

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr M Webbon
Cllr Shivers	Cllr Axon
Cllr D Cannon	

Mr S Mousley	1 Member of the Public
L Pizer (Clerk)	C Turlington (Admin)

- 21/089 **Introduction of our new Admin Assistant**
The Chair introduced our new assistant Charlotte Turlington who has settled into the role very well. Charlotte is working Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 2pm.
- 21/090 **Co-option of New Members – Mr S Mousley**
The Chairman asked Mr Mousley to introduce himself and the reasons why he wished to become a Councillor.
A secret ballot was undertaken. Councillor Mousley was co-opted and signed the declarations of office. The registers of interest are to be returned to the office within 28 days and Cllr Mousley is required to create a “Cllr” email address and inform the Clerk of this.
- 21/091 **Election of Vice Chairman**
Cllr Cannon was proposed and seconded to be the Vice Chairman and signed the acceptance of office.
- 21/092 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)**
A Member of public raised a question regarding the number of teams on the football pitches. The Clerk explained the reasons behind this. The Chairman said this was a trial for one year and that decisions are taken within the parameters of what is able each year. An open dialogue will be kept between the football clubs and the football reps.
- 21/093 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Poland, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Tate, Cllr Oakes
- 21/094 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers re the Village Hall, Cllr Webbon re the Christmas Committee
- 21/095 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 14/07/21+ 02/08/21**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 21/096 **Matters arising from the minutes**
21/053 – LCC road sign directing you to the industrial estate has now been repaired
21/054 – Cards and gift sent to resigning Councillors
21/034 – Snow warden invoice has now been paid by LCC
21/061 – Cllr Needham and Cllr Tate met with the footballers to hand over the keys
21/063 – Citizen’s advice link is now on our website
21/063 – Pavilion break in – no remuneration received– Cllr Mousley to follow up
21/063 – Cllr Needham hasn’t sent a letter to the residents regarding the flagpole decision and it was agreed that it now too late to respond
21/066 – Dog stencil and paint has been received and Cllr Shivers will use on Weavers Wynd and the pavilion driveway
21/066 – Bin outside the school – emails requesting the return to its original site were sent on 15.07 and 24.08 – Clerk to follow up again in due course.
21/067 - Response sent re the local plan
21/068 – Sticker books – Still not arrived - Clerk to continue to follow up
21/073 – Speedwatch – Boards not in-situ yet – to be reviewed before the next meeting
21/087 – Storage of goal posts – There has been a problem with the goalstore. Our Caretaker

believes that the juniors re-arranged the store to fit in their new goals and placed two of the seniors on the top bracket causing the brickwork to fail. Cllrs Webbon, Shivers and Axon to have a look at the storage and consider a new bracket. Agreed to allocate a maximum £400 for repairs.

21/097

Matters arising from the Police

PCSO Harrison circulated a report for Councillors.

Cllr Mousley to make enquires as to whether a representative from the Police would hold beat Surgeries and attend the next meeting on October 13th.

21/098

County Councillors Report (Questions only)

Cllr Poland circulated his report prior to the meeting. This included:

- Covid Community Vans launched in Leicestershire
- Applications for Primary School places in Sept 2022 now open
- Applications for Secondary school places for next year now open
- Supporting healthy children and youngsters' consultation – 8 weeks – ends Friday 17th September.

21/099

Borough Councillors Report (Questions only)

Cllr Needham said that was nothing to report other than the Gladman application which is on our agenda. There were no questions for Cllr Needham.

21/100

Review of reps on Committees

Due to the resignation of two Councillors and the appointment of a new Vice Chair the representatives on all groups were reviewed and updated.

21/101

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – Over the summer the ladies and gents' toilets have been refurbished to a high standard with plastered walls, new vanity units, new lights, and accessories. A new kitchen roof is being fitted this Saturday. Next meeting September 23rd.

LONG FURROW – Issued to every household in full colour. The next deadline was September 30th.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Axon has completed the playground checks for September. A comprehensive report was carried out by Cllr Tate and given to our caretaker for August. Cllr Webbon has completed pre-season pavilion checks. Next Agenda To consider repairing the tarmac on the multi sports court.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Cllr Mousley would like to reignite this scheme. An advert for new members to be included in the next edition.

