

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 6.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr D Cannon
Cllr R Fazackerley	Cllr N Shivers
Cllr Gerrard	Cllr C Tate
Cllr A Harris	Cllr V Oakes

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)	Mrs C Turlington (Admin)
Cllr J Poland	1 Member of the Public

- 22/165 **Co-option of new members** – One resident has sent in her co-option questionnaire to be considered in January.
- 22/166 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**
None
- 22/167 **Matters arising from the Police**
PCSO Harrison has sent a report for everyone's information. 5 crimes were reported, including vehicle theft and damage, and the reported stolen bin lid.
- 22/168 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Axon
- 22/169 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Needham regarding Greener Goscote; Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow, Greener Goscote and Library; Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall; Cllr Gerrard regarding Planning Matters
- 22/170 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (09.11)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 22/171 **Matters arising from the minutes**
- 22/140 – The Clerk is trying to arrange a meeting with Mr Field of East Midlands Community Led Housing to ask further questions regarding the proposal.
 - 22/095 – The Clerk has contacted Charnwood to arrange a meeting to discuss the lease and the mound.
 - 22/103 – We now have the licence conditions and memorandum of understanding for the mobile vehicle activated signs which was copied to all Councillors, and it was agreed that the Clerk will now sign this off. Cllr Shivers explained that the black boxes were to record data prior to the Speedwatch signs being put in situ. They will be reinstalled after the Speedwatch signs have been removed to see if there has been any improvement in speeding. We should be able to request the data.
 - 22/124 – The school lights on Long Furrow have been repaired.
 - 22/127 – The letter re the transport assessment for the Redrow development – Cllr Axon has discussed this with Cllr Poland, and it was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged. Cllr Needham has sent a letter to Redrow. Cllr Needham will forward the information prepared by Cllr Axon to Cllr Poland.
 - 22/128 – The S178 licence was received and the electrical works completed. The Christmas tree lights are on, and new apex LED bulbs have been fitted.

- 22/148 – The map and list of trees for the Queens Green canopy is now part of the tree survey for the playing fields.
- 22/150 – The Admin assistant attended the LCC budget webinar and the Clerk circulated this to all Councillors.
- 22/150 – Reaching People Environmental fund – The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council can apply for up to £5k and has circulated the application form and ideas from Cllr Axon; she asked that Cllrs send in ideas for projects as the scope is wide ranging before the next meeting. To be added to the next agenda.
- 22/150 – Life support training – was advertised on Spotted but to date we have very few attendees.
- 22/152 – The tennis court was closed on 12th December for the winter.
- 22/161 – Digging trenches on the mound – a site meeting has taken place; however, Cllr Axon and the Caretaker are still to look at this in detail.
- 22/161 – The traffic lights problem was very quickly rectified by LCC.
- 22/163 – The Clerk was pleased to report that our mowing contractor kindly donated a replacement tree to the residents whose memorial tree was vandalised.

22/172

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham gave a verbal update:

- Charnwood Budget Consultation – an email has been sent round regarding this. The consultation has now closed and will be going to cabinet and full council in February.
- Work happening behind Rearsby Roses (Redrow)– the hedges and trees have been trimmed as perimeter fencing is being installed. Some damage has been caused by the machinery and enforcement have been to have a look, although there has been no update received yet. The Reserved Matters application has been submitted to Charnwood.

22/173

County Councillors Report

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

- Encouraging Reuse, Reduce and Recycle including recycling batteries
- 30,000 trees given away
- Supporting mental health and wellbeing over the winter period

Cllr Cannon asked if temporary lights could be installed to stop the traffic to allow construction vehicles to exit the Redrow site. Cllr Poland advised that this had been raised previously but that he will raise this again, utilising Brooksby as an example.

Cllr Shivers mentioned that the traffic lights on Melton Road have been taken down to be replaced, with temporary ones currently in place. Cllr Poland wasn't aware of this but will investigate the reason for changing the lights.

Cllr Poland wished everyone a Merry Christmas and left the meeting.

22/174

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC –A meeting was held on 24th November 2022. A written report included details of

- Funding received from CBC Members grant for a hearing loop in the village hall.
- Recycling – to improve recycling another bin has been purchased and is in situ
- Quotes are being obtained to paint the hall
- The hall has signed up to a new electricity contract with much higher rates than previously.

- Awards for All have confirmed a grant of £2500 towards a new hearing loop and sound system for the hall. Thanks to the Admin Assistant for applying for this and being successful.
- Next meeting 24th January.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Decembers checks will be carried out by the Clerk and Caretaker. It was noted that the red gate on the village green play area may need to be replaced as the bolts have been sheared off underneath.

LONG FURROW – The latest edition has been circulated to all residents. Deadline for the next edition is January 1st, 2023 – The APM and events will be advertised along with the parish priorities survey.

TREES – Our contractor has lifted many of our trees on the playing fields and through the centre of the village. Cllr Axon reported that he has lifted the Willow outside the Plough. Cllr Axon would like to plant more free trees and a map will be circulated for consideration at the next meeting. The trees on the Melton Road bridge are still obstructing the 30mph sign.

NHOOD WATCH – No report

GREENER GOSCOTE – There is a refurbished A board and noticeboard at the Recycling Centre thanks to grant funding. A meeting of the Greener Goscote group was held to plan the projects for 2023.

CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr Cannon reported that only two of the Queens Canopy trees have failed.

