

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 6.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair) Cllr D Cannon

Cllr N Shivers Cllr C Tate

Cllr S Gerrard (Part)

Cllr Poland

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)

Mrs C Turlington (Admin)

21/211 **Co-option of new members** - None

21/212 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

None

21/213 **Matters arising from the Police**

A report was received from the police confirming that they would investigate the inconsiderate parking around the school.

21/214 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Axon, Cllr S Mousley. Cllr Oakes was not present at the meeting although no apologies had been given.

21/215 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall, Cllr Gerrard regarding planning.

21/216 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (26.01)**

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

21/217 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 21/186 – Thank you card and gift sent to Cllr Webbon.
- 21/188 – Cllr Mousley has informed police re parking near the school.
- 21/063 – Awaiting payment of 50% for pavilion damage from one person.
- 21/066 – Relocation of Charnwood Litter bin – Cllr Needham has spoken with Mr Bradford of Charnwood who will ensure the relocation is carried out.
- 21/156 – One litter bin has been received, a second will be ordered if the caretaker is happy with the bin and lock.
- 21/193 – The V Green “Whizzer” has been removed today; additional help was given to the Caretaker.
- 21/195 – Sensory Sports have booked the hall and visited the office to discuss using the pavilion/playing field in the summer.
- 21/195 – Neighbourhood Watch data protection renewal – the Clerk advised she had made contact regarding this and as Cllr Mousley is currently managing the data himself it was resolved to renew separately for the coming year.
- Electric Car Club survey online event – Cllr Gerrard said she was unable to attend on 2nd February.

- 21/195 – Scouts request to use the field in May – the Clerk said she has informed them that May is unavailable and suggested the Jubilee weekend but has not heard back.
- 21/198 – Football rep – the Chair said that she has not yet contacted the individual concerned to discuss this. Re the resident information, the Clerk said that she had received the required paperwork and as a result the Under 13's will not be receiving the discount this season.
- 21/202 – LED lights – this has been booked.
- 21/203 – The admin assistant has started the course.
- 21/205 – Cllr Training dates were circulated – please respond to the admin assistant.
- 21/207 – Sign re Parking on Grass – the caretaker has looked at this and no further action is required.

21/218

County Councillors Report

1. Leicestershire invited to negotiate devolution deal

Leicestershire has taken the next step towards securing a ground-breaking, multi-million-pound deal to bring devolved powers to the county. The Government confirmed on the 2nd of February that Leicestershire County Council will be one of the first nine areas it will invite to agree a new 'county deal'.

2. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Leicestershire

A host of special events will be held in the city and county this year to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and mark her 70-year reign as monarch.

The events, announced on Monday, 7th February by Mike Kapur, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, include a garden party which he will host for people turning 70 in 2022 as well as the planting of trees and an art competition for primary school children. There are also awards for businesses and communities for seventy organisations.

All you need to know can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee with information also available on how you can arrange your own community event or street party.

3. Campaign to tackle high levels of male suicide in the city and county

Men are being encouraged to talk to their friends about their feelings, as part of a campaign that aims to tackle the high levels of male suicide across Leicester and Leicestershire. A total of 455 deaths by suicide in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland were recorded between January 2015 and June 2021. More than 75 per cent of those deaths – 353 – were men.

The 'Get the Ball Rolling' campaign has been devised by the city, county, and Rutland councils' Start a Conversation partnership, and follows a report on male suicide published this year by Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire. It uses sporting references on beer mats, posters and on social media to show men how they can start a conversation with others, and where they can get help if they are struggling with their mental health.

Local brewery Everards is backing the campaign by placing the beer mats and posters in its pubs across the city, county, and Rutland. It has also got the support of the United Leicester mental health hub, an online platform where members of the local sporting community share their own stories with the aim of helping others to talk and get the support they need. United Leicester is a partnership of the city's four professional sports clubs and funded by their respective official charities.

More about the campaign, advice on how to start a conversation about mental health and information on services on offer in Leicester is available at <https://www.unitedleicester.com/>.

4. Consultation on proposals to change the way Leicestershire deals with waste and recycling

People are being encouraged to give their views on what happens to waste and recycling in the county. Leicestershire Waste Partnership is asking residents to help shape its blueprint for future services, known as the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.

A range of pledges, such as delivering reuse services and encouraging residents to prevent unnecessary waste, are set out in the strategy as is, subject to Government policy and funding, implementing household food waste collections. The consultation also seeks views on the future frequency of household waste collections.

