

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Kevin Shaw (Chair), Cllr Eleanor Robinson (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jason Billin, Cllr Lynn Forsyth, Cllr Chris Garbett, Cllr Donna Griggs, Cllr Mel Roper, Cllr Carys Thomas, Cllr Lynne Twigg, Cllr Lesley Way.

Also present: Sue Lewis (Clerk), Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Matt Barney, and one member of the press/public.

22/060 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Stefano Forlani & Cllr Wendy Thompson – reasons given and accepted.

22/061 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda - None

22/062 Chairman's Announcements

1. Christmas Meal – please let Clerk know suggestions for venue and preferred date.
2. Newsletter – comments / alterations needed by 9am as printing will commence then.
3. Reported sad loss of Caroline Mulligan, wife of ex-councillor, Chris Mulligan. We send our best wishes to him. Clerk has sent a sympathy card on behalf of the council.
4. No request received by Rushcliffe Borough Council for election, therefore notices have gone up advertising co-option of a parish councillor with closing date of Monday 14th November.

22/063 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

Cllr Matt Barney:

- Reported that the pavement on Gotham Road has been widened and pleased to report it has not impacted the hedgerow (as feared). The area of Gotham Road around Stonebridge Drive will be resurfaced. Cllr Barney has been trying to get the junction into Stonebridge done at the same time, but this is dependent on the budget. Asked for views and suggestions on future pavement repairs. Kirk Ley, Bateman Road & Roulstone Crescent and Brookside Avenue were among the areas identified.
- Referred to the Notts Fire Cover Consultation. Cllr Barney believes it is backwards step, especially removing services from West Bridgford. Although East Leake has its own fire station, it reduces the response times locally and reduces capacity.

Cllr Carys Thomas:

- Met with the Local Development Forum last week regarding the planning policy which will be coming out to consultation soon. Producing guidance for solar farms was discussed which will be going to cabinet in November. Regarding the Local Development order: Rushcliffe Borough Council are promoting the redevelopment but also are the body who are approving it, so they explained how they are separating these 2 roles.
- An increase in traffic coming down Dark Lane to West Leake was identified in both the Transport Assessment and the Environmental Impact Assessment as being a significant impact, but not clear yet how this will be addressed.

- Also discussed was the lack of consultation regarding West Leake, East Leake, and surrounding villages, and how to avoid this happening again in the future.

Cllr Lesley Way:

- A motion to introduce measures to protect, preserve and increase hedges and hedgerows in the Borough was taken to the Borough Council and was passed unanimously.
- Met with Tom Petitt (Rushcliffe Borough Council's Landscape Officer) to look at hedge on Gotham Road and a lot of dead elm was discovered. There are plans for Rushcliffe Borough Council to uproot dead elms and replant with mixed planting, and post and rail fencing, leaving deliberate shortcuts where these have been made in the past.

22/064 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings: -

- **Parish Council Meeting - 27th September - pages 44-47**

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

Any matters arising for information only: Three nomination applications were submitted by the Parish Council for the Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards; however, none have been progressed.

- **Planning Committee - 27th September - pages 48-50**

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Lynne Twigg

- **Planning Committee - 11th October – pages 51-52**

Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Chris Garbett

- **Personnel & Finance - 11th October - page 53**

This meeting was not held due to not being quorate.

- **Amenities Committee - 18th October – pages 54-55**

Proposed: Cllr Lynn Forsyth
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Eleanor Robinson

22/AME/035 To Discuss and Agree request from Friends of Meadow Park for a New Grass Cutting Plan

RESOLUTION:

That the Parish Council accept the new grass cutting plan on the understanding that a proper cutting schedule is prepared and sent to the farmer who has showed an interest in taking over the cutting and to the original farmer who already does. This will be reviewed every three years.

Proposed: Cllr Lynn Forsyth

Seconded: Cllr Mel Roper

Agreed unanimously

22/AME/036 To Agree Quotation from Plantscape for Hanging Baskets etc for 2023

RESOLUTION:

That the quotation from Plantscape for hanging baskets and window boxes for next summer in the sum of £6982.26 be accepted by the Parish Council

Proposed: Cllr Lynn Forsyth **Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper
Agreed unanimously

22/065 To Discuss and Agree Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 13th November

It was agreed for Cllr Kevin Shaw to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllrs Liz Taylor, Jason Billin, Chris Garbett and Mel Roper volunteered to assist the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and groundsmen with marshalling on the day.

22/066 To Discuss and Consider Reply to Notts Fire Cover Consultation (www.notts-fire.gov.uk/about-us/public-consultation-fire-cover-in-nottinghamshire/)

The Parish Council agreed to obtain callout statistics from fire service in order to prepare a succinct reply against the proposed cuts. It was agreed to promote the consultation via website and social media to give residents a chance to respond.

22/067 To Receive Updates on:

Costock Road Pavilion Development

The building is finished although there will be no electricity until 4th November. Handover will take place over the following week. Mains water goes in on 7th November and will be fully operational then. Official opening will be in mid-November which the Parish Council will be organising.

Proposed Costock Road Car Park

A revised scheme seeking variation of conditions to the original Planning Approval Notice to be submitted. This amended scheme will seek amended Landscape details in support of the proposed submission.

Climate Change Working Party

Nothing to report.

Health Centre Car Park

Fisher German have advised that, within recent weeks, Severn Trent Water have been undertaking a topographical survey both in and around East Leake to assist with their design for the proposed sewage improvement scheme. They have surveyed to majority of land parcels across the scheme however they have one parcel of land which remains outstanding which they would like to access. Clerk to advise on land ownership.

Cllr Carys Thomas asked for an update on additional signage advising of short stay regulations. Clerk/Assistant Clerk to progress.

Gotham Road Play Working Party

Nothing to report.

22/068 To Receive suggestions for application for funding from East Midlands Airport Community Fund

Chairman asked councillors to consider any options. Item to be added to future agenda.

22/069 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders

20.32 – Cllr Matt Barney left the meeting.

Cllr Jason Billin reported that he had a meeting with the site manager of Cemex regarding draining and the brook who claimed no responsibility, so Cllr Billin is going to approach the Environment Agency in an attempt to, hopefully, make some progress.

22/070 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for October 2022

The list of bill payments previously circulated was approved.

Additional items since list was circulated:

CHQ	£750.38	Water Plus (office and bowls club water rates)
CHQ	£817.50	NEST pensions
BACS	£47.10	Workwear Express (groundsman workwear)
Receipt:	£800	Payment from fair for recreation ground hire

Agreed unanimously

22/071 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only

1. Email from Rushcliffe Borough Council advising that no request for an election has been received and therefore the advertising for co-opted parish councillor can commence – **noted.**
2. Email from Cllr Lesley Way regarding Keyworth Abundance – **noted.**
3. Petition received from residents of Brookside Avenue appealing for resurfacing of the pavement – **Clerk to acknowledge letter and pass petition to Cllr Matt Barney.**
4. Letter and cheque received from Community Care in relation to the Soar Valley Bus service – **noted.**

22/072 Questions to Chairman (in accordance with Standing Order 1u)

There were no questions.

Meeting closed at 20.43