

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 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 V Oakes	Cllr R Axon

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)
Mrs C Turlington (Admin)

21/236 **Co-option of new members - None**

21/237 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**

21/238 **Matters arising from the Police**

A report was received and there is no crime this month. Cllr Shivers has met with the PCSO regarding cars parking around the school and she has spoken to several of the car owners. Cllr Tate raised the road safety issue on Long Furrow. Photos have been sent to the PCSO so we will await her feedback. It was noted that a lot of cars around the village are parking on pavements. Cllrs are to take photos and send the photos and the locations to the Clerk who will forward onto the police to check if they are parked illegally.

21/239 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Mousley, Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr Poland

21/240 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow and Greener Goscote, Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall.

21/241 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

21/242 **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 21/066 – Relocation of Charnwood Litter bin – as all has been done to get this relocated, without any success- Charnwood have confirmed that the bin will not be going back to its original location by the school gate.
- 21/156 – New Litter Bins – the Caretaker is happy with the first new bin and a second one has now been ordered.
- 21/195 – Neighbourhood Watch data renewal – this has been actioned.
- 21/202 – LED Lights – this has been done.
- 21/205 – Cllr Training dates were circulated – still awaiting responses from Cllr Axon, Cllr Mousley, Cllr Oakes.
- 21/220 – Speeding – having problems with VAS working – the Clerk at Queniborough PC is trying to resolve this.
- 21/223 – Chair and Clerk have sent a letter to CBC asking them to consult with us regarding S106 funding negotiations. They have responded that they will consult us when they have received the funds.
- 21/227 – Multi-sports court – The contactor is carrying out a site visit but can complete the tarmacking works end of March/April.

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County Councillors Report

County Council budgets set

The authority is increasing its share of the council tax bill by three per cent from April - a two per cent rise in the basic levy and one per cent ringfenced to contribute towards adult social care.

East Midlands Freeport

The East Midlands Freeport has secured formal Government approval for its plans to offer businesses locating in the Freeport special incentives.

The UK's only inland freeport is set to deliver over 61,000 jobs for the East Midlands and an extra £8.9bn for the local economy over the next 30 years.

The greenlight means that from 22nd March 2022, eligible companies investing in designated areas within the Freeport's boundary will be able to access a range of benefits offered through the Government's Freeport policy. These areas, known as 'tax sites', cover the Freeport's three main locations at East Midlands Airport and Gateway Industrial Cluster ('EMAGIC'), East Midlands Intermodal Park ('EMIP') and the Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station Redevelopment Site.

By creating much-needed jobs and boosting the economy, the Freeport is set to benefit communities across the East Midlands and make a critical contribution to the Government's levelling-up agenda. It is one of eight Freeports being established across England.

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Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham reported on the Waste consultation document. The government is proposing national changes to waste collections in order to meet the 65% national recycling targets by 2035. It was suggested that we need to inform our residents of the possible significant changes to our waste collection. The consultation document closes on 25th April and can be accessed on the leics.gov website along with hard copies in the library and the Parish office. It was agreed that we inform our residents via the app and websites.

Charnwood Borough council are requesting feedback on user experience of their website.

Cllr Needham has circulated details of the number of residents using the brown bin service.

Cllr Shivers asked if the £50 cost would be increased again next year. This was not known at this time.

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Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Cllr Shivers said that during the Easter holidays we hope to have new doors fitted in the hall. The next meeting is 24th March.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD – The Clerk and Caretaker carried out the checks on 7th March. There is a lot of equipment that needs disposing of from the Pavilion and the Clerk suggested a skip is needed.

LONG FURROW – The copy deadline for the next edition is 31st March. The Annual Reports are to be included.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Cllr Mousley may be applying for a NHW grant to install signs around the village.

TREES – Cllr Axon reported a tree root problem on the footpath between Hunstmans Dale and the play area on the Mound.

GREENER GOSCOTE – Cllr Cannon circulated a report prior to the meeting:

- The LCC Forestry contractor will deliver three trees for the Nature Garden. GG will plant them and provide the after care for all the Free Trees.
- The Spring Litter Pick around the periphery of the Jubilee Playing Fields and The Mound area was a great success, with another event planned for April. Cllr Cannon thanked Cllr Needham and Oakes for attending.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Cannon circulated a report prior to the meeting:

- SLT Pilot Project – draft maps of the Jubilee Playing Fields and Mound area have been incorporated into the final report. The Programme Co-Ordinator is giving a presentation of the project on 30th March, in the library from 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend. Cllr Cannon said that only one Councillor has confirmed attendance. He may look at changing the date or inviting other parishes.
- Long Furrow Wildflower Verge, Jubilee Playing Fields, and Mound – £300 has been received for the Long Furrow Wildlife Verge project.

