

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 6.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr D Cannon
Cllr R Axon	Cllr N Shivers
Cllr C Tate	Cllr S Mousley
Cllr S Gerrard	

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)

Mrs C Turlington (Admin)

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Co-option of new members

The Chair read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Webbon who will be greatly missed. Cllr Webbon first became our village tree warden before joining as a Parish Councillor in 2018. RESOLVED to send a voucher and thank you card to the value of £50 to thank Cllr Webbon for all his hard work especially his care of our village trees and helping with the flower beds.

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Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)

None

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Matters arising from the Police

A police report was received. Cllr Shivers asked if a police presence or the highways enforcement vehicle could be requested during school drop off/pick up hours due to the number of cars parking on the junctions of Ploughmans Lea and Harvesters Corner

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Apologies for Absence: Cllr Poland, Cllr Oakes was not present at the meeting although no apologies had been given.

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To report any declarations of interest Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall, Cllr Gerrard regarding planning.

21/191

To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (08.12)

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

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Matters arising from the minutes

- 21/063 –Awaiting payment of 50% for pavilion damage from one person.
- 21/066 – Relocation of Charnwood Litter bin – awaiting response (LN)
- 21/156 – One litter bin has been ordered but we are still waiting for delivery, a second will be ordered if the caretaker is happy with the bin and lock
- 21/179 – Gladman and Local Plan Representation – Cllr Axon asked if this needed to be on the agenda and it was advised this is to be added to the agenda for February under planning.
- 21/180 – Monitor of juniors training on senior pitch, a second request asking them to refrain from training on the senior pitch was made on 16th December by the Clerk. Cllr Axon said that he had recently visited the pitches and received positive feedback regarding the pitch and the facilities.

21/193

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC –A meeting was held on 20th January 2022. The Chair said that

- A periodic electrical inspection was carried out on 21st January.
- New lights and light switches will be installed in the toilets during half term.
- Cleaner salary has been reviewed.
- The total amount invested in the hall in 2021 was £10,836.
- Next meeting 24th March 2022

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Checks were carried out by the Clerk and Cllr Shivers.

The village green – area by the red gate needs the concrete renewing. We now have purchased a concrete breaker so this is something that our caretaker could attend to when the weather is better. RESOLVED to re-concrete the gate area.

The “Whizzer” price to repair has been received. It is £680 for the bearings alone and £1304 to have the bearings fitted. RESOLVED to remove the Whizzer and not replace.

Lilac Way – The Clerk took the decision to close the play area due to the raised safety surfacing under the swings and the trip hazard on the tarmac footpath. This will be discussed on February’s agenda. Our contractor has looked at the tree roots and will advise on the cost to remove the tree and roots. The Clerk to find out if the roundabout already ordered could be cancelled in order to use the funds to repair this area, although she placed the order in October so felt it was unlikely that we could cancel

Land adjacent to Lilac Way had an exceptionally large hole. The clerk ordered a ton of topsoil to infill the hole which has now been done.

LONG FURROW – The Feb edition is being worked on and will be distributed soon.

TREES – Cllr Shivers said that a lot of the public footpaths were suffering from roots causing them to lift. He asked that Councillors check their area and report any lifted paths to LCC.

NHOOD WATCH – Cllr Mousley sent a report to all Councillors regarding the progress of the Neighbourhood Watch group. He said that the Facebook group is doing well.

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. This will be on February’s agenda and Cllr Mousley will cost up the options available to celebrate the event.

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

CLIMATE CHANGE – Sustainable Land Trust Pilot Project – More survey work has been carried out on the Jubilee playing fields. Online courses to be undertaken on management of grassland, woodland and priority habitats, and the health and wellbeing/volunteer engagement. Wildlife Verge - Thanks to Cllrs Shivers and our caretaker for helping to prepare the wildflower flower verge. The seeds have now been planted and we can claim the costs back from the LCC.

21/194

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £5070.98 were approved for payment by the council. Internal audits were carried out by the Chair and Vice Chair.

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Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Resident letter re use of the land off Long Furrow for Sensory sports. RESOLVED that the Chair will arrange to meet with the resident to look for suitable areas.
- Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan – Promoting community engagement which runs from 20th January to 20th February.
- Neighbourhood Watch – data protection renewal - The clerk questioned if we need to have two schemes. Cllr Mousley to find out before the renewal date of 6.3.22.
- Feedback from LCC clerks meeting
- Closure of roads for Jubilee events – confirmation of the process – there is a lead time of 6 weeks and if anyone is interested in this it was RESOVLED to direct them to the office for more information.
- Notification of bird flu in the area.
- Report from visit to Queniborough PC
- Snow Warden – agreed to take part - £8.91 per hour
- LCC partnership plan – invitation to comment
- Electric car club survey – also online events – the next online event is Wednesday 2nd February and Cllr Gerrard may attend.
- Council tax base 937.8 £67.18 per band D property
- Scouts – request to use the playing fields on May 8th for the fete – this may be a little early as many football matches have been cancelled due to covid and one is already scheduled for that date. RESOLVED to inform them that this date is unavailable and to discuss the possibility of the Jubilee weekend.
- Scouts – request to amend the lease – next agenda
- Long Furrow accounts – £500 donation agreed in May 2021.

Cllr Gerrard left the meeting.