TREES – Cllr Webbon has carried out a visual inspection and said there was only one issue which was to cut back the hedge on Lilac Way which overhangs the footpath.

CHRISTMAS EVENT UPDATE – Cllr Shivers has held a meeting with Cllr Webbon and asked for a list of volunteers to carry out the tasks including set up, clean up and giving out tickets. The date was set for Saturday 18th December. Next agenda for details of budget, entertainment etc. Cllr Needham agreed to design the application form which is to feature in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

CHILDRENS SUMMER EVENT UPDATE – A comprehensive report has been compiled by our Admin Assistant and a report and photographs have been sent for the next edition of the Long Furrow. There was excellent feedback from parents, although it was disappointing that only 6 out of the 15 days were full. This was discussed and resolved not to continue with the scheme in this format.

CIRCUS UPDATE – Cllr Webbon obtained references for the circus company which were all very good. The company agreed to pay a damage waiver of £500 along with £400 for the use of the field. The circus has been booked to arrive on Wednesday 8th June with performances on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. They would leave the field on the Sunday.

VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE – The questionnaire was again featured in the latest edition of the Long Furrow. Cllr Nelson who was leading this project has now resigned. To date there were 9 responses received on the internet and a further 7 forms posted to the office. This represents less than 1% of our electoral roll. Cllr Cannon to analyse the results and feedback in the next Long Furrow.

TRAINING UPDATE – In house training has been arranged to 6th October 2021 at a cost of £300 plus travel. Councillors that have confirmed their attendance are Cllr Needham, Cllr Cannon, Cllr Tate. It was agreed to rearrange this date for February 2022 when we may have two new Councillors – dates will be circulated. Cllr Needham and Cllr Cannon are undertaking Chairs training on 9th September.

21/102

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £5994.92 were accepted for August and £10,704.41 for September by the Council. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements for August were checked along with the invoices and signed off by the Cllr Needham and Cllr Cannon. The September accounts will be checked by the Chair and Vice Chair in due course.

21/103

Correspondence

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

- Parish Liaison event – LCC Saturday 18th September 13.45pm – unfortunately no one can attend on this occasion
- Highways and Transportation satisfaction survey – Cllrs will complete
- S106 training zoom session – Thursday 7th October at 3pm – 5pm Cllrs Cannon, Webbon and Mousley are attending.
- Consultation on ward boundaries – to write a council response and publicise wider – to be included on the next agenda
- Criminal damage to pavilion – Cllr Mousley to follow up with PC James Johnson regarding no remuneration received
- Resilience and mental health training – Clerk has informed LRALC of our interest, there is a course for officers and a course for Councillors to be held on 1st November. It was suggested that a member of the staffing committee attend along with the Clerk.
- Damage to goal store – see 21/087
- Complaint re footballers parking on grass – this has been circulated to the football teams
- Next Door East Goscote App – over 800 posts already – the Clerk suggested Cllrs download the app and have a look
- TSB application to change cheque signatories – R Axon has not yet been contacted by the bank.
- New Sports Fund – the Clerk sent to the football club
- Footpaths 166 and 173 either side of Broome Lane to be closed October – March

21/104

Planning Matters –

P/21/1406/2 – 1 Freemans Way – no objection

P/21/1377/2 - 12 The Meadows – no objection

P/21/1368/2 – 42 Broome Avenue – no objection

P/21/1594 - 1 Meadow View – no objection

P/21/1513/2 – 44 Ploughmans Lea – no response

P/21/1503/2 – 2 Greensward – no response

Gladman Update – Cllr Axon gave an update which he will write up and circulate. The live sound recording of the meeting is available on the Charnwood Borough Council website. A working group is to be formed and a meeting to discuss this in more detail along with Section 106 funding which we have not been consulted on. Next agenda to feedback.

21/105

To consider quotes for new play equipment on the mound

At our meeting in July the Council resolved to replace the roundabout on the mound with the Wicksteed Sputnik roundabout and obtain costs to repair the sports wall.

Wicksteed quoted £5647.80 to fit the new roundabout, however, they confirmed that they would not be able to refurbish to sports wall.