TREESCAPES – Cllrs Cannon and Axon met Adam Goodall from LCC Forestry on 15/2/22 to discuss in detail what might be available. He is willing to offer the more substantial Free Trees (35 @ approx. 1.5 metres high) and will arrange for their contractor to plant, stake, and mulch them. A map of the tree planting scheme was circulated. The Clerk asked how we intended to water the trees. Cllr Cannon will ask the Greener Goscote group to take on the responsibility of watering the trees, he has several ideas to ensure that the trees are watered.

HIRE CHARGES – New charges were circulated to Cllrs. The main changes for next season, on a trial basis, are that the pitches must be marked out by the teams and the seasonal fee is to be paid in full upon key collection in August. The Clerk has informed the football clubs of the changes and has received no feedback to date.

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Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £17,358.04 were approved for payment by the council. Internal audits will be carried out by the Chair and Vice Chair.

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Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present:

- Pavilion rates bill – Mandatory relief – no charge
- Public Engagement Slides – impact of decision – feedback of the results is important
- Access to Nature Plan – Cllr Cannon has responded to this.
- Biodiversity Training – Cllr Cannon is attending this.
- Neighbourhood Planning Advice Note was discussed briefly
- Licensing Act Review
- East Midlands Airport Survey – The Chair, Clerk and Admin will complete this.
- Rewilding Wreake Valley – the Clerk has advertised this on the noticeboards
- Internal Auditor – 10th May
- Sileby PC Notes
- Thank You card from former Cllr
- Resident Letter regarding a drop kerb – reply offering details of our County Councillor
- Revisit the Emergency Resilience Plan – Group to arrange a meeting to look at updating the plan.

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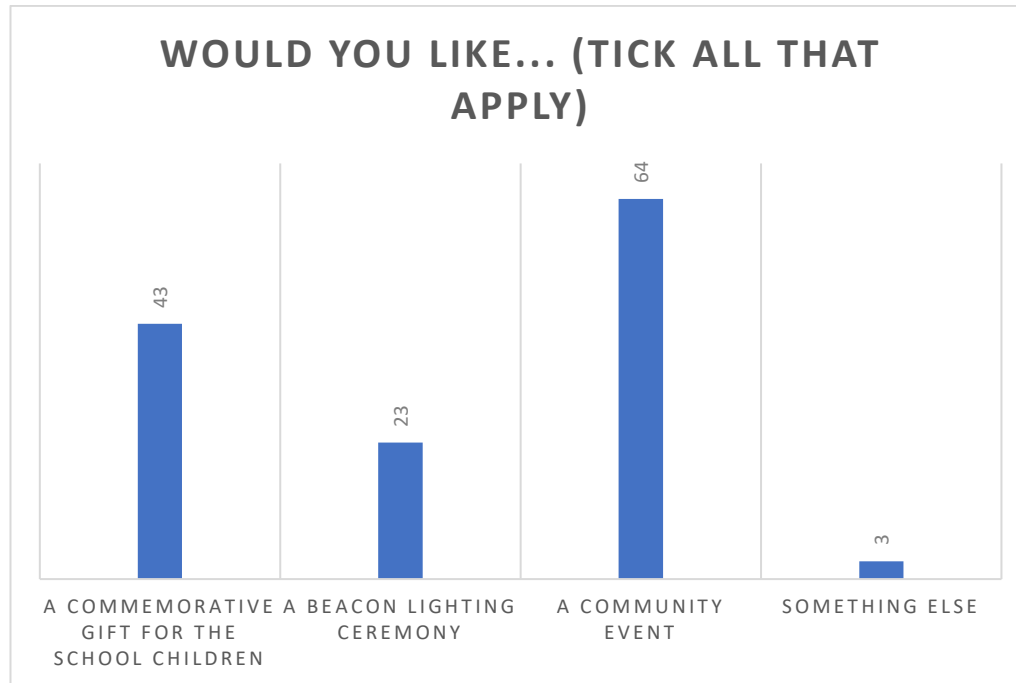
Planning Matters - None

To approve Petty Cash Payments

This was circulated to all Cllrs. There is very little expenditure this year, with the Village Hall covering a lot of the costs. The balance carried forward is £7.78.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Opinion Poll result/decision on funding

The results of the community survey are below:



The council are also in receipt of the working party minutes who have recommended a community event based on the above results. It was Resolved to proceed with a community event organised by the working party. We will not proceed with the beacon lighting ceremony or the gift for the school children as the library are giving a bookmark to them. Cllr Cannon asked about a tree for the Jubilee.

The Clerk has mentioned both a tree and bench to the working group Chair, but these ideas were not pursued. The budget is to be brought to the May meeting for approval. EGPC have received £450 of merchandise for the event from Charnwood Borough Council.

As the question regarding changing the name of Jubilee Playing Fields and the Mound to Jubilee Park resulted in a 50/50 response, the Chair proposed 2 options:

- Agreeing that as the results are inconclusive, no further action is to be taken
- Agreeing to put this out for further consultation asking for additional views, ensuring all comments made so far are given equal consideration and the council isn't biased towards one opinion.

