

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham(Chair)	Cllr M Webbon
Cllr S Gerrard	Cllr S Mousley
Cllr Axon (arrived 7.40 p.m.)	Cllr Tate
Cllr Shivers	Cllr Cannon

C Turlington (Admin)

21/143

Co-option of new members

There were no new members.

21/144

Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

21/145

Matters arising from the Police.

PCSO Harrison circulated a report for Councillors. This included:

- Attempted burglary by youths
- Attempted theft from an unsecure vehicle
- Theft from an unsecure vehicle

21/146

Apologies for absence: L Pizer (Clerk), Cllr V Oakes, Cllr Poland

21/147

To report any declarations of interest: Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers re the Village Hall and Cllr Webbon re Christmas event.

21/148

To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 13th October

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

21/149

Matters arising from the minutes

21/063 – Pavilion break in – one payment received, both invoices issued.

21/066 – Bin outside the school – emails requesting the return to its original site have now been sent on 15.07, 24.08 and 5th October, still no response from Charnwood. Cllr Needham advised she followed this up as Borough Councillor on 9th November and will provide an update as soon as possible.

21/068 – Sticker books – There has been an issue with getting this however Cllr Shivers said that sticker books are being sent but they won't be Christmas ones.

21/073 – Speedwatch – Signs going up on November 15th.

21/105 – Wicksteed quote for new play equipment – order placed possible lead time of 20 weeks.

21/123 Anti-Social behaviour on Long Furrow – Cllr Mousley said that he had followed this up and it related to complaints of people going through the hedge along the brook and possible drug offences. He said that the police have been carrying out hi-visible monitoring and no further reports have been made.

21/125 Borough Councillor's Report – Members grant - £250 available before February – this has been put to the Rainbows group. Cllr Needham also mentioned that the grant for Greener Goscote went to an independent person for approval.

21/125 Borough Councillor's Report – Section 106 clarification – Cllr Needham said she intends to speak with Cllr Bailey regarding this, following the email that had been sent on 28th October. Cllr Needham also said she intends to go back to planning, as Borough Councillor, to see if there is anything that can be added or changed to the Section 106 as it hasn't been fully signed off yet.

- 21/126 Trees – taller stakes required around new trees on the mound – Cllr Webbon wished to thank Cllrs Cannon and Axon for their help. He said that the Clerk had received a quote and had suggested waiting until after winter to do this, but he proposed to complete it now. It was RESOLVED to proceed with this, with a budget of £40 utilising funds from the environment budget.
- 21/126 Hot Tap left on by Football team – invoiced for £15
- 21/131 Quotes to consider repairing the tarmac on the multi-sports court – Cllrs Webbon and Shivers are awaiting quotes to present at the precept meeting.
- 21/128 - Football camp – October half term – did not take place.
- 21/128 - Remembrance Day wreath Cllr Shivers agreed to attend the church. Should he be unable to attend then Cllr Mousley will lay the wreath.
- 21/133 - Consultation on ward boundaries – the letter was approved by Councillors and submitted. Cllr Needham said the final decision will be made in February and should this come into effect this will be in May 2023.
- 21/136 - A leaflet was drafted and delivered to all residents who are adjacent to the Mound to inform them of the reasons and plans around the mound cutting schedule. The Caretaker also has some copies to hand out should anyone approach him. The Mound has also been inspected and we are waiting for the report. Cllr Cannon advised that raking is in progress.
- 21/142 – Cllr Mousley informed all Councillors about the plans for the Shopping precinct carpet shop. He said that the owner will be replacing the glass with frosted glass and using a local window cleaner on a regular basis. Cllr Mousley said he felt that direct contact had paid off in this case.

21/150

County Councillors Report

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

- Working together against climate change:
 - Carbon Literacy Course offered by Transition Loughborough
 - Green Homes Grant offering eligible homeowners the chance to benefit from sustainable home improvements
 - Reading lists for children and adults
 - Recruiting Environment Action volunteers to support people to take action to reduce their impact on the environment
 - Working with Leicester City Council to run Choose How You Move
- Gritters ready for winter
- Encouraging composting

Cllr Cannon said he had completed the carbon literacy training course.

Cllr Needham proposed sending any questions direct to Cllr Poland.

21/151

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham gave an update on:

- Members Grants
- Local Plan – being submitted to inspectorate with public examination early next year.

She expressed her concerns around developments and Section 106 money and said she felt it would be better to approach CBC to have a conversation rather than berating them about what has happened.

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting.

21/152

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – Next meeting 25th November

LONG FURROW – Latest edition on our website and out for distribution.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Webbon completed the playground checks for November. He raised some concerns regarding the pavilion:

- Floor in the main room – tiles need repairing
- Fluorescent tubes in the main room and kitchen – could be replaced – this was discussed, and it was agreed to also consider LEDs
- Felt on the roof coming off – needs repairing

To be discussed at the precept meeting – Cllr Webbon to obtain quotes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Cllr Mousley said that an article had been included in the Long Furrow and he has 2 interested parties so far. Cllr Needham said she would include it in the next Borough Council report.

TREES – The new trees on mound have had the ground cleared around them. Cllr Webbon said that the branches on an Oak Tree between the pavilion and the scout hut were getting low. It was RESOLVED to ask the Caretaker to cut these. Cllr Needham mentioned 2 trees on Bracken Dale, near the garage, that also have very low branches. Cllr Webbon said he would have a look before asking the Caretaker to cut them.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS – The Clerk has asked that the tree lights be installed on the first Saturday in December. The Santa event and the afternoon tea application form has featured in our November Long Furrow. Cllr Shivers said he would provide details of the afternoon tea event at the next meeting.

