

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2025 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: David Davis (Chair), Mel Roper, Donna Griggs, Mike Sharpe, Chris Garbett, Wendy Thompson, Jason Billin, and Chris Jennison.

Also present: Sue Lewis (Clerk), Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Andy Brown (NCC), and Cllr Stuart Matthews (NCC).

25/047 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Liz Taylor, Greg Blakeman, Will Birch, Eleanor Robinson, Kevin Shaw, Lynn Forsyth, Carys Thomas (RBC) and Lesley Way (RBC) - reasons given and accepted.

25/048 Chair's Announcements

Clerk reported that we have received resignations from Cllrs Lynn Forsyth and Martha Longdon. Both resignations have been acknowledged and accepted.

25/049 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None.

25/050 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

Nottinghamshire County Councillors, Andy Brown and Stuart Matthews reported:

Cllr Andy Brown reported that he had received a response from East Midlands Mayor Claire Ward regarding his campaign for the introduction of a local stopping Skylink bus service to improve access to the region's key transport and employment hub. The Mayor confirmed that she fully supported the proposal and had assigned two members of her team to work on the matter, alongside officers from the County Council and Trent Barton.

Cllr Donna Griggs asked the Nottinghamshire County Councillors about the works in Gotham on the cycleway, noting that East Leake's action plan includes developing a cycle link out of the village to connect with Gotham and the tram stop. Cllr Andy Brown responded that footpaths and roads in the area will be the first priority.

Report received from Cllr Lesley Way (Rushcliffe Borough Council):

- **Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO):** This is under review, as required every three years, providing an opportunity for feedback on any proposed additions relevant to East Leake. It is understood that Carys has already been in contact with the Parish Clerk regarding this matter.
- **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR):** A proposal has recently been published by Nottingham City Council. This item is also included on the agenda for discussion.
- **Cornflower Way:** A sign installed under the requirements of the S106 agreement has caused confusion for users of the Pavilion. Pavilion staff are advising the public that the facility remains available for use.
- **Meadowcroft and Gardinia Estates:**
 - A meeting with James Naish MP took place on 18th July to discuss ongoing issues with the estates' management company.
 - Following this, residents met again on 13th August and agreed to form a Residents' Association to strengthen their ability to collectively challenge

decisions and charges imposed by the management company. Over 100 residents have already joined.

- Given that approximately one third of East Leake residents are subject to similar arrangements, this is an increasingly significant issue.
- The organisers of the Residents' Association have expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for providing support with printing and the use of the Village Hall, and hope this support will continue.
- **Severn Trent Meeting (3rd August):**
 - Carys, Lesley, and Jason Billin attended an update meeting at the Sewage Treatment Works, along with Sue Lewis, James Naish MP, and Cllrs Andy Brown and Stuart Matthews.
 - The meeting covered progress and reasons for recent delays. Commissioning of the site had commenced that week, with treated sewage being tankered in over the preceding fortnight to prepare the new treatment beds.
 - A transitional period is now underway as the new beds are brought into use and the old ones phased out. A temporary increase in odour may occur as the old beds receive less input, but this is expected to be minimal and short-lived.
 - Although delays have been frustrating, it was made clear that neither the Parish Council nor local representatives could have influenced the timescales.

25/051

To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings: -

- **Parish Council Meeting – 22nd July 2025 (pages 26-30)**
Any matters arising for information only: Clerk reported that Pearsons Funfair have not yet responded to the rent increase letter.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis **Seconded:** Cllr Chris Garbett
Agreed unanimously

- **Planning Committee – 22nd July 2025 (pages 31-32)**

Proposed: Cllr Chris Garbett **Seconded:** Cllr Wendy Thompson
Agreed unanimously

- **Planning Committee – 19th August 2025 (pages 33-34)**

Proposed: Cllr Jason Billin **Seconded:** Cllr Wendy Thompson
Agreed unanimously

- **Amenities Committee Meeting – 19th August 2025 (pages 35-36)**

Proposed: Cllr David Davis **Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed unanimously

25/AME/023 - To Consider repair to tarmac at the side of the MUGA and agree any action.

RESOLUTION: That the quotation to repair the tarmac around the MUGA be accepted in the sum of £1560 plus VAT

Proposed: Cllr David Davis **Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed unanimously

25/052 To Discuss the Local Government Re-organisation and formulate response

It was agreed that councillors would respond individually.

25/053 To Discuss the Revision of West Bridgford PSPO Order to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviours and whether or not to respond.

The Council discussed the proposed revision of the West Bridgford PSPO aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour, and whether a response should be made.

It was agreed to identify the appropriate contact to whom a response should be sent, noting that East Leake does experience issues and would like to be considered in the future. Clerk to action.

25/054 To Consider purchase of Advance Warning Signs for Road Closures

The Clerk reported that during this year's carnival, a member of the public became upset, stating that he had not seen the advance notices of the road closure. It was therefore agreed to purchase six advance warning signs, at a cost of £47 each, which can be used for a range of events throughout the year.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Jason Billin

25/055 To Consider Request from East Leake Traders to hold Christmas Market on Gotham Road Car Park

It was agreed to grant the request.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Wendy Thompson

25/056 To Receive Update on CCTV and approve survey

It was agreed to accept the quotation for new CCTV at Gotham Road Park and to proceed with the East Leake CCTV Partnership proposal. The proposed survey will be deferred for the time being.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Jason Billin

25/057 To Approve updated Grant Request from the History Group

It was agreed to approve the grant request from the History Group.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

25/058 To Receive Updates on:

Health Centre:
Nothing to report.

Severn Trent:

The Clerk reported that she, together with Jason, Carys, and the NCC councillors, attended a meeting at the Sewage Treatment Works, which was primarily an update. It was noted that the works were slightly behind schedule due to birds nesting and power supply issues. The contractual completion is November 2025 and the decommissioning of works has started. This will not be a manned site.

25/059 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders

Cllr Mike Sharpe reported that Chris Garbett had resigned from the East Leake Village Hall Management Committee, leaving the committee short of parish council volunteers, particularly for maintenance. Vacancies will be advertised to seek replacements. Jacquie Owen has contacted the Charity Commission regarding the constitution, as she is proposing to update it. Roof repair works are ongoing.

25/060 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for August 2025

The Clerk reported that staff had received a contractual pay rise of 3.6%.

The previously circulated list was approved.

Additional items since list was circulated:

BACS	£93.64	Konica Minolta (photocopying costs)
BACS	£631.20	Greyhound Leisure Ltd (repair to safety gate at play park)
BACS	£107.70	PHS Group (public toilets – duty of care)
RCPT	£60.00	D&M Masons (Cremation plaque)
RCPT	£110.00	Coop Funeralcare (purchase of plot + interment)
RCPT	£120.00	Coop Funeralcare (2 x cremation plaques)

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

25/061 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only

1. Email from Darryl Burch – Future of Rushcliffe Glass Recycling Bring Sites.
2. August NALC newsletter
3. Rushcliffe Borough Council – confirmation of formal nomination to have East Leake Baptist Church and associated land included in the statutory list of Assets of Community Value.

Meeting closed at: 20.43pm