

<b>EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL</b>
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Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr R Axon
Cllr D Cannon	Cllr S Gerrard (until 7.10pm)
Cllr M Webbon	Cllr N Shivers
1 member of the public	Cllr J Poland

21/053 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**

One member of the public was concerned regarding recent minutes describing tree planting around the village, particularly adjacent to 35/37 Lilac Way. He said that children play football on this area and the neighbouring property would not want trees to prevent this. He asked for further details i.e., number of trees and location, and if residents could be consulted. The Chair explained that we are in the early stages of this grant application via LCC called “Treescapes”. Should we be successful we will consult residents and look at each area in more detail.

He also reported a missing LCC road sign directing you into the industrial estate from the bypass – we will inform Cllr Poland about this.

21/054 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr C Tate and Cllr V Oakes. Resignations have been received from Cllr G Slack and Cllr M Nelson. As per Councillor retirement guidelines it was agreed to send Cllr Slack a thank you card and Cllr Nelson a £25 gift voucher for their service to our village.

21/055 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow Magazine and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers regarding the Village Hall. Interests involved in the Christmas elderly event were discussed and affected Councillors were happy to take part in this discussion and vote following advice from the monitoring officer.

21/056 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
The minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

21/057 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

- 20/213 – Risk Assessment for the Wildflower Verge Cllr Cannon will circulate
- 20/187 – Silting of Brook – R Axon to action
- Climate Change group training – Cllr Cannon said that the officer felt that a presentation to the PC would be more appropriate. It was suggested that we could also invite nearby Parish Councils.
- Application for a shire grant for wildflowers on the Long Furrow verge – Cllr Cannon has applied for £300 to help with this.
- 21/012 - TSB – Councillors have visited the bank to get the mandate changed – As Cllr Nelson has resigned Cllr Axon agreed to also arrange to be a cheque signatory.
- 21/034 – LCC Invoice remains unpaid.
- 21/039 – Letters to E Argar and Highways have been sent.
- 21/040 – Financial regulations are on the website
- 21/046 – one quote has been received for the playground equipment which is quite high. We may need to reconsider this as the budget allowed may not cover what is required.
- 21/050 – The office phone number is on the height restriction

- 21/058 **Matters arising from the Police**  
The police were absent from the meeting although had sent in a written report. There were 2 crimes in the last 30 days. We will ask if the police can attend our September meeting.
- 21/059 **County Councillor's Report**  
Cllr Poland emailed all Councillors with a written report prior to the meeting. Topics covered were: -
- 20 Unemployed young people offered jobs under new scheme
  - Enrolment opens for adult learning courses
  - County plan to plant 700,000 trees across Leicestershire
- Cllr Poland was informed about the missing directional sign and Cllr Webbon informed Cllr Poland that a tree on the corner of the bypass/Craftsmans Way junction required removal.
- 21/060 **Borough Councillor's Report**  
Cllr Needham emailed a written report prior to the meeting. Topics covered were:
- The local plan – consultation until 23<sup>rd</sup> August
  - Gladman application – still awaiting a date to be heard by the Committee
  - Consultation on Rogue landlords
  - Members grant scheme - £500 available – applications by January 2022
  - Casework and the decision not to resume BC surgeries.
- 21/061 **Reports from Reps on other Committees**  
**VHMC** – The AGM was held on 23rd June, and two new members were co-opted. The VHMC Chairman continues to be Cllr Shivers. Summers works have started, and the toilets are being fully refurbished. There will be a new flat roof over the kitchen and the floor will be scrubbed and polished. Next meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- LONG FURROW** –. The deadline for Articles was July 1<sup>st</sup> and the next edition is currently with design and print.
- PAV & PLAYING FIELD** – Playground checks for July will be carried out by Councillor Webbon.
- NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** – No report
- TREES** – Cllr Webbon inspected the village trees and gave a written report. He said that he was watering the two new trees on a regular basis. Having looked at the 30 new trees planted on the side of the mound; he is struggling to find any that are alive. There are some trees with broken branches which Cllr Webbon will show to our Caretaker, also the Lilac Way play area has trees overhanging which require cutting back.
- FOOTBALL UPDATE AND MANAGERS MEETING**  
An extraordinary meeting has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> July, but after consideration it was resolved to postpone this meeting as the Chair or Vice Chair were not available. After much discussion it was agreed that the best way forward was for the Clerk to write a detailed written report regarding the options that have been suggested. An informal meeting between Councillors will then be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am in the village hall. Cllr Shivers resigned as the football rep. Two Councillors normally hold a pre-season manager meeting to collect in fees and give out keys. There is a charity match agreed on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, so the pavilion needs to be available on 15<sup>th</sup> August for friendlies. Keys can be given out week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> August and Charlie will have the floors polished and scrubbed by then.  
RESOLVED that Cllr Needham and Cllr Axon will hold the meeting in the village hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.  
**Cllr Gerrard left the meeting.**