Greyhound Leisure quoted £7,300 to replace the sputnik roundabout and £1180 to replace the backboard of the sports wall. Greyhound confirmed that they could not get the panels to refurb the existing wall.

Create partnerships said it would not make sense for them economically to refurb only the one panel.

The budget available for this project is £8k although it is unlikely that we will use the budget for the bus shelter and therefore there is £2500 available which could be vired into this budget heading.

RESOLVED to appoint Wicksteed to replace the roundabout and sports wall for £11,100 provided prices have not increased.

21/106

To consider cutting the playing field hedge

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor normally cuts the perimeter hedge each year.

RESOLVED to arrange the hedge to be cut at an approximate cost of £250

21/107

To consider any events for the Queens Platinum Jubilee 2 – 5th June 2022.

RESOLVED to form a working group to discuss ideas. Cllr Mousley to make contact with other community groups. Advert to be placed in the Long Furrow. Initial budget requirements by November.

21/108

To discuss the risk assessment for the street furniture/pavilion and office.

The risk assessments were carried out by a professional in October 2020. To have these updated the cost is £350. RESOLVED to appoint the contractor to update the risk assessments in October.

21/109

Review of our Financial Regulations.

The Chair and Vice Chair will review the financial regulations in due course and report back any changes to the Council.

21/110

To consider quotes for our insurance policy renewal

We are currently with Ecclesiastical on a three-year contract. The cost for the first year was £1714.81. This year the cost is £1714.75 plus a £50 admin fee. There were no changes to the policy.

21/111

LCC highway Fund - ideas

This was discussed and RESOLVED to inform Cllr Poland a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign at a cost of approximately £3000 would be beneficial to our village, which is to be located on Long Furrow adjacent to the brook.

21/112

Do we wish to register the Playing Fields as a Village Green

Our Admin Assistant has circulated a report regarding the requirements to register the playing fields as a village green and the benefits of this. RESOLVED to proceed. Admin Assistant to

work with Cllr Axon in the first instance.

21/113

Football Issues

a) Notice of East Goscote FC disbanding

We have received an email from East Goscote FC confirming that they would not be using our facilities this season, which means the Senior pitch will be used by only one team. From 2020's lack of use, the amount owed to the East Goscote FC is £250 as the second half of the season was not resumed, and £150.00 key deposit (Total £400). However, the application fee of £50 is non-refundable so it was agreed that the total sum of £350.00 would be returned to East Goscote FC.

b) Senior pitch vacancy

Discussion regarding the query raised by member of the public – this has been resolved previously to continue with 3 teams on the junior pitch with the contingency to move them, if necessary, onto the senior pitch. Therefore, we will not advertise the senior pitch for a second team this year.

21/114

Update from the Staffing Meeting (Standing order 18a invoked) Public and press are asked to leave the meeting. See confidential minute.

21/115

Maintenance

The Mound – discussion regarding the end of season mow. The Clerk advised the contract is for 1 cut during the year. To be added to the next agenda. Cllr Axon raised safety concerns and will contact Charnwood Borough Council to investigate further. A meeting will be held with the contractor to look at areas which can safely be mown. Cllr Shivers wanted to know if the grass is cut, will it be collected, to help with the sowing of wildflowers? We will ask what the additional cost for our contractor would be to collect the mown grass. Cllr Webbon confirmed that of the 30 new trees planted there were possibly 14 trees still alive.

Rabbits – discussion regarding the holes caused by rabbits – no conclusion regarding any further action.

Triangular bed on The Chase – overgrown and needs clearing

Billy Bear (Old litter bin) – to advertise on social media – free – or dispose of at the tip.

Cycle Rack – to be refitted at the side of the pavilion.

20/104

Items approved for Expenditure

Insurance policy renewal, Risk assessments, play equipment, goal store wall and bracket/hedge cutting

20/105

Urgent items by permission of the Chairman

The Clerk advised that she will be on holiday next week and the Admin Assistant will be in the office 3 mornings

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday October 13th, 2021, at 6.30pm**

The Meeting closed at 9.27 pm

L. Pizer

9th September 2021