

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: Eleanor Robinson (Chair), Liz Taylor, David Davis, Wendy Thompson, Chris Jennison, Jason Billin, Will Birch, Mike Sharpe, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, and Donna Griggs.

Also present: Sue Lewis (Clerk), Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Lesley Way (RBC), Cllr Carys Thomas (RBC), Cllr Matt Barney (NCC), PC Kelly Carlile (Nottinghamshire Police), and 2 members of the public.

24/142 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Lynn Forsyth, Greg Blakeman, Martha Longdon, and Chris Garbett – reasons given and accepted.

24/143 Chair's Announcements

Clerk reported on the recent passing of a previous Parish Councillor, Brian Dale.

24/144 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Will Birch - 24/149

Cllrs Liz Taylor, Wendy Thompson, Kevin Shaw, and Mel Roper - 24/148

24/145 To Receive Presentation on CCTV for the village

The Chair reported that, unfortunately, the CCTV representative was unable to attend the meeting and proposed that, due to the attendance of PC Kelly Carlile, item 24/150 be moved to the next item.

24/150 To Discuss Anti-Social Behaviour in the village and agree any actions

PC Kelly Carlile reported on behalf of Nottinghamshire Police that, following a rise in anti-social behaviour reports, a targeted problem-solving plan was launched in East Leake by Rushcliffe South Neighbourhood Policing Team. By using analytical data and community input, they have identified key areas and individuals causing the most disruption. This has led to proactive steps including recent arrests in Meadow Park and engagement with schools and families of ASB nominals to raise awareness about the wider impact of ASB on community safety. Whilst they are fully aware there is further work to do, recent data shows a step in the right direction.

19.51 – PC Kelly Carlile left the meeting

Chair proposed that, due to public attendance, item 24/149 be moved to the next item.

24/149 To Discuss the situation on Cornflower Way Car Park & agree any actions if considered necessary

Cllr Carys Thomas, on behalf of the Rushcliffe Borough Councillors, addressed the difficulty with the ongoing situation with the car park on Cornflower Way and suggested that the Parish Council opens up a dialogue with David Wilson Homes and Rushcliffe Borough Council to explore whether the option for the Parish Council to adopt the car park is still available and, if so, to look at the parameters around this.

It was agreed for the Clerk to facilitate a meeting between East Leake Parish Council, David Wilson Homes, and Rushcliffe Borough Council to discuss further.

24/146 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

Cllr Matt Barney:

Councillor Matt Barney expressed his gratitude to the parish, the borough councillors, and the clerks for all their hard work. He shared that serving as a county councillor had been a role he deeply loved, describing it as both a huge honour and a tremendous privilege. He extended his best wishes to all the candidates standing for election and said he would be happy to offer his support to whoever is successful. He thanked everyone for their support and wished them all the very best for the future.

Cllr Carys Thomas:

Currently trying to progress the addition of two dog bins at the junction of Buzzard way and Lantern Lane, and at the point where the footpath crosses Lantern Lane just on from Taft Leys farm.

Has just attended a meeting about a Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning document which will be coming out for consultation soon which includes a section on how Parish Councils should be consulted earlier about what contributions are required.

Cllr Lesley Way:

Rushcliffe Estate - progress has been made on a lot of buildings, many of which are finished, and they are on schedule to finish in June so the compound should be removed as soon as they're finished.

24/147 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings:

- **Parish Council Meeting – 25th March 2025 (pages 118-122)**
Any matters arising for information only: None

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson **Seconded:** Cllr Wendy Thompson
Agreed unanimously

- **Planning Committee – 8th April 2025 (pages 123-124)**

Proposed: Cllr Will Birch **Seconded:** Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

- **Personnel & Finance Committee – 8th April 2025 (pages 125-126)**

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw **Seconded:** Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

- **24/P&F/85 – To consider further request from East Leake Village Hall Management Committee for extra funding for the roof repairs.**

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council increase the grant to £30,000 to facilitate the roof repairs.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw **Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed 11 in favour with one abstention

- **24/P&F/86 – To consider options for opening of deposit account as per the Investment Strategy Policy.**

RESOLUTION: That we open both a 35-day account (4.00% interest) and a 95-day account (4.40% interest) with Redwood and transfer £200,000 in the 35-day account and £100,000 in the 95-day account.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Will Birch

- **24/P&F/87 – To review the earmarked reserves and agree any transfers**

RESOLUTION: That we change the ELPFC Pavilion Fund to Capital Projects and transfer £1,000 into elections expenses, £6,000 in the skatepark and £15,000 into the playgrounds reserves and transfer the Pension Provision Reserve back into the General Fund.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr David Davis

24/148 To Consider Grant Requested for Solar Panels from ELPFC

8.23pm – Cllr Matt Barney left the meeting.

It was agreed to approve the grant request £16,100 in principle, subject to further research to obtain funding from elsewhere.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed 8 in favour with 4 abstentions

Seconded: Cllr Chris Jennison

24/151 To Receive Updates on:

Health Centre - Nothing to report.

ST - Nothing to report.

24/152 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders

Cllr Mike Sharpe enquired about the possibility of having larger dog bins installed in Meadow Park (by Bateman Road and Kestral Bridge.) Clerk to make enquiries with Rushcliffe Borough Council.

24/153 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for April 2025

20.29 – Cllr Lesley Way left the meeting

The previously circulated list was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Will Birch
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Liz Taylor

24/154 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only

1. NALC April 2025 Newsletter – **previously circulated by Clerk.**
 2. Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group – notes from meeting on 4th March 2025 – **previously circulated by Clerk.**
 3. Email from Cllr Carys Thomas regarding dog bins on the new development – **noted.**
- Meeting closed at 20.34pm