

## EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 6.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr D Cannon (Vice Chair) Cllr M Webbon

Cllr R Axon Cllr N Shivers

Cllr C Tate

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk) Cllr J Poland

21/166 **Co-option of new members**

21/166a **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

None

21/167 **Matters arising from the Police**

A police report was received highlighted damage to the bus shelter on Melton Road and damage to a house sign.

21/168 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr Laurie Needham, Cllr S Mousley, Cllr V Oakes.

21/169 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall, Cllr Webbon re the Christmas event.

21/170 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (10.11)**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, with one small amendment 21/125 should read "Lead Councillor" rather than independent person.

21/171 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 21/063 – Second payment of 50% made for pavilion damage
- 21/066 – Relocation of Charnwood Litter bin – awaiting response (LN)
- 21/126 – Fine paid by Junior FC
- 21/156 – One litter bin has been ordered and a second will be ordered if the caretaker is happy with the bin and lock
- 21/157 – Sign on tennis court – use at own risk in inclement weather
- 21/163 – The Bus Shelter on Melton Road has been repaired
- 21/073 - Speedwatch signs are in-situ
- 21/152 – The oak tree between the pavilion and the scout hut still requires trimming.  
Cllr Webbon to speak with our caretaker about this.

21/172 **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Cannon read out the Borough Councillors report which contained information regarding the Local Plan 2021-2037. There is a dedicated website for this:

[charnwood.gov.uk/pages/examination](http://charnwood.gov.uk/pages/examination) where all the documents can be found. There is an opportunity to make representations when the examination takes place and Cllr Axon asked that we put "Local Plan Representation" on a future agenda.

Cllr Needham is awaiting a response regarding the relocation of the litter bin outside the school and queries regarding the Section 106 funding.

The remaining members grant has been allocated to the East Goscote Rainbows.

The draft budget for 2022/23 is available on Charnwood's website. One proposal is a £9 increase per year to the Garden Waste Services and increasing the bulky waste charge to £25.00. The final budget will be decided in February next year.

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### **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Poland sent a written report for all Councillors he reported on the following: -

- Major consultation launched on LCC strategic plan – The consultation is open until 21<sup>st</sup> January and can be found at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement>
- Councils join together to call for extra funding – A cross-party groups of the lowest funded councils across the country are joining forces to call for a £300 million temporary fix to level up local government finance. LCC is leading the campaign.
- Bird flu outbreak at chicken farm near Barrow – New restrictions have come into force after a case of bird flu was confirmed. Temporary control zones have been put in place to limit the risk of the disease spreading. People are being warned not to touch or pick up any dead or sick birds they find. Anyone who finds dead swans, geese, ducks, or other dead wild birds should report them to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577.

The Clerk asked Cllr Poland to confirm the rate of contribution for the snow warden duties this year.

Cllr Poland wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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### **Reports from Representatives on other Committees**

VHMC –A meeting was held on 25th November 2021. The Chairman said that

- A new flat roof was fitted onto the kitchen and parish office.
- New doors have been fitted to the toilet cubicles
- Hire charges have been reviewed
- Terms of letting are being reviewed.
- The committee are looking at costs to renew the guttering around the hall and to add an additional 12 solar panels to the roof.
- Next meeting 27th January 2022

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Checks are being carried out by the Clerk at the end of December. Cllr Webbon has carried out checks for November. Cllr Webbon said that the lead time for some project is 20 weeks+ and suggested that we consider quotes for the tarmac repair on the multi-sports court to be considered in February so that work can be done April/May time. This was agreed.

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the next edition is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (Cllr Cannon and the Clerk to approve the final copy)

TREES – LCC have been successful with their treescape grant funding to plant 20,000 new trees in Leicestershire. We have secured some trees (20) although do not have the specific details yet. Cllr Webbon voiced his concerns regarding planting large trees adjacent to residential properties. We are awaiting the LCC Forestry team to contact us to look at various sites and appropriate trees. This will be on the agenda for full council consideration before any trees are planted. Cllr Webbon will be informed when the site visits are taking place. Cllr Webbon has installed wooden stakes on the side of the mound to identify the location of the 24 remaining trees which we planted earlier this year.

NHOOD WATCH – Cllr Mousley placed information in the Long Furrow regarding a new neighbourhood watch scheme. Progress to date was circulated in an email.

PLATINUM JUBILEE – Cllr Mousley placed an advert in the Long Furrow asking if residents wished to get involved in planning a Jubilee event in June 2022. To date he has had a response from a small number of residents.