CHRISTMAS EVENT – The Clerk confirmed that a total of 53 applications have been received. The event was excellent with approximately 48 residents attending. Thanks to Cllrs Fazackerley and Harris for leading this project, the brownie group for helping serve the tables, Cllr Shivers and the Clerk for setting up the hall, and Cllrs Cannon and Needham for helping to tidy up at the end of the day. Pictures have been forwarded to the Long Furrow. Cllr Fazackerley confirmed that the raffle raised £62.10 which has been donated to the comfort fund at Lingdale Lodge which allows for trips and activities for the residents. The Clerk mentioned that 54 children attended the library event with Santa on 9th December. A new wig and beard are required, which the library will purchase and there are enough sticker books remaining for next year.

RESILIENCE PLAN – Cllr Cannon asked for clarification as to where the main part of the text had been taken from as it appeared to be a standard format, and Cllr Needham believed it came from the original group involved in putting the resilience plan together. Cllr Cannon mentioned his next task is to contact all the phone numbers to ensure they are still active before bringing back to the council for approval.

22/175

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4877.44 for December. Both the Chair and Vice Chair continue to check the invoices with the accounts summary.

22/176

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- LCC Budget consultation mid Dec – Mid Jan - £42 million savings required.
- Wildflower Verge – Paperwork required
- Licences received for the vehicle activated signs.
- Register of Interests – All councillors were asked to update the records held.
- Local Plan – hearings to resume on 7th February
- Primary School consultation on admission arrangements
- LRALC – new fees and training charges for next year
- Application from a resident to be co-opted – next agenda
- Request from a resident to use portable flood lights – to be added to the next agenda and the Clerk asked Cllrs to consider any queries beforehand.
- Request from a resident to sweep leaves on the footpath between Broome Avenue and the Meadows – the Clerk advised she has reported this to Charnwood and Cllr Fazackerley said this has been completed.
- Resident Thank You card for the Afternoon Tea event.

22/177

Planning Matters

P/22/1818/2 – single storey and rear extension to 40 Huntsmans Dale, East Goscote – No objections

P/22/2081/2 – Single storey side extension to 11 Silver birch Way – No objections

Cllr Axon circulated a paper regarding the Redrow development. Cllr Needham has invited LCC, CBC planning dept, and Cllr Poland to a site meeting to look at the problems and to discuss better access during initial construction from the bypass.

He also suggested that we develop our response for official submission to Charnwood in January when the reserved matters application is being consulted upon.

RESOLVED to approve the action points with any correspondence circulated for additional comments before submission.

22/178

To consider updated terms of reference for the Staffing Committee

The Council were presented with updated terms of reference for the staffing committee.

RESOLVED to accept the updated terms of reference.

22/179

To consider and approve the budget 2023/24

The Clerk has circulated the updated budget and precept figures to include the council tax base from Charnwood Borough Council. Due to a reduction in the council tax base, our increase is now 7.04%. Cllr Tate asked if the budget could be reduced to keep the increase below 7% as agreed at the precept meeting. The Clerk will look into this and add to the next agenda for approval.

22/180

To consider and agree the Precept 2023/24

As 22/179 above, to be added to the next agenda for approval.

22/181

Scout Lease – consent to enclose a section of land – solicitor advice

The Clerk confirmed that Charnwood have now sent a letter confirming that they are willing to grant consent in principle to the proposal to enclose a section of the playing fields. There are a total of 8 conditions attached to the consent which were discussed. This now allows us to mirror the consent and conditions and amend our lease with the Scouts. Following advice

from a local solicitor, we have been advised that it is best to surrender the existing lease and re-grant a new lease to the scouts. The fees for the solicitor to do this amount to £1300 + vat which would be payable by the Scout group. Cllr Shivers asked what the height and material of the fence was, is the container remaining on site, would the fence be attached to the railway fence and would there be access to the area within the new fence. To be added to the next agenda once further clarification has been received.

22/182

To consider a village event for the Coronation

During the precept meeting a budget was allocated for a village event – either the continuation of the Christmas elderly event or a village event to celebrate King Charles III Coronation in May (or both if funds allow). RESOLVED to hold a Coronation Event similar to that of the Jubilee event, on Monday 8th May between 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. A poster to be included in the next Long Furrow, due to be published in February, was approved. A working party consisting of Cllrs Fazackerley, Harris, Oakes, Tate, and Needham will meet in January to discuss further details.

22/183

To consider further tree work at Lilac Way

Our Contractor has now completed works throughout the village. The Clerk advised that the trees on the Melton Road front require lifting, the lime tree requires the lower growth removing and the poplars require pollarding. The contractor is offering the day rate of £280 for all this work. RESOLVED that we use our contingency to instruct our contractor to carry out the additional day's work.

22/184

Staffing Update

The committee confirmed that staff appraisals have been completed and action plans are in place. First aid training is being arranged for the staff in 2023. The next staffing committee meeting will take place on Monday 19th December.

22/185

To approve the APM agenda for publish in the Long Furrow

The APM for 2023 will be held on Monday 17th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda was circulated and approved by the Council for publication in the next Long Furrow.

22/186

Maintenance

- The soft close on the gate on the Village Green Park isn't working correctly – to be investigated.

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Items approved for Expenditure

- Tree Work

22/188

Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman

- The Clerk confirmed that the office is open up to and including Tuesday 20th December. Normal hours resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.
- Cllr Gerrard mentioned that she had received an email stating that the plaque on the defibrillator doesn't include the correct information – the Clerk will investigate this.
- Cllr Gerrard said that she has received information regarding a grant to obtain a plaque in memory of Covid victims.

E.G.P.C. 14.12.22

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Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 9th, 2023.

Councillors awarded the Clerk a gift in appreciation of her 30 years' service to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

L Pizer/C Turlington

15.12.22