GREENER GOSCOTE – Cllr Cannon circulated his report to Councillors with the agenda. Cllr Cannon mentioned allowing another clothing bank charity and it was agreed to add this to the agenda for January 2022.

21/153

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £5696.00 were accepted for November by the Council. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements will be checked along with the invoices and signed off by the Cllr Needham and Cllr Cannon.

21/154

Correspondence

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

- Planning and Section 106 Agreements – email had been circulated and Cllr Needham has already said she will follow this up.
- Queniborough Parish Council – vehicle activated sign – this was agreed, and it was suggested placing it on Long Furrow on the pole already in situ.
- Hope for Hunger Charity – email had been circulated for information should anyone know of someone in need.
- Letting of the senior pitch on a match-by-match basis – this was agreed, and a trial is taking place this week, with the team cleaning up after themselves. It was RESOLVED to ask the caretaker to check everything is ok after they have finished to avoid any unnecessary consequences the next day.
- NALC Publication on Climate Change
- Website Accessibility – the Admin Assistant mentioned that we have recently checked our website for accessibility and have a 95% rating, which is slightly lower than some other councils in the area. However, she said she has spoken with our website management company who has advised that using the government's recommended Wave by Webaim is the best tool to use and with this we currently have no errors.

- Church Christmas Activities – information on the Christmas activities taking place at St. Hilda’s Church were shared.
- Architectural Maps of the Mound – the Clerk will provide more information on this on her return, along with the report when it has been received.
- The Bridge Impact Report – available for Cllrs to read if they wish.
- Planning responses:
 - 5 Coopers Nook – Grant conditionally
 - 4 Fletchers Way – Refuse
 - 10 Woodmans Chase – Grant conditionally
 - 1 Wild Rose Walk – Grant conditionally

21/155

Planning Matters

There were no new planning applications this month.

21/156

Review of our litter bins and dog bins

Cllr Shivers completed and circulated his review of our dog bins. All were fit for purpose and no additional dog bins are required at this time. Previously it was discussed to change some of our litter bins to those with hoods. Two were installed last year, and a further two would be beneficial with the winter months coming. It was RESOLVED to purchase 2 new litter bins with lids with locks at the top to prevent rusting, to be located near the youth shelter and pavilion driveway. A maximum budget of £380 was agreed, utilising funds from the environment budget.

21/157

To consider closing the tennis court over the winter/removing net/cleaning.

RESOLVED that we try to keep the court open until the end of December. However, should the weather becoming very cold and frosty our Caretaker has delegated powers to remove the net and close the court. It was also suggested that we add a pop-up to the app when people book advising users that they play on the court at their own risk. Should this not be feasible then it was agreed to put a sign on the gate. It was also mentioned that there is some grass near the tennis courts that needs spraying.

21/158

To consider the risk assessments for street furniture/office/pavilion

The Clerk circulated the report received from Essential Safety Solutions to all Councillors for their consideration. For most part the issues can be dealt with by our caretaker. Cllr Cannon mentioned that the tiles on the floor have asbestos.

21/159

Football Goalstore – to consider quote for shelving.

Cllr Webbon said that he had received quotes for new racking in both wood and steel and this was discussed as there is also an issue with the breeze blocks. Cllr Needham said that as it seems to be a bigger job than initially anticipated and there are currently no health and safety concerns as the blocks are secure and the goals stored on the floor, then it would be better to wait until the end of the season. Cllr Webbon to obtain quotes for additional work for the precept meeting.

Cllr Needham reiterated the need for all Councillors to ensure they cost out any projects they wish to bring to the precept meeting as best they can.

21/160

Shire Grant £300 – to consider list of items required.

Cllr Cannon said that the items required within the grant cannot be purchased before the grant letter has been received. Therefore, no further action.

21/161

Gladman application – to consider letter to Charnwood BC

Cllr Axon said that work had started and that he had emailed Gladman with concerns of neighbours. He said they were undertaking a phase 2 geo environmental search with intrusive

groundwork, that was completed last week but they may need to return. They advised him they have specific risk assessments for the site.

Cllr Axon also mentioned that there was a misunderstanding as to who was responsible for this, HSE or Environmental Health, and Cllr Needham said she would discuss this with him and Cllr Cannon after the meeting as she may be able to approach as Borough Councillor.

Cllr Needham also asked Cllr Axon to forward all emails that had been sent to all other Councillors and reminded everyone that correspondence cannot be sent from the Parish Council without it first being agreed by the council.

Cllr Axon has written a letter to CBC and Cllr Needham asked for this to be emailed to all for consideration. She again expressed her concerns regarding sending them a maladministration letter as she feels that to make progress then it would be a good idea to work positively and consider the long-term impact on the relationship with the planning department. To be added to the next agenda for consideration.

21/162 **Update from the Staffing Meeting** (Standing order 18a invoked) Public and press are asked to leave the meeting.

21/163 **Maintenance**
Bus shelter – Cllr Tate had circulated an email regarding damage to one of the bus shelters.

21/164 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Tree Stakes - £40
Litter Bins - £380

21/165 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**

- Cllr Webbon mentioned there are some dates he is unable to hand out the Christmas tickets, however these dates can be covered by the office.
- Cllr Shivers requested that the precept meeting be held at the library where there is more space for everyone. Admin Assistant to arrange.

Date of next Meeting: **Precept Meeting 22nd November 2021 at 1.00 p.m.**
Full Council Wednesday December 8th 2021, at 6.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

L. Pizer/C Turlington
11th November 2021