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Planning Matters

P/21/2222/2 – Two storey extension to 40 Long Furrow, East Goscote – Granted

P/21/1878/2 – Dropped Kerb to 20 The Meadows, East Goscote – No objections.

P/21/2394/2 – Extensions around building to 4 Fletchers Way – No response as not enough comments received from Councillors.

Cllr Needham received a response from Lewis Marshall regarding the Section 106 request for the Gladman Development. He confirmed that we could negotiate with Charnwood as they have an amount of £88,829.00 for off-site outdoor sports facilities and £30,489 for provision of allotment facilities. This will be discussed under planning in February.

Cllr Axon mentioned that additional funding has been agreed for educational purposes.

21/197

Review of Councillor Maintenance responsibility, playground and pavilion checks.

Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks for 2022.

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Review of Committee/Working Party Membership

Committee/working parties were agreed until our AGM in May. The new list will be circulated to all Councillors.

The football reps were discussed due to the ongoing issues, and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Needham approach a member of the football community to be a representative and liaise between the Council and the football teams. The Clerk advised that the football teams have yet to supply the information to apply the discount and the Council agreed to the fact that they are to pay in full if the information is not received by the end of January.

21/199 **To ratify the decision taken re the cancellation of the afternoon tea event.**

RESOLVED that due to the low uptake and the situation with COVID in December the planned afternoon tea event was cancelled.

21/200 **To approve the APM agenda for the next edition of the Long Furrow**

All councillors were in receipt of the draft agenda – This was agreed and will be featured in our Long Furrow on the front page.

21/201 **To consider the mowing contract proposal.**

A map and contract proposed were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration. It was RESOLVED to accept the mowing contract unchanged for 2022. Cllr Needham advised that any variations to the contract are considered in advance of next year (2023) The top of the mound has been left to see which wildflowers grow on their own and additional seeding took place along the edge and lower slopes of the mound in December. Extra volunteer support is also being considered to pick up the grass.

21/202 **To consider quotes for installing LED lights to the pavilion**

The Clerk circulated three quotes to install three new lights in the main room of the pavilion, and an additional price for a new kitchen light. RESOLVED to proceed with MPB Electricals.

21/203 **To consider enrolling our admin assistant on the “ILCA” training course**

The Clerk issued all Councillors with details of the introduction to local council admin course which contains five modules and is an online programme. The cost is £120.00. RESOLVED to enrol our admin assistant onto this online course.

21/204 **Football issues – Complaints received**

A football report was circulated to all Councillors from Cllr Axon and a report from the Clerk.

Complaint re anti-social behaviour during a senior football match – Cllr Axon has spoken with the manager of the team concerned and had a report back. The Clerk has contacted the local FA and left phone and email messages direct to the referee asking for his feedback but has not received a response. RESOLVED that the clerk responds to inform them that the Council has done everything possible to investigate this and the complaint will now be closed.

On 11th December the junior FC hired the pavilion, and a lock was drilled onto the kitchen base unit. The Clerk did get confirmation that it was a parent of the under thirteen's who put the lock on. RESOLVED that Cllr Needham make contact and explain that a charge of £50 will be deducted from their deposit to remove the lock and replace the doors, the Clerk will follow this up with the official correspondence. Cllr Axon abstained from this vote.

On Monday 24th January the Clerk had a visit from a member of the junior football club. His attitude was unacceptable, and a letter was sent to him, and copied to all Councillors. A zero-tolerance policy is being considered for discussion at the next staffing committee meeting along with the suggestion from Cllr Tate to keep our staff safe at work

Line marker – this is not working properly, and this was discussed. The clerk advised that should the linemarker fail, the cost to mark the pitches was £20 per pitch. Also, the line marking fluid has increased in cost and the quantity reduced to ten litres from fifteen litres. This will have an impact on football charges next year. RESOLVED to monitor.

21/205 **Councillor Bespoke training on February 23rd – should we postpone?**

Due to Councillor vacancies at present, it was RESOLVED to cancel this session and look at generic Councillor Training for those that need it. The Chair said that new Councillors are expected to attend training to enhance their skills and currently only two of our members have done so. The clerk to find out dates and circulate any training information to Councillors.

21/206 **Treescapes – to discuss areas and species and number of trees being offered from LCC**

Cllr Cannon and Axon met with a rep from LCC to look at possible areas for trees to be planted. Cllr Cannon said that they were advised that large free trees would be more suitable, however these would require the council to plant and maintain. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Cannon goes back to LCC to say that we would like to use the treescapes scheme for thirty-five whips on the mound with maintenance support, with three additional free trees in the nature garden if possible. Report back at the next meeting with clarity of both schemes

21/207 **Maintenance**

Parking on grass – Cllr Axon said that the ‘no parking on the grass’ sign at the playing field wasn’t facing the correct way. Cllr Shivers to have a look.

Dog warden – Cllr Shivers requested that the dog warden be asked to have a walk around the playing fields, however the Clerk advised that the dog wardens normally only patrol public footpaths.

21/208 **Items approved for Expenditure**

- Pavilion lights
- ILCA training course
- Concrete the path
- Removal of whizzer

21/209 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

County Councillor’s report – this was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

“Proposal to Full Council” form – Cllr Needham said that legally the Clerk sets the agenda for meetings and that full council meetings are mainly for decision making with ideas developed by working parties before being presented to Full Council She said that she is happy to discuss this with individual Councillors if needed.

21/210 **Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 9th, 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

L Pizer
27.1.22