The partnership is made up of Leicestershire County Council and all the Borough/District Councils in Leicestershire.

By sharing views on this strategy, this will help Leicestershire use its resources more efficiently and become a net zero carbon county. This is an important consultation which asks residents, businesses, and communities to share their views on how we can deliver future waste services, and create a cleaner, greener Leicestershire.

There is an urgent need for us to work towards a circular economy, where we reduce the impacts of climate change and take steps to live more sustainably. More than 40 per cent of all household waste in Leicestershire is currently recycled. These figures include reuse, recycling and composting for both kerbside collections and waste deposited at our recycling and household waste sites.

The consultation is open until April 25 and can be found on the county council's consultation page:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/leicestershires-resources-and-waste-strategy-2022-2050>

Questions

The Chair asked for some clarity regarding the devolution deal and Cllr Poland explained that Leicestershire is part of a pilot whereby the Government is negotiating with the County as to the levels of power and funding – there are three possible levels with the highest being that the County has a mayor. This will be reported in the media and the LCC News section of the website, and Cllr Poland will also keep everyone updated. The type of powers this will involve includes transport, similar to Manchester and London and it was noted that this is County level not City. Financially the County should not be worse off, and Cllr Poland believes it to be a good thing in its own right – in the future further conversations can be had regarding funding and powers.

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Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham said that the proposed budget is due to be discussed at a Cabinet meeting tomorrow. She mentioned that the increase is just over 3.5% and that the total budget is approximately eighteen million pounds, with Charnwood Borough Council making cuts to some services and raising fees.

Cllr Needham explained that the Ward Boundary Review has been published and will come into effect in May 2023 – East Goscote will now be in the Wreake Valley ward that also includes the St. Peter’s area of Syston, Queniborough, Rearsby, Cossington, Thrussington, South Croxton and Ratcliffe. There will be 3 Councillors representing the area. She also mentioned that the Parliamentary Boundaries are being redrawn, with East Goscote being included in the Melton/Syston area, rather than Charnwood. This is currently in phase 2 and should it be passed will come into effect after May 2023.

Cllr Shivers asked if there had been a reduction in people using the Garden Waste service due to the price increase. Cllr Needham advised she would find out if anyone is monitoring this and that CBC’s prices are still within the average for the country. She mentioned that the government has commissioned a whitepaper as to how councils manage waste and CBC are exploring options for how they can respond to those requests and how we can improve recycling rates.

21/220

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr Shivers said that a full electrical inspection has been conducted in the hall. During half term we will be having new skirting boards fitted in the Kitchen and new lights and light switches in the toilets.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Checks will be carried out by the Clerk and Caretaker towards the end of February.

The “Whizzer” has been removed and made safe. Topsoil and grass seed to be added.

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.

LONG FURROW – The Feb edition is out for delivery and will be on our website very soon.

TREES – No update.

GREENER GOSCOTE – Hope to plant three trees as per the licence to cultivate and a Spring Litter pick around the playing field has been organised for Saturday, February 26th between 2pm and 4pm. Cllr Cannon said that there had been an issue with receiving the funds for the Wildlife Verge from LCC, but this has now been resolved.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Cannon is creating a habitat map of Jubilee Playing Field. The wildflower grant has been applied for and we will hopefully receive the money soon.

SPEEDING – Cllr Shivers advised that the VAS has been installed on Long Furrow.

21/221

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £4153.72 were approved for payment by the council. Internal audits were carried out by the Chair and Vice Chair.

21/222

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- Platinum Jubilee Street party information is now on our website.

- Reply re football complaint –The Council’s responsibility is to remind the teams of the Acceptable Behaviour policy which has been done, and as this was previously resolved to close the complaint no further action will be taken.

21/223

Planning Matters

- a) Section 106 – To enter into dialogue with Charnwood - 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. RESOLVED that we would contact Charnwood to enter into negotiations regarding the S106 funding. Chair and Clerk to draft a letter asking that they consult with us.
- b) Local plan representation – RESOLVED that we will request a speaker at the independent inspectorate hearing once the date is received, giving us the opportunity to make our point regarding proposed developments in neighbouring villages, highways issues etc. Cllr Gerrard requested to abstain from all relevant discussions regarding this.

21/224

Review of Hire Charges.

