

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr D Cannon
Cllr R Axon	Cllr N Shivers
Cllr A Harris	Cllr D Westerveld

Mrs C Turlington (Deputy Clerk)

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk-Remotely)

- 22/190 **Co-option of new members** – One resident has sent in her co-option questionnaire to be considered. D Westerveld was duly co-opted and signed the declaration of office. The register of interest will be completed within 28 days.
- 22/191 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting adjourned)**
None
- 22/192 **Matters arising from the Police**
PCSO Harrison has sent a report for everyone's information. 5 crimes were reported. Cllr Shivers requested that the police hold a beat surgery.
- 22/193 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr V Oakes, Cllr R Fazackerley, Cllr S Gerrard, Cllr C Tate
Cllr Poland was not required to attend.
- 22/194 **To report any declarations of interest** Cllr Cannon regarding the Long Furrow, Library, and Greener Goscote; Cllr Shivers regarding Village Hall; Cllr Needham regarding Greener Goscote.
- 22/195 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (14.12)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 22/196 **Matters arising from the minutes**
22/171 – The Clerk has spoken with Charnwood who have informed her that they intend to arrange a specialist survey of the mound.
22/171 – The Clerk requested the Speedwatch data from Cllr Poland.
22/171 – Leics County Council have refused to attend a site meeting re the Redrow development – Cllr Poland has asked for photographs of the footpath and where it needs to join with the existing footpath. Cllr Needham will arrange a site meeting with Cllr Poland, herself, Cllr Axon, and the Clerk. Cllr Needham said that the construction traffic management plan will be completed later, and although this does not form part of the reserved matters she suggested including at that time. Cllr Axon mentioned that the recent email response indicated Highways think we would like a permanent exit onto the bypass which isn't the case, and he will draft a response.
22/172 – Charnwood Enforcement advised that no breach had taken place.
22/173 – Cllr Poland responded regarding the reason for changing the lights on the Melton Road.
22/174 – 30mph obscured by tree – reported to LCC forestry
22/161 – Digging trenches – this is still to be completed.

22/176 – Wildflower verge – the paperwork has now been completed.

22/181 – Scout lease – the Clerk wrote on 19th December but has received no response yet.

22/182 – Coronation event – a meeting has been arranged for 10th January in the Library.

22/183 – Tree work on Lilac Way – this is still to be completed.

22/188 – Defibrillator plaque – the defibrillator was installed in November 2019 and the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee at the time liaised with Cllr Gerrard to agree the wording and this is reflected in the Village Hall Committee minutes. The Deputy Clerk will forward this information to Cllr Gerrard.

22/197

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – Nothing to report since December meeting.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD: Decembers checks were conducted 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. The Clerk is obtaining quotes for this.

LONG FURROW – Articles have been submitted including the Parish Priorities survey, photos of the afternoon tea event and the proposed Coronation event.

TREES – Cllr Axon said that the wording “Cllr Axon would like to plant more free trees and a map will be circulated for consideration at the next meeting” from the December minutes is not completely correct and clarified that his suggestion is for a plan of where would be appropriate for the council to plant trees should the opportunity for free trees occur. The report was taken as read.

NHOOD WATCH – No report

GREENER GOSCOTE – A programme of work for 2023 has been mapped out by the group.

CLIMATE CHANGE – The wildlife verge was raked on 8th January. The climate change group will meet to look at possible projects before the February meeting. The group will look at possible uses of the grant funding.

SCOUT LEASE UPDATE – No update.

22/198

Establishment of a new incorporated collaborative body

The Clerk has written to Mr Field with lots of questions and has also taken advice from the LRALC. A copy of the questions and the response was sent to all Councillors with the agenda for their consideration. It was proposed to say not at this time, as a decision cannot be made on the information available. Resolved to contact the Clerks of the other councils for feedback as to how they came to their decisions.

22/199

To consider allowing 8 temporary floodlights on the playing fields

The Clerk wrote to the resident on 19th December to clarify some of the points that Councillors had requested. We have not yet had a response. Resolved that the Clerk follow up with the resident advising him that a decision cannot be made until the points have been clarified; to be added to the next agenda.