Re-naming the Jubilee playing fields as Jubilee Park – a lot of discussion ensued regarding this suggestion – The Clerk detailed some of the background information that is required in particular the land registry title and if it would have any affect on any legal documents. She also suggested that full public engagement should be carried out prior to making any changes to the names of village facilities. Future Agenda.

GREENER GOSCOTE – The nature garden has been raked and the raised beds have been tidied.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Cannon reported on the precept request of a small budget to work towards some professional survey work.

Sustainable Land Trust Pilot Project – This project is focussing on the Mound and playing fields area and is a big commitment. Cllr Cannon attended a wildlife mapping workshop. The mound – requires scarifying and seeding before the end of December.

Wildlife Verge – LCC have confirmed that the Parish Council have been awarded a small grant of £300 to help prepare the ground and purchase seeds. Again, this must be done by the end of December. Cllrs Shivers and Webbon offered to help prepare the land for seeding. The Clerk will look at the Caretaker job list with a view to also offer some additional help on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

CHRISTMAS EVENT – The Clerk confirmed that a total of 19 applications have been received out of a possible 60. Discussion ensued regarding continuing with the event due to the low level of response and the new COVID variant which is now believed to be transmitting within the community.

Due to the exceptional circumstances the parish council agreed reluctantly to cancel this event. Contact will be made with the applicants. This decision will need to be ratified at our next meeting in January as it is not an agenda item.

21/175 **Proposed Accounts**

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4994.68 for December. The internal audit was carried out by Cllr Cannon.

21/176 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- VAS – our shared vehicle active speed sign will be used in East Goscote between February and April 2022.
- Complaint re football anti-social behaviour – The clerk has tried without success to obtain contact details of the referee. Cllr Axon to contact the manager of the team involved to get further information. The clerk will also try again to contact the ref.

21/177 **Planning Matters**

P/21/2222/2 – Two storey extension to 40 Long Furrow, East Goscote – No objections

21/178 **To consider and approve the budget 2022/23**

RESOLVED to approve the 2022/23 budget which amounts to £82,520.00

21/178 **To consider and agree the Precept 2021/2022**

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £63,000.00 to meet the expenses of the parish. The Precept request forms were duly signed.

21/179 **Gladman and Section 106 – the way forward**

Cllr Axon discussed the way forward with the new development suggesting that we need a medium-term strategy to ensure that the development is managed properly. He said there is still a lot to be negotiated when full planning permission is considered. He detailed 8 areas that he feels we should be monitoring including:

- Lack of communication from Gladman.
- Ensuring Environmental Health at Charnwood are looking after the health and safety of our residents.
- Construction traffic – 20mph speed limit
- Environmental agency v Environmental health – who is accountable for what? – Cllr Needham is working on this.
- Social housing – ensuring the balance is right.
- Developer integrating cycleways and pathways.
- Solar panels – developer working towards being carbon neutral.
- Section 106 – speaking with Charnwood to confirm what funding the Parish Council will receive from this development.

RESOLVED that a letter to Gladman be drafted and approved – The Clerk to circulate and send to Gladman. Cllr Needham to feedback re environmental responsibilities, Cllr Cannon and Cllr Needham to set up a Zoom meeting with Charnwood to discuss Section 106 funding available to the Parish Council.

21/180 **Football issues – response to letter/charges/training**

- Complaint re supporters parking on the grass – Reported to team playing at the time
- Complaint re anti-social behaviour during a senior football match – Cllr Axon to speak with the manager of the club concerned.

The Clerk informed the council that we reduced charges for one of the junior teams as they would be required to mark their own pitches out. However, it appears that this is not happening, and our caretaker continues to mark the pitch for all the games on the 11 a side pitch. RESOLVED that the discounted charge will not be changed this year but will not be offered in future years. The clerk is waiting for confirmation of players being resident from those team who are claiming the resident discount.

The junior FC were training on the senior pitch. Cllr Axon rang to request that they do not do this as it is damaging the pitch. Continue to monitor.

21/181 **Out of office emergency phone/Playing field gate number**

The Chairman said that the out of office number would remain as the office number, the main issue was Councillors contacting the Clerk on work related matters whilst on her days off. Councillors to be mindful that the Clerk only works Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

- 21/182        **Maintenance**  
The Chairman thanked Cllr Mousley for encouraging the business in the shopping precinct to repair his shop window and tidy the front of the shop. This matter is now closed.
- 21/183        **Items approved for Expenditure**  
Precept and budget
- 21/184        **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**  
The Clerk confirmed that the office is open until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm.  
Normal hours resume on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 21/185        **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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