The Chair explained that the hire charges would need to be increased given the increase in the line marking fluid. Another option is to consider allowing the football teams/clubs to mark their own pitches. The Clerk mentioned that she is asking for feedback from other councils through the LRALC as to how they manage their football teams requirements. RESOLVED that a separate meeting be held, and the Clerk, Chair and Cllr Shivers be given delegated powers to agree the final charges for next season.

21/225

Budget (Expenditure update)

The Clerk issued all Councillors with an update on the latest expenditure and approximate spends for February and March. Variances were discussed. Cllr Gerrard left the meeting.

21/226

The Queens Platinum Jubilee – To consider proposals.

Cllr Mousley issued a paper to all Councillors with several ideas for them to consider. We have a budget of £1k for jubilee village celebrations. Cllr Mousley is also holding a Zoom meeting for further discussion on 15th February – all Councillors have been invited. The Chair also suggested that we engage with the village to ask them what they would like. Our Admin Assistant has created a leaflet in hard copy and digital so that we can engage with the residents to ascertain their opinion as to how we should celebrate. This was discussed and it was RESOLVED to amend the survey and use Google Forms which would allow us to add an additional question to gauge feedback regarding changing the name of Jubilee Playing Fields. It was RESOLVED to make the digital survey available online and send out with the school this Friday. Also, hard copies to be available in the library and office; with the consultation available until the end of February. Responses will be used to guide the decision and help the planning group, rather than being prescriptive. To be added to the next agenda for a final decision.

21/227

To consider the re-tarmac works to the multi sports court

The Clerk issued the price to retarmac the multi-sports court but is awaiting more quotes. RESOLVED to revoke standing order 9b and order the works to a maximum cost of £1500. This will be a project financed by next year’s budget, but there will possibly be a long wait for the works to be carried out.

- 21/228 **To consider the scout group request to extend the lease to include land to the rear.**
The Scouts would like to extend the lease to include the brown hatched area to the rear of the scout hut. RESOLVED that the council have no objection to extending the lease to include the area to the rear of the scout hut along with erecting a fence. This would be conditional that the Scouts pay all legal fees incurred and that Charnwood Borough Council consent to the variation of the lease. If the Scouts are in agreement with the above, then the Clerk will instruct Knights PLC Solicitors.
- 21/229 **Lilac Way play area – damage to safety surfacing and path caused by tree roots.**
Quotes have been circulated to Councillors for the various works to remove the trees/tree roots. RESOLVED that the first step would be to remove the three trees adjacent to the play area at a cost of £400. This will be carried out as soon as possible. It was also agreed that a letter would be delivered to all houses on the estate, and Cllrs Needham and Shivers will speak to those closest to the play area, to inform them that we have no option but to remove the trees. The play area will remain closed for the foreseeable future until the root damage/safety surfacing can be repaired. To be added to the next agenda to discuss the next stage.
- 21/230 **Treescapes – to discuss areas and species and number of trees being offered from LCC**
Cllr Cannon informed the council that he suggests thirty-five trees to be planted on the mound, map shown to Councillors. As part of the treescapes scheme LCC plant up to 60cm whips and maintain them for a few years. The clerk asked if weed prevention was included and how big the tree types would get. Cllr Cannon said that he is hoping to meet with LCC next week to discuss further. It was RESOLVED to get thirty-five trees from LCC which they will plant according to Cllr Cannon’s proposed map, and that LCC maintain for the first few years with East Goscote Parish Council taking no further maintenance responsibility. Cllr Cannon also said he is waiting for an answer as to whether he can have three trees for the Nature Garden and should this be agreed, it was RESOLVED to revoke Section 1 of the Licence to Cultivate to allow for holes to be made big enough for the trees.
- 21/231 **Staffing committee update – Standing order 18a applies**
See confidential minute
- 21/232 **Maintenance**
Maintenance checks were carried out by Cllrs Shivers and Tate.
- 21/233 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Removal of trees - £400
Tarmac of Multi-sports court – Maximum £1500
- 21/234 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**
Cllr Mousley has given apologies for the next meeting.
- The Clerk advised that a bill had been received from the company who carried out the survey of the mound. However, as he had led us to believe CBC commissioned him to carry out the survey and he has no written confirmation of us wanting to proceed it was RESOLVED not to pay this bill as we did not request the survey.

E.G.P.C. 09.02.22

Next agenda – Visit from the Circus

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

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

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

L Pizer/C Turlington
10.2.22