

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON
TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

Present: Cllrs Kevin Shaw, Lindsey Maggs, Richard Miller, Liz Taylor, Carys Thomas, Donna Griggs, Sara Budzik, Lesley Way, Nick McGowan, Wendy Thompson, Chris Mulligan, Lynn Forsyth, Lesley Way, Eleanor Robinson, and Mel Roper.

Also present: Clerk, Sue Lewis, Assistant Clerk, Ally Moore, Andrew Brown CC and one member of the public.

20/115 Apologies for Absence

None

20/116 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

20/117 Chairman's Announcements

Chair referred to the meeting protocol previously circulated by Clerk and requested it be followed where possible.

20/118 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

Andrew Brown CC -

- The Nottinghamshire County Council budget is being recommended to Cabinet on the 25th February with an 1.99% increase in local tax, 1% increase in Adult Services, and 1.95% Fire Authority and £14.94 Police Authority.
- Outline Planning Permission for the new school was submitted last week.
- Speed sign on Castle Hill to be installed imminently.

Cllr Carys Thomas reported:

Rushcliffe Borough Council Planning Meeting - 11th February:

- Various applications considered including an all affordable site in Radcliffe, our extra houses on Rempstone Road, a modern mansion overlooking the Trent, improvements to Gresham playing fields, and an employment building converted to housing in Ruddington. Next meeting is 11th March.

Cabinet meeting - 9th February:

- Parking enforcement arrangements are changing; Rushcliffe will now be employing own enforcement officers. Cllr Thomas asked the question whether this will mean more enforcement in East Leake and was advised to let them know of problem areas (agenda item 20/122).
- Budget – increase of £4.62 on band D to £147.36; West Bridgford special expense (basically their equivalent of our parish council precept) is £49.65.
- Crematorium costs have increased by £2million.

- The Electoral Review for Rushcliffe are recommending 2 new Councillors. Cllrs Way, Shaw and Thomas have recommended the numbers are kept the same.
- COVID-19 update.
- Dog fouling – presentation is available - hopefully discussion will result in a PSPO which will increase powers to fine.
- Equality Scheme – committee was scathing about a rather motherhood and apple pie report.
- Full council meeting will be held on 4th March. Agenda not available at time of meeting

28th January – Communities Scrutiny: Edwalton /golf course committee was split on whether to build houses.

20/119 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings: -

Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 26th January 2021– pages 118-123 (any matters arising for information only)

**Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Lindsey Maggs

Matters arising for information only: DBS Checks - The Clerk checked with Cotgrave PC regarding the need for DBS checks for members and has been informed that they are only required when working directly with vulnerable adults or children.

Planning Committee 26th January 2021 – pages 124-125

**Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Nick McGowan

Planning Committee 9th February 2021 – pages 126-128

**Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

Management Committee 9th February 2021 – pages 129-130

20/MAN/64 (Matters arising) - Wording to be changed to only mention specific information regarding the IT upgrade.

20/MAN/73 (Update on play area) - Second sentence to be rephrased to *“Following this information and discussion with the insurer’s solicitor it was agreed the Council will now need to make arrangements for the repairs”*.

Subject to the above

**Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

Planning Committee 16th February 2021 – page 131-132

**Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Richard Miller

Amenities Committee 16th February 2021 – pages 133-134

**Proposed: Cllr Sara Budzik
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Liz Taylor

20/AME/64

To agree the quotation from Plantscape for Hanging Baskets & Flower boxes

RESOLUTION:

That the quotation in the sum of £6086.40 for hanging baskets for this year be accepted. Quotation includes watering once a week.

**Proposed: Cllr Sara Budzik
Agreed Unanimously**

Seconded: Cllr Lesley Way

20/120

To Approve the draft copy of the Newsletter (attached)

The Assistant Clerk confirmed that suggested amendments to the newsletter had been made and printing would commence forthwith along with the newsletter being published on-line.

20/121

To consider the way forward after 6th May when legislation to hold virtual meeting will expire, including purchase of tablets (report attached)

The Chair referred members to the paper previously circulated regarding the purchase of tablets. Several concerns were raised about how necessary they will be. Four Councillors out of eleven opted not to have a tablet. It was agreed that we should wait until we know for certain when face-to-face meetings will resume. If virtual meetings are to continue for some time, the suggestion was put forward by Cllr Thomas to roll money over to next year. Chair and Clerk to produce risk assessments based on government guidelines regarding face-to-face meetings and report back.

20/122

To Identify times and locations in the village where there are parking issues and agree a request to Rushcliffe Borough Council for enforcement officers to visit the village more frequently and particularly monitor these locations.

Following a discussion on parking in the village, the problematic areas were identified as:

- Meeting House Close
- Area outside hairdressers
- Outside fish and chip shop
- Cottages on West Leake Road

RESOLUTION:

Clerk to write to Rushcliffe Borough Council enquiring if we can get more frequent visits from parking enforcement officers pointing out the problematic areas and ask Rushcliffe for formal response in writing what the justification is for the considerably stronger policing of parking enforcement of West Bridgford compared to ours and ask them to clarify the reporting runs for parking infringements.

Assistant Clerk to check with Rushcliffe Borough Council to see if www.fixmystreet.com is an approved route and advertise accordingly if it is. Create link on website for any problems to be reported via.

All members agreed they were happy with course of action discussed.

20/123 **To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders**

- Cllr Thomas gave progress report on Oldershaw Trust Land and requested that the Parish Council accept the quote for more mature hedging grant which has been offered; however, trees will need to be purchased beforehand by the Parish Council and then the purchase cost will be claimed back (total £584.25).

Proposed: Cllr Carys Thomas
Agreed unanimously.

Seconded: Cllr Kevin Shaw

- Cllr Forsyth to put together a proposal regarding Armed Forces Champions.

20/124 **Updates:**

- **Gotham Road Play Area** – The Clerk informed that 3 quotes have gone out. Chair asked for an idea on the figures and The Clerk said she was not in a position to advise yet.
- **Costock Road Car Park** – The Clerk informed that the Protected Species Survey was to be carried out on 25th March.
- **Pavilion** – Neil has agreed that he will continue managing the project until the Football Foundation grant has been received and will then be handing over to Chair/Clerk.

20/125 **To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for February 2021 (details attached)**

The list of bill payments previously circulated was approved.

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed Unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

20/126 **To Report Correspondence Received (for information only)**

1. Email from Nick Sparrow regarding green open spaces in Rushcliffe – Noted.
2. Correspondence from Cllr Thomas responding to resident concerns regarding Meeting House Close parking – Noted.

20/127 **Questions to Chairman (in accordance with Standing Order 1u)**

None

20/128 **Confidential Item – Update on Operation London Bridge**

It was resolved that the public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the above item of business pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Members to refamiliarize themselves with the procedures outlined in the policy. Cllr Lynn Forsyth will write additional amendment taking COVID-19 restrictions into consideration, and this will be circulated via the Clerk.

Meeting closed at: 20:45