

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 6.30pm in the East Goscote Village hall.

Present: Cllr M Nelson (Vice Chair)
Cllr D Cannon Cllr Gerrard
Cllr M Webbon Cllr Shivers
Cllr Slack Cllr Axon
Cllr Tate Cllr Victoria Oakes

1 Members of the Public
Cllr James Poland, Leicestershire CC

20/222 **Co-option of New Members**

Victoria Oakes was co-opted onto our Council and duly signed the necessary paperwork.

20/223 **Matters arising from the Public**

Our Ex Chairman attended the meeting to personally thank the council for their gift and wish the Council members all the best for the future.

20/224 **Matters arising from the Police**

The Police did not attend however a brief report was issued detailed one crime. Cllr Shivers asked that we chase up police monitoring of speeding around the village, particularly Long Furrow and Melton Road. Cllr Axon said that speeding modified cars were also an issue on our village.

20/225 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr L Needham

20/226 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cannon re Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers re the village hall. Cllr Axon said that he had undertaken litter picking for Greener Goscote.

20/227 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.02)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Cllr Gerrard asked for a hard copy of January's minutes.

20/228 **Matters arising from the minutes**

20/187 – The Long Furrow will advertise information regarding Dog Fouling in their next edition.

20/187 – New Boundary Signs were installed

20/187 – Silting of brook – Meeting to be arranged

20/193 – Letter to residents regarding revised mowing schedule – Cllr Cannon to draft a letter to be sent by the end of March.

20/199 – The Mound – several councillors met to look at the top of the mound – there were no signs of any holes, Clerk to arrange a meeting with Asset Management at Charnwood to discuss a survey of the Mound.

20/199 – Litter bin – Rearsby Roses – Initially refused, Clerk to chase up.

20/206 – Lime Tree – The quote to remove dead branches was verbal and between £500 and £600 – awaiting written quote.

20/206 – Cllr Shivers has distributed sandbags to residents of Long Furrow opposite the brook.
20/208- Legionella risk assessments – the cost for this is £400. A monitoring system the same as the public library has been adopted. Water temperatures will be taken regularly, and the water flushed regularly. Cllr Shivers said initial checks were good. The small water heater in the kitchen may need replacing in the future.

20/211 – The website will be upgraded between 10th March and 30th March. Clerk to include a statement on the News section to say that the site may be slightly out of date due to the upgrade.

20/212 – Finding Fitness application – was initially turned down due to the bank statement, however, a new application has now been submitted.

20/213 – Wildflower Verge – A risk assessment is required from Cllr Cannon

20/215 – The Community Garden Licence to Cultivate has been signed.

20/229

County Councillors Report

Cllr Poland reported on the following:

- Cycling and Walking survey in Leicestershire – closing date is the 14th March
- Climate emergency/carbon neutral in Leics by 2030, with a pledge to reach net Zero carbon emissions for the whole county by 2045- 5 years ahead of the government target
- Leicestershire Matters – magazine distributed last week. Members confirmed receipt.
- Gladman planning application – Cllr Poland confirmed that he will be objecting. Cllr Axon will forward a report to him to help with his objections.

Cllr Shivers said that he was concerned regarding a possible agreement for the public house to use the grassed area in between the hall and themselves. Cllr Poland confirmed that currently LCC have said that they would not support this application, although he was in favour of it. Cllr Axon was concerned regarding the construction traffic into the Gladman site with the 7.5 tonne limit, and there being 7 years of work. Cllr Cannon also agreed, and it was asked that LCC request either a new route into the site or a restrictive route avoiding the bridge at Ratcliffe.

20/230

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham was absent, and no report has been received.

20/231

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr Shivers confirmed that a meeting was held on 4th March

- PAT testing was carried out on 15th Feb
- Hall to be used as the polling station on May 6th
- New Cooker installed
- Toilets to be upgraded in the summer holidays, would the Parish Council consider paying the grant towards this upgrade? (June agenda)
- Flat roof being replaced above kitchen
- Next meeting 6th May
- AGM will be on June 23rd

PAV/PLAYING FIELD

- The pavilion check will be completed by L Pizer and C Cadle.
- Playground checks will be completed professionally in March.

Councillors were asked to look at a problem with tree roots under the play surface on Lilac Way. This will be discussed at our meeting in May/June.

Cllr Slack and Shivers will carry out the next check, Cllr Slack will undertake training.

LONG FURROW

- The Annual Meeting agenda was in the Feb edition of the Long Furrow to inform residents.
- Deadline for the next edition is March 31st.
- Cllr Cannon is no longer carrying out editorial duties.

NHOOD WATCH – No Report

TREES – Cllr Webbon submitted a tree report. Cllr Webbon has received two elm trees F.O.C. A location map was sent to Councillors and it was RESOLVED to plant the two trees alongside the playing field hedge as per the map. Approved to purchase tree stakes and ties.

LIBRARY – Due to re-open for 10 hours per week from April 12th.

GREENER GOSCOTE

Cllr Cannon issued a report to all Councillors. The Licence is signed and effective and the can bank at the recycling centre has now been removed.

The wildflower area – Cllr Cannon requested putting additional blue hearts in the bus shelter and signs informing residents of our project – this was approved.

