

<u>EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL</u>

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Present:

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

L Pizer (Clerk)	C Turlington (Deputy Clerk)
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Cllr J Poland

23/109 **Co-option of New Members:** None

23/110 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned):**

23/111 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Gerrard

23/112 **To report any declarations of interest:** Cllr Needham re Greener Goscote; Cllr Cannon re the Long Furrow, Library and Greener Goscote; Cllr Fazackerley re Village Hall

23/113 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 18th September.**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with the exception of 23/070 as Cllr Cannon didn't feel this truly reflected how our Ex-Cllr felt. He proposed the change: Our Ex-Cllr has said that he would be happy to volunteer again as tree warden if the Council have clear plans re the environment. This was agreed by all.

23/114 **Matters arising from the minutes.**

- 23/082 – The weeds were attended to W/c 11.09.23.
- 23/082 – Cllr Needham has contacted the police regarding the cycle path but hasn't received a reply; she will follow this up.
- 23/068 – Councillors are in receipt of the details of the EMA funding.
- 23/070 – The tree warden adverts have been posted.
- 23/092 – The risk assessments will be taking place on 24th October.
- 23/092 – Electrical works to the pavilion are scheduled for 31st October.
- 23/092 – The Clerk has written to the street lighting section re using the verge to install lighting in Bracken Dale / Mercers Way, but no response has been received.
- 23/102 – The electric car survey will feature in the Long Furrow with a deadline of 30th November for any replies/interest in creating a steering group.
- 23/104 – The Clerk continues to try to arrange a meeting with Cara Baker but does not get any replies to her requests. Cllr Needham suggested contacting Syston Town Council for advice regarding a long-term lease as she believes they offer this.

23/115 **Matters arising from the Police.**

The Police were absent from the meeting and no report has been received this month.

23/116 **County Councillors Report**

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

- Details contained in the Highways letter to Charnwood Local plan inspectors.
- Fair funding talks with Minister as campaign continues – possible £100 million budget shortfall by 2027 – Leics being the lowest funded county council in the country.
- Free tree and hedge scheme returns – free tree pack of 50 trees and hedgerow packs – enough to create a 50-metre-long hedge.

There were no questions for Cllr Poland.

23/117

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham gave a verbal update on the following:

- Charnwood Local Plan – Some additional documents are currently in consultation. Once this has been completed it is hoped this will go to the Full Council in Spring 2024 for a decision.
- Broome Lane Speeding and HGVs – the police have been contacted and intend to carry out ad-hoc checks in the area. Although they cannot enforce HGVs, they will advise them if they see them.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Fleury Court – No residents have contacted our Borough Councillor over the last 6 weeks so hopefully this has settled down.
- Fly-tipping:
 - Fleury Court – this has been cleared up and is now with enforcement to follow up.
 - Brook – a resident has reported fly tipping to several agencies, but no one is taking responsibility.

23/118

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – The VHMC met on 3rd October. A new table tennis club is being organised every Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon commencing on 21st November. 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. The circus is currently on site, with 3 shows over the next 2 days.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Cllr Harris is currently waiting for leaflets which will be distributed to residents.

TREES – Two trees need trimming back from the streetlights through Weavers Wynd. If this is something our caretakers cannot do, the Clerk will obtain a quote.

CHRISTMAS – The section 178 licence has been applied for but no response yet. Cllr Fazackerley mentioned that she has got a list of volunteers for the Afternoon Tea event on 9th December and will circulate this later this week. She proposed that any funds raised from the raffle go towards purchasing new defibrillator pads for the Pavilion and this was approved.

GREENER GOSCOTE – Cllr Cannon submitted a report and there were no questions. The raised beds have been tidied and the QGC tree losses may be replaced by Treescapes. The final mows have been carried out in the nature garden and verge. Help is needed to rake off the mowings to reduce the fertility. LCC are offering waymarking posts for the wildlife verge and it was resolved to request 2, with a view to having one either side of the planting.

23/119

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £6974.14 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 Tate.

23/120

Correspondence

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

- Free Waymarking posts for verges – discussed previously.
- Redrow – Openreach to start work in November, Severn Trent to start the first week of January.
- Carriageway works at various locations around East Goscote commencing on 20th November
- Charnwood Local Plan – new documents – consultation ends 8th November
- LRALC AGM – 15th November – Cllr Needham will check if she can attend.
- D Day 80 – June 6th, 2024
- Boxing Day Charity Match – The football teams have no objections to the senior pitch being used for this match. RESOLVED to proceed, offering this free of charge.

