be added. It was noted that the agenda would feature on the front page of the Long Furrow.
- 19/206 **To consider quotes for the Pavilion Car Park**
Two quotes have been received, it was suggested that we defer to the next meeting.
- 19/207 **Maintenance**
Defibrillators to be added to both the Pavilion and Village Hall checklists.
Green algae is present on Lilac Way play area – the clerk confirmed that we normally purchase the treatment and carry out works in March.
Fence encroaching our land (rear of Doctors surgery) – A letter will be sent to the resident.
- 19/208 **Items approved for expenditure**
Proposed Accounts
Donation to Queniborough Choir
- 19/209 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
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The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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