Cllr Shivers asked how the resident felt who objected to the community garden. It was agreed that Cllr Slack and Cllr Cannon would arrange a further meeting to clarify.

Cllr Shivers asked for details of the committee of Greener Goscote. Cllr Nelson confirmed that details were contained in the Licence to Cultivate which is held in the office.

FINDING FITNESS –

The Clerk has applied to the national lottery for funds to host a summer scheme. The first application in February was refused on a technicality (Bank statement). A second application has been submitted (8th March with the outcome within 12 weeks). Cllr Nelson confirmed that there was a very high level of interest on the East Goscote Facebook page.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Cllr Nelson has sent a suggested questionnaire to Councillors which she would like in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

RESOLVED that the questionnaire be approved, with the addition of a question relating to housing requirements. It will be featured as a “tear out” page in the Long Furrow, along with a survey – possibly ‘google forms’ for our residents, also on social media and via our app. Cllr Nelson will work with the Clerk to prepare the internet survey.

20/232

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £12,355.26

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Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was sent to all Councillors.

- Pension contributions confirmed
- Highway report received
- 175 Long Furrow – planning permission granted
- Clerks liaison meetings 15th April/5th October
- Council tax bands – costs
- SLCC clerk meeting March 16th
- Thank you letter from ex Council Chairman

- Cllr Webbon has been informed that an LCC Ash tree near the bypass will be removed at some point. He also received a letter regarding Personal Training on the playing fields.

20/234

Planning Matters

P/20/2383/2 Outline application for the erection of up to 270 dwellings land off Melton Road, East Goscote.

Cllr Axon said that we now need to agree a strategy to move forward – The following action points were approved by the Council.

- Leaflets to be distributed to every household to inform them of this application. Cllr Needham has already produced this, and it is being printed (cost £80)
- A formal request to extend the deadline for submissions by at least 6 weeks. Point out the errors in the application which are still not repaired. Action Clerk
- Direct and urgent phone contact with Rearsby Council, Queniborough, Syston and Ratcliffe. The key issue for them as well as us is access to the site for 7 years of all the construction traffic along weight limited roads. Cllr Axon will call these parish councils.
- Send a letter and reports to the Charnwood Planning Committee – Clerk/RA
- If required, write directly to the leader of the council urging compliance with planning norms for large development sites.
- Write to Environmental Health - RA
- Write to Edward Argar asking for him to intervene - RA
- Issue a press release to as many editors as possible – RA/Clerk
- Complete our objection letter and send to Charnwood - RA/Clerk
- Request our Borough Councillor call in the application.

P/21/0023/2 – Two storey Extension at 33 Greensward, East Goscote – No Objections

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting at this point.

20/235

To approve Petty cash Payments

Petty Cash details: Brought Forward £53.00 income £100.00 and expenditure of £116.83
Carry forward £36.17

Resolved that the petty cash accounts were approved by the Council.

20/236

To consider quotes for installing of the Cycle Rack

A quote for £1970 was received for the installation of a cycle rack from the company who installed the Borough's racks. We also have an offer of free cycle racks from a local builder which can be installed by our caretaker on both tarmac and grass surfaces. **RESOLVED** to

accept with thanks the cycle racks from a local builder. We will inform Charnwood that we no longer require the offer from them. Cllr Cannon, Webbon and Shivers to meet and approve the siting with our Caretaker.

20/237

Recycling area – dealing with fly-tipping

Cllr Cannon suggested that we are suffering with a lot of fly tipped waste at the Recycling Centre and would like to inform the offenders that fly-tipping is an environmental crime. Following on from this request at our last meeting, Cllr Cannon said that the amount of fly-tipping has reduced. It was RESOLVED to send to Charnwood BC evidence of any future fly-tips for them to deal with. Cllr Shivers said that at the Melton BC waste site there were some excellent posters to inform people of the consequences of fly-tipping.

20/238

Football Pitch locations next season – to consider proposal by Junior Club

East Goscote Juniors have written in to suggest a new way of laying out our playing fields to add in an additional pitch for the under 13/14 which would be approx. 90 x 55 yards.

Cllr Shivers and Webbon attending the fields along with our caretaker to measure out the suggested new pitch layout.

After much discussion it was RESOLVED to leave our pitches unchanged for the next season. Concerns were, lack of space, car parking problems, quality of the area for the new senior pitch, and balancing the use of the playing field at weekends. Unfortunately, the council felt that they were supporting football on our village as much as they could, given the space available. Our senior pitch is renowned for being one of the best in Leicestershire. All Councillors were in favour of this decision.

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Maintenance

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Items approved for expenditure

Petty Cash/leaflets/tree stakes and ties.

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Urgent items by permission of the Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed that the office will be closed week commencing 5th April. Paperwork for our Annual Parish Meeting will therefore be issued on April 1st (last working day) which is slightly earlier than normal. The APM will be held on Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm via Zoom.

20/242

Staffing Committee Report (Confidential)

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.

Councillors were informed of the business transacted at the recent Staffing Committee meeting.

Cllr Webbon has resigned from the Committee and Cllr Cannon was appointed. The Next staffing committee will be held on Monday April 19th at 11.30am.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

L Pizer
11/03/21