

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr Cannon
Cllr R Fazackerley	Cllr Axon
Cllr A Harris	Cllr N Shivers
Cllr Tate	

L Pizer (Clerk)	C Turlington (Admin)
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22/115 **Co-option of New Members:** None

22/116 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned):** None

22/117 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr Oakes, Cllr Poland

22/118 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Needham re Greener Goscote; Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow, Library and Greener Goscote; Cllr Shivers re the Village Hall.

22/119 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 26th September**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

22/120 **Matters arising from the minutes**

22/091 – re 22/043 – Smurfit Kappa are still to repair the resident's wall – this should hopefully be completed W/C 26th October.

22/091 – re 22/076 – The LED Hall lights have been purchased and will be installed in due course.

22/091 – re 22/009 – The Clerk has circulated a response from Cllr Poland regarding the camera enforcement vehicle visits – there was 1 penalty notice issued.

22/095 – New Playground signs were purchased and will be installed in due course.

22/095 – Cllr Axon has the email address of the asset management team to arrange a meeting regarding the mound.

22/100 – The Risk Assessments will be carried out on 27th October.

22/101 – The bushes and self-set trees at the side of Countrymans Way have been cut back and/or removed. The Clerk has circulated a further letter from the resident, along with the Council's Tree Policy which states works will only be carried out should there be a health and safety concern. It was Resolved to raise the canopy to stop it touching the grass and remove the self-setters from underneath. The Clerk will write to the resident to explain further work is to be carried out but will contact again with more detail after the next meeting when the Fire Risk Assessment has been reviewed.

22/103 – Member Highways Fund – Cllr Poland has approved a budget of £4500 for the MVAS, which includes a solar panel and a new post.

22/105 – Parish Priorities – the Clerk and Admin will look at creating a form/survey for public consultation.

22/106 – The sticker books have been received and sent to the library.

22/107 – The letter to residents of Long Furrow regarding the Wildlife Verge has been sent along with a full copy of the survey, and to date we have not had any further queries.

22/109 – The two sides of the mound were strimmed on 11th October.

22/112 – Bonfire – it has been found that a mouse was living in the wood pile. The Chair explained the reason for a bonfire is that there are often pallets which need disposing of, however should the caretaker only remove foliage he will now leave this laid out on other land.

22/112 – Council Van – Unfortunately the van quote was for the front brakes only and not the front and rear which we believed. It was Resolved to proceed with the front brakes and

arrange for the rear brakes to be inspected. This was advisory and the Van does have an MOT.

22/112 – Cllr Shivers has purchased bulbs for planting in the shape of a crown, however at the moment the ground is still very hard 2-3 inches down. The Rainbow guiding group have agreed to help out with the planting on Tuesday 25th October at 4.30pm. Anyone wishing to help plant any bulbs that are left over would be appreciated. The cost of these was £31.17. It was resolved to plant in another suitable area should the ground still be unsuitable on 25th October.

22/121

Matters arising from the Police

A report had been received which highlights 3 incidents on The Warren Ind. Est.

22/122

County Councillors Report

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

- A three-year programme which will help adults in Leicestershire to improve their numeracy skills and enable businesses to upskill their workforces has secured £3 million in government funding. Multiply is a £559 million national programme through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), which is designed to help spread opportunity and level up the country.
- The seasonal change in opening hours for Leicestershire’s recycling and household waste sites have now come into effect – opening hours are 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. with last entry at 3.55 p.m.

22/123

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham gave a verbal update on the following:

- Members Grant – £500 still available before February.
- Local Plan Hearings – there are still no dates for these.
- Antisocial Behaviour – please encourage residents to report any anti-social behaviour using the online form on the CBC website as it will need reporting before any action can be taken. The Clerk said that should anyone be unable to use the website, ask them to call into the office for assistance.

22/124

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – The VHMC met on 29th September. A report was issued and there were no questions.

LONG FURROW – All articles have been sent in for the next edition.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Cannon has completed the playground checks for October. He raised an issue with the tennis courts. Cllr Shivers and the Caretaker will look at this on Thursday 13th October.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – No report.

TREES – Cllr Axon circulated a report prior to the meeting and advised of the following:

- Trees obstructing 30mph sign at Melton Road bridge and the footpath is covered with bushes – the Clerk will report these to LCC.
- Tree at the corner of Long Furrow / Countrymans Way overhanging the footpath – Cllr Axon will deal with this himself.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Cannon circulated a report prior to the meeting, and there were no questions.

SPEEDWATCH – the Admin Assistant has sent another follow up email but as yet hasn’t received a response. Cllr Shivers said that the school flashing lights on Countrymans Way aren’t working correctly and requested that the police visit Ploughmans Lea during school drop off/pick up times as cars are driving very fast in this safety zone.

22/125

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £3830.50 were accepted for October by the Council. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements will be checked along with the invoices and signed off by Cllr Needham and Cllr Cannon. Cllr Axon would still like to become a cheque signatory and the Clerk will follow this up.