23/121

Planning Matters

P/23/1740/2 Installation of front metal gates to 8 Long Furrow, East Goscote – No Objections.

P/23/1693/2 Conversion of garage to habitable space with roof and fenestration alterations at 11 Keepers Croft – comments not received from enough Councillors to respond.

23/122

Budget Update

The Clerk issued a budget update with the agenda. This was discussed by the full council and approved. It was agreed to vire additional funds as follows: Additional funds into the new gate fund from the Bus shelter base fund, and an additional £400 from the village green fund into mowing following the costs to mow the top of the mound.

Cllr Poland left the meeting.

23/123

PLR scheme – Police Liaison Rep to be appointed.

The LRALC initiated the creation of this group to create a formal two-way communication route between the force and local councils on strategic policing issues. It hopes to produce beneficial outcomes that address the issues raised wherever possible. Cllr Harris was appointed as the Rep.

23/124

Kissing gate – Further information – consider quotes.

Quotes for the new gate were considered. It was noted that also a small extension to the tarmacked area would be required. RESOLVED to proceed with TLB at a cost of £1250.00 + VAT.

23/125

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

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

23/126

To arrange a date to consider next years' precept.

The precept meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 28th November at 1pm. 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.

23/127

Reaching people grant – update and winter recommendations.

A meeting was held at the Council offices with Dr O'Brien and Cllr Cannon. The Clerk issued a paper detailing some recommendations which require Council consideration before the full report is received.

- 1) It was resolved to ratify the “homes for hibernators” event to take place on Saturday 25th November in the Sports Pavilion between 2pm and 4pm. A breakdown of the budget was presented, and it was agreed that £150 would be deducted from the community engagement funding and £145 for materials would also be available within the reaching people grant funding. Property purchased will be retained by EGPC for use in future

events.

- 2) Wildflower Verge – Dr O Brien suggested further seed planting was required before the winter sets in. She suggested a wildflower seed mix. RESOLVED to use the “Bulbs” budget to purchase more seeds up to a cost of £69.00. If these can be purchased in time, the raking and sowing will take place on 21st October at 2.00 p.m. Cllr Cannon to action.
- 3) An area highlighted for improvement is the walk through between Broome Avenue and the Meadows which is quite shaded from the trees. Dr O Brien suggested planting bluebells. The cost of this is £31.00 for 100 and this was approved. Cllr Cannon to action.
- 4) Final guided walk – to be deferred to the spring.
- 5) Hedgehog street – if funds are available, in order to encourage our residents to get involved with this initiative, it was agreed to offer the fence stencils and stickers free of charge. It was RESOLVED to revisit this once we are aware of our costs to date.

23/128

Dog Warden Scheme – analysis – continue or end?

The chair said that the scheme was being monitored and numbers of residents spoken to were discussed. It was agreed that the effect of the dog warden was unknown and as the evenings are drawing in, we would pause the scheme after November and reconsider this in the Spring.

23/129

Charnwood – Mound Survey – defer to future meeting.

23/130

Maintenance

Strimming the mound sides – the caretaker will attempt this in the first instance.

23/131

Items approved for Expenditure.

Wreath / donation; reaching people grant / bulbs and seeds; kissing gate.

23/132

Urgent items by permission of the Chairman

- Remembrance Sunday – November 12th. Poppies will be installed on November 1st by our Caretaker. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Needham will hopefully attend to lay a wreath on our behalf. From an environmental perspective, it was proposed that we see if there is the option of reusing last year’s wreath and then making a donation to the British Legion. A budget of £20 was approved.
- Appraisals – will be held on Tuesday 31st October. All Councillors were sent feedback forms for all staff members which can be completed and returned to the Chair by October 25th. A staffing meeting will be held following the appraisals.
- Meeting day in accordance with our Standing orders – do we reconsider at our next meeting – following the change of meeting date for 2023, it was noted that for a variety of reasons the meetings haven’t taken place on the agreed date very often. Cllr Needham proposed changing the date to the 3rd Monday of the month. This was agreed in principle by those in attendance and will be added to the next agenda to formally change Standing Order 7a.

Date of next Meeting: Standing order 7a was revoked. The next meeting will be held on
Monday November 20th, 2023, at 6.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

L. Pizer/C Turlington
17th October 2023