Councillors in turn gave their views regarding the suggested re-naming. Cllr Axon confirmed that in 1963 the planning documents for the area named it as "the playing fields". A vote took place for requesting further feedback from our residents – this resulted in an equal vote. A counter proposal was made by Councillor Axon which was "to defer any decision regarding re-naming the playing fields to a later date next year". The vote for this was 3 members for, 2 against and 1 abstention. It was resolved to reconsider this next year.

21/251 **Lilac Way Play Area – to consider the next stages**

The Clerk confirmed the poplar trees will be removed on Friday 11th March. The Caretaker has started to remove the wetpour and tree roots. Cllrs need to consider how to dispose of the wetpour. The Clerk has contacted a company called Rebound Rubber who can recycle wetpour but unfortunately, they are unable to help on this occasion. The alternative is for an 8-yard skip at a cost of £240 and the company has confirmed they are happy to dispose of the rubber. It was resolved to proceed with this. The next stage is to look at costs to resurface the area. The Clerk has arranged for Wicksteed to visit the site to look at alternative ways of resurfacing and a quote of £3980 has been received. Additional quotes are still to be obtained. This item will be included on May's agenda.

21/252 **To discuss the Circus visit**

James Richards Circus is having its first ever visit to the Jubilee Playing Fields on Friday 10th June – Sunday 12th June. The event is already being promoted via Spotted East Goscote and the School are including it in the Broomfield Bulletin.

The circus has agreed to pay £400 for the 4 days along with a refundable bond (damage waiver) of £500.

The cost for a full-page advert in the Long Furrow is £80. This needs to be with the Long Furrow by 31st March. The circus group will pay for this.

The circus will arrive p.m. on Wednesday 8th June, set up the big top on Thursday morning with performances Friday at 6.00 p.m., Sat 2.00 p.m. + 5.00 p.m., and Sunday 2.00 p.m. They intend to be off site the same day – Sunday 12th June.

The Chair asked for a Lead Cllr to meet the circus on site and be the main point of contact to ensure vehicles are on hard standing, a final inspection is carried out and the keys are collected. The circus would also require access to the Pavilion so a meeting on site would need to be arranged. It was resolved that Cllrs Shivers and Oakes would be the point of contact for the Circus visit.

21/253 **Scout Fete – confirmation of dates available/lease update**

- The Scouts have contacted the council for various dates to hold the fete which coincided with use of the football pitches. The Clerk has informed them that the football season runs from 1st September to 30th April so June, July or August would be the best time to hold the fete. It was resolved that the Clerk responds to confirm the fete is to be held during June, July, or August.
- Lease update – the Clerk has written to Charnwood Borough Council to request consent to both variation to property let and the proposed addition of the fence. She has also sent a plan of the location. Charnwood have confirmed that we would require a licence to alter the head lease. The sub lease between the PC and the scouts would need a deed of variation. We are waiting for a response from the scouts as to the exact details of what would be stored at the rear of the scout hut.

21/254 **Environmental Policy – do we require one?**

Cllr Axon advised as to the need for an Environmental Policy. It was resolved that in principle the Council require a policy. The Climate Change Group will work on this and bring to a future meeting for consideration. (4 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)

21/255 **Maintenance**

Cllr Shivers said that the goalstore needs work on the brickwork and this would need doing once the footballers have ended the season and if the store equipment is sorted out. (May's agenda)

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Cllr Shivers said that the yellow bollards installed by the PC require re-painting. The wooden bollards opposite the playing fields could also do with rubbing down and staining. These are the property of LCC however they have previously given us permission to refurbish them

21/256 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Skip for Lilac Way/pavilion £240.00

21/257 **Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman**

The Chair said that the East Goscote Parish Council stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and urges our residents to do what they can in terms of the relief fund. Cllr Shivers agreed to install the Ukrainian flag at the front of our village hall.

21/258 **Staffing committee update – Standing order 18a applies**

The staffing committee has been rearranged for 14th March – an update will be provided at the May meeting. Cllr Tate confirmed that she was concerned regarding the office staff when they are working alone. She would like the Council to provide the staff with a personal alarm of some kind. Cllr Shivers suggested a video doorbell.

21/259 **Date and time of the next Meeting:**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Gerrard has confirmed her absence for the APM in April and the AGM in May

Cllr Axon will not be available for the APM in April and possibly also in May.

Cllr Oakes will not be available for the APM in April

Cllr Cannon will not be available for the AGM in May.

Cllr Shivers will not be available for the APM in April.

The Chair said that we would be quorate if Cllr Tate, Cannon and Mousley were available on 13th April – The Clerk will confirm their availability.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

L Pizer/C Turlington

10.3.22