22/126

Correspondence

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

- Response from Cllr Poland re camera enforcement patrols
- Letter from resident at Willowbrook Way re management of open spaces – the Clerk advised that in 2012 EGPC had facilitated a meeting between residents and the then management company, with the possibility of the council taking over the land. In order to do this a deed of variation to the S106 agreement with all parties in agreement would be required. Cllr Axon suggested the residents form a committee to make an official complaint, which can then be investigated by the Property Ombudsman if necessary. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the resident to explain this, offer some practical advice and the possibility of holding a meeting in the Village Hall.
- Letter from resident re fire risk

22/127

Planning Matters –

LCC site meeting for a pedestrian crossing – the Clerk advised she has been trying to arrange a meeting with LCC but they are not willing to do this. If Redrow were to include a signalled pedestrian crossing as a goodwill gesture, then they are to complete a PV2 survey, however Cllr Needham raised her concerns over how footfall can be judged before the houses are built. The Clerk has looked at the Transport Assessment in more detail, and this was discussed. It was Resolved that Cllr Axon/Clerk will draft a letter to clarify the details of point 8.1.3 of the assessment. This could be sent to the senior officer for Highways.

25 Keepers Croft – this is a new application with a slight alteration. Resolved to object on the same grounds with the original comments as previously agreed.

22/128

Christmas Update

- a) **To consider quote for light installation/removal** – A quote has been received by the same contractor that is usually used and the cost is £675.00 to install and remove the tree lights. This was agreed.
- b) **Purchase of a new transformer/cabbling** – the cost for the power supply and connector is £100 and this was approved. As additional cabling is needed and it is likely an electrician will be required to install this, the Clerk will obtain more information and prices.
- c) **S178 Licence to install the lights** – Installing the lights on the same tree was discussed. It was agreed that we go ahead and apply to LCC for the licence.
- d) **Christmas Events:**
 - a. Cllr Fazackerley distributed details of the plans for the afternoon tea for the Elderly on 10th December. Tickets will be distributed from the office. The entertainer requires two weeks' notice or a fee of £20 is charged. Cllrs Fazackerley and Harris to meet with the Clerk on 25th October at 2.00 p.m. to discuss the event details.
 - b. The Santa event on Friday 9th December is being organised by the library committee and we now have the gifts for the children.

22/129

LCC – are we joining the snow warden scheme this year?

It was Resolved to participate in the scheme again if it is running.

22/130

To arrange a date to consider next years' precept.

The precept meeting will be held in the community library on Tuesday 22nd November at 11.00 a.m. All Councillors are invited. Any ideas for new projects can be discussed.

Councillors are requested to obtain an idea of costs if they wish to add projects to our budget.

- 22/131 **To approve the cost of plug plants for the Wildlife Verge**
Cllr Cannon suggested that for the wildlife verge we plant 8 patches (4 each side) with 3 each of 3 varieties (Black Knapweed, Oxeye Daisy and Ladys Bedstraw) The price at the moment is 99p each so a budget of £72 is required. These will be planted in March. A maximum budget of £100 was approved.
- 22/132 **To approve the updated Emergency Resilience Plan**
Cllr Cannon circulated a draft to Cllr Needham and the Clerk prior to the meeting. As Cllr Cannon is still working on this it was Resolved to include this under reports for a regular update until the plan is ready for approval.
- 22/133 **Budget Update**
The Clerk issued a budget update with the agenda. This was discussed by the full council and approved.
- 22/134 **To consider the proposal to change the meeting day to a Monday**
Cllr Needham has proposed that our meeting days be changed from a Wednesday to a Monday. This will mean more efficient use of staff and Councillor time and the briefing can be held on the same day as full council meaning that information presented to the Council is the most up to date available. There were 3 votes in favour, 1 against, and 3 Cllrs abstained. Therefore, the motion to change the meeting day to a Monday is carried on the proviso 6 signatures are obtained to vary the Standing Orders, in accordance with Standing Order 30(b).
- 22/135 **Review of the Anonymous Communications Policy**
The Clerk distributed an updated Anonymous Communications policy for consideration. RESOLVED to adopt the policy.
- 22/136 **Maintenance**
Tennis Court as previously discussed.
- 22/137 **Items approved for Expenditure**
Light installation / Transformer/ Council Van/Afternoon tea event/Plug plants/Wreath
- 22/138 **Urgent items by permission of the Chairman**
- Remembrance Sunday – November 13th. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Needham and Shivers would attend to lay a wreath on our behalf (Cost £20). Poppies will be installed on November 1st by our Caretaker and an ex-Councillor.
 - Appraisals – will be held on Tuesday 15th November. All Councillors were given feedback forms for all staff members which can be completed and returned to the Chair by November 9th.
 - Aerial photos on the website – Cllr Axon said that we should check the legal requirements and that the drone operator has the necessary licenses, and the drone use is registered with the Civil Aviation Authority.
 - Cllr Cannon said that a meeting is arranged for October 27th at Queniborough Village Hall (7.45pm) with Mr Field of East Midlands Housing
 - Cllr Shivers suggested that if Charnwood contact us to name the streets on the Redrow development it would be nice to use tree species.

Date of next Meeting: **Wednesday November 9th, 2022, at 6.30pm**

The Meeting closed at 7.55 pm

L. Pizer/C Turlington
13th October 2022