22/200

Proposed Accounts

The Council accepted accounts to the sum of £4980.55 for January. Both the Chair and Vice Chair continue to check the invoices with the accounts summary.

22/201

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present

- New electoral roll information.
- The funding for the VAS has now been received and the order placed.
- Charnwood response re poor customer service.
- Resident letter requesting fire risk assessment and further trimming to trees – Clerk responded on 5th Jan. Cllr Needham has also received further correspondence but will respond to advise the resident to contact the Clerk.
- Pensions regulator – re-enrolment
- Letter from business owner re vehicles driving onto precinct. Letter has been forwarded, with permission, to Jelsons Ltd on 15th Dec.

22/202

Planning Matters

P/22/2204/2 – rear extension to 142 Long Furrow, East Goscote – no objection

22/203

Review of Councillor maintenance, playground, and pavilion checks

Councillor Maintenance responsibilities were agreed along with the playground checks for 2023.

22/204

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

Damage to the recently replaced memorial tree was discussed and resolved that the Clerk inform the resident that the Parish Council will support her in any decision she takes regarding an alternative such as a plaque on a bench or dedicating the established oak tree near the scout hut, or with an alternative site.

22/205

To consider and approve the budget 2023/24

RESOLVED to approve the 2023/24 budget which amounts to £87,975.00

22/206

To consider and agree the Precept 2023/24

East Goscote Parish Council give notice that in respect of the financial year commencing on April 1st, 2023, and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1992, it will require the sum of £66,900.00 to meet the expenses of the parish. The Precept request forms were duly signed.

22/207

Reaching people and Shire Environment funds

The submission deadlines for these grants are 23rd and 24th February. The Climate Change group are arranging a meeting to discuss ideas, and the date will be circulated to all councillors should they wish to attend. Any proposals to be considered at the next meeting.

22/208

Tree planting suggested areas

Cllr Axon circulated a drawing of possible tree planting sites around the playing fields. Cllr Cannon is collecting 45 trees at the end of February from LCC (FOC) with stakes and guards. Cllr Needham said that a planting date of Sunday 26th February has been agreed with Greener

Goscote volunteers, should anyone wish to assist. The following areas were agreed in principle:

- 8-10 to replace in the QGC
- 6 to fill the gap in the hedge on Lilac Way
- 4-5 to replace ones to be taken out at Huntsman's Dale
- 4 to replace ones along the wall on Lilac Way
- 15 on the front of Lilac Way

Cllrs Axon and Shivers will investigate the areas to ensure viability. To be added to the next agenda for approval.

22/209

To consider the mowing contract 2023

The Clerk circulated details of the current mowing contract. Resolved to approve the contract with the amendment to revert to mowing the sides of the mound 3 times. Cllr Cannon asked that the contractor be reminded not to apply weedkiller in area 4 (nature garden).

22/210

To sign up to the civility and respect pledge recommended by the staffing committee

The civility and respect pledge was discussed at a recent staffing committee and it was suggested that the full council should consider signing the pledge. This means that the council will treat Councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles and that it has: a training programme in place, has signed up to the code of conduct, has staff contracts and a dignity at work policy, will seek professional help should issues arise, will call out bullying and harassment if and when it happens, will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate. Resolved to sign up to the pledge.

22/211

Maintenance

Cllr Cannon said that many of the CBC litter bins are broken, and this was reiterated by other Councillors. Cllr Cannon asked for this to be reported to Charnwood.

22/212

Items approved for Expenditure

Precept and budget

22/213

Urgent Items by Permission of the Chairman

Training course "save a life" – 1st February – to date we have 15 participants – Deputy Clerk will recirculate to all Councillors.

Dog incident – Cllr Harris raised a concern regarding dogs not being under control, and this was discussed, along with other issues. It was proposed the Clerk put a request in the 'Round Robin' asking for advice regarding dog mess / dogs on leads, and should councillors have any proposals put them forward for consideration at a future meeting.

LCC budget webinar for Parish Councils – Deputy Clerk will attend; link was also circulated to Parish Councillors if they are interested.

22/214

Date and time of the next Full Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 13th, 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

L Pizer/C Turlington

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