- 21/062 **Proposed Accounts**  
Accounts to the sum of £4661.14 were accepted by the Council. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements will be checked along with the invoices and signed off by the Chair and Cllr Cannon.
- 21/063 **Correspondence**  
A list of correspondence received was given out to all Councillors present.
- Registering the Playing field as a “village green” – consider further
  - Citizens Advice – RESOLVED to include a link on our website
  - The Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Next agenda
  - Pavilion break-in Update – Clerk to inform the police no remuneration has been received
  - Resident reply re Flagpole – Cllr Needham will draft a reply
  - Resident query re tree planting on Lilac Way – further negotiations if successful
- 21/064 **Planning Matters**  
P/21/0713/2 – First floor rear balcony and single storey rear extension to 21 Willowbrook Way, East Goscote – No objections.  
P/21/1318/2 – Proposed single and two storey extension to front of dwelling at 5 Coopers Nook. – No objections  
Gladman Land – Melton Road – Cllr Axon gave a report of his progress to date. He explained the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) to the Councillors and informed them there are three sites in East Goscote. Cllr Axon is investigating ways to change this SHELAA assessment. Cllr Axon is also working on a referenced and fully cited document of evidence re the contaminated land and the gas pipeline.
- 21/065 **Budget Update**  
The spreadsheet containing spending v budget was issued for April to June. There were no questions.
- 21/066 **Request for a Dog waste bin for the Rearsby Roses site**  
After much discussion regarding this bin and the problems with Charnwood or the management committee installing a bin, it was agreed to take no further action. Cllr Shivers provided a picture where a “clean it up” stencil has been sprayed onto footpaths to remind residents to clean up. RESOLVED to purchase a stencil and both chalk and permanent paint to use on the Weavers Wynd footpath by the school and the pavilion driveway.  
Cllr Shivers asked that we contact Charnwood to ask that the litter bin which was relocated from outside the school gate to the underpass, is returned to the original site.
- 21/067 **Local Plan – to agree our response**  
RESOLVED that delegated powers be given to Cllr Axon and Cllr Needham to write our response to the local plan.
- 21/068 **Christmas Events a) to consider funding the Santa event** – The Council RESOLVED to purchase 80 sticker books at 80p each to give out to the children on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the library Santa event.
- b) event for the elderly – afternoon tea**  
The Clerk confirmed that she had sought advice from LRALC who confirmed that under Class 9 uses of S137 (Social welfare) he felt that the scheme would fall under this category and therefore the Parish Council could manage its own scheme. RESOLVED to continue with the scheme this year. Cllr Shivers agreed to project manage this and arrange a meeting for volunteers who wish to help before our next meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

At that meeting consideration will be given to the date of the event, entertainment, budget/costings for the event, printing of tickets and when they will be handed out to residents, adverts to be placed in the Long Furrow, setting up and cleaning away on the day of the event and any other related issues.

- 21/069 **Circus 2022 – to consider the proposal.**  
 All Councillors had looked at the pack and the proposals to hold a circus on or playing fields from Sunday – Wed/Thurs between April and June. Concerns regarding damage to the grass were discussed. RESOLVED that in principle we would agree to this providing that a) the company pay a damage waiver of £500 to be returned if the field is left in a good condition b) references – to be obtained by Cllr Webbon are satisfactory c) the company agree to pay a fair amount for the use.
- 21/070 **To consider a Farmers Market – Cllr Webbon**  
 Cllr Webbon issued all Councillors with information that he had found out concerning East Goscote having a Farmers Market. He explained the Legal side, venue, parking, competition, and management issues. It was a very labour-intensive operation. RESOLVED that we do not proceed with such an event.
- 21/071 **To consider a training policy and discuss any training requirements**  
 The clerk issued all Councillors with a draft training policy for consideration. RESOLVED that we adopt the training policy.  
 The Chair suggested that it may be beneficial to have a bespoke training session for our Councillors to be held in the village hall and cover the following topics: - Standing orders, the Code of Conduct, declaring interests, being a good employer. We have been quoted £300 for such a course by the LRALC. RESOLVED to arrange this after the summer holidays in Sept/Oct.  
 The Chair also asked if she could attend the Chair’s Training course in September which is £45 per delegate. RESOLVED that Chair’s training be undertaken by the Chair and the newly appointed Vice Chair.
- 21/072 **Summer Children’s camp – grant/costs/numbers applied**  
 The Chairman confirmed that we have now received the grant of £5660 to run the sports event from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 The Clerk has secured use of the scout hut for the third week and the hall for the first two weeks if needed. She has booked the tennis court every day. The clerk is struggling to get some of the sports equipment needed and may have to use more of the money than budgeted, although believes the venue hire may be lower than expected.  
 There were 74 applications received and all children who applied for up to 4 days over the 3-week period were given those dates. Those who applied for 5 days or more over the 3 weeks received 5 days each. All were informed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July. There will inevitably be children who do not turn up and the scheme organisers will try to fill any spaces by referring to the waiting list for each day.
- 21/073 **Speedwatch – to agree locations for boards to be placed in September**  
 The Chair said that we had been selected for the Speedwatch scheme this September but only boards would be put in place rather than the speed gun operations. RESOLVED that the boards be placed on Melton Road, Long Furrow, Broome Lane.
- 21/074 **Staffing Matters (No public present)**  
 Information regarding new employees and employee appraisals was discussed. Staff appraisals will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The Chair and Clerk will conduct the Caretaker appraisal and the Chair and Cllr Cannon will carry out the Clerks appraisal.

- 21/075     **Maintenance**  
It was agreed to install poppies this year around Long Furrow and Ling Dale as we did last year.
- 21/076     **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Councillor Training/Chair's Training/Christmas event/Christmas Sticker Books/dog stencil and paint/costs for Children's summer camp
- 21/077     **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**  
At our next agenda we need to elect a Vice Chair and review the reps on other committees.

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday September 8th, 2021, at 6.30pm**

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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15th July 2021