

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM

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

Also present: Sue Lewis (Clerk) and Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk), and Cllr Matt Barney (NCC).

23/104 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Jason Billin, Carys Thomas, and Lesley Way – reasons given and accepted.

23/105 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

23/106 Chair's Announcements

1. Volunteers are needed for Saturday Surgeries for March, April, May, and June. Please let Assistant Clerk know if you are available.
2. The new Me-To-You swing will be installed on Monday on Gotham Road playground.

23/107 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils

None

23/108 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings:

- **Parish Council Meeting 28th November 2023 – pages 80-84**
Any matters arising for information only: None

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **Planning Committee 28th November 2023 – pages 85-86**

Proposed: Cllr Chris Garbett
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Will Birch

- **Planning Committee 12th December 2023 – pages 87-88**

Proposed: Cllr Chris Garbett
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **Personnel & Finance Committee 12th December – pages 89-91**

23/P&F/68 – Amend legal fees figure from £770 to up to £1200

Amend figures in Resolution from £433,800 to £43,800, and £12,000 to £1,200

Subject to the above amendments

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Chris Jennison

- **Planning Committee 9th January 2024 – pages 92-94**

Proposed: Cllr Liz Taylor
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Wendy Thompson

- **Personnel & Finance Committee 9th January 2024 – pages 95-96**

Proposed: Cllr Kevin Shaw
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Donna Griggs

- **Amenities Committee 16th January 2024 – pages 97-98**

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Liz Taylor

23/AME/065 – To Consider Request from East Leake Market Traders to use Gotham Road Car Park for monthly markets in May, June, July, August, September, and November

RESOLUTION: That the East Leake Market Traders be allowed to use the Gotham Road Car Park for their monthly markets on 10th May 14th June, 12th July, 9th August, 13th September and 30th November subject to no ST works taking place and also on the proviso notices are put up directing visitors to other car parks in the village.

Proposed: Cllr David Davis
Agreed unanimously with one abstention

Seconded: Cllr Eleanor Robinson

23/109 To Approve the Proposed budget for 2024-25, amounting to a precept of £319420, equating to a Band D Council Tax of 93.78

It was agreed to approve the proposed budget for 2024-25, amounting to a precept of £319420, equating to a Band D Council Tax of 93.78.

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously with one abstention

Seconded: Cllr Will Birch

23/110 To Discuss Arrangements for Meet Your Village Event 17th February 2024

Clerk asked for volunteers to man the Parish Council stall at the event and Cllrs Will Birch, Mike Sharpe, and Liz Taylor volunteered, alongside Clerk, Sue Lewis. Cllr Lynn Forsyth suggested asking residents whether they believe that electric vehicle charging points would be considered a necessary addition to the village. 'Option Board' will be created to allow members of public to have their say on village gateway signs and street art.

23/111 To Consider Response to Proposal on change of Speed Limit on West Leake Road to 40mph

It was agreed to support the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr Donna Griggs
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Lynn Forsyth

23/112 To Discuss possible emergency recycling site to be used during periods of flooding

Clerk referred to notes previously circulated from Cllr Carys Thomas with regard to flooding of the Coop car park and the problems it causes with the recycling bins. The Coop have agreed to put some fencing around the bins to see if this will solve the problem. Cllr Carys Thomas had suggested that emergency recycling bins be sited on the Costock Road car park to be utilised during times of flooding. Other sites were discussed.

RESOLUTION: It was agreed that an emergency recycling site on Costock Car Park was not a viable option for various logistical reasons. It was also agreed to see if the new fencing is effective before looking at further options.

Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mike Sharpe

20.01 Cllr Carys Thomas joined the meeting

23/113 To Consider request from Scouts to hold May Day Event on the Recreation Ground – Monday 6th May 2024

It was agreed to grant permission to the Scouts to hold the event as requested.

Proposed: Cllr Lynn Forsyth
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Wendy Thompson

23/114 To Receive Updates on:

Costock Road Car Park: Clerk reported that works will begin again on Monday 29th January 2024.

23/115 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders

There were no reports.

23/116 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for January 2024 and note payments for December.

The previously circulated list was approved.

Additional items since list was circulated:

Current Account:

DD £937.52 Nest Pensions

BACS	£90.27	Bunzl Cleaning, WC Consumables
BACS	£180	S Barsby, Clearing of Ditch, Costock Rd

Payment Card:

Transfer of £200 from Business to Payment Card

DD	£127.98	Carbonite, Cloud Backup
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Proposed: Cllr Eleanor Robinson
Agreed unanimously

Seconded: Cllr Mike Sharpe

23/117 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only

1. Minutes from Rushcliffe South Villages - Community Safety Group (RSVCSG) – **Clerk to circulate**
2. Email from Ruth Edwards regarding financial support for households, businesses and farms affected by flooding – **Noted.**
3. Email from resident regarding difficulty parking in the village – **Future agenda item**
4. The Town and Parish Forum will be held on Friday 22nd March and the Clerk will be attending along with Cllr Donna Griggs – **Noted**

As Cllr Carys Thomas (RBC) arrived late to the meeting, she was invited to give her report to the Council (as follows):

- Recycling: looking at the issues reported concerning the bins at the co-op.
- Growth and Development Scrutiny on 3rd January discussed Estate Management Fees. Concern about this topic is spreading. More discussions will be taking place at future meeting of this Scrutiny group. Legislation is going through Parliament, but it is unclear how this will help communities already subject to these charges.
- Investigating ways to reduce anti-social behaviour. Interventions already taking place and, with local police, Positive Futures, and the RBC Community Safety Officer, Rushcliffe Borough Council are looking at more ways to engage with local young people.
- There have been reports of more instances of dog fouling and some dreadful behaviour, so visits have been requested from the dog warden to advise owners and to place warning notices about monitoring at the worst affected areas.
- Communities' Scrutiny Group meeting covering aircraft noise. Cllr Thomas will be attending consultation events re airspace changes. Communities fund needs to be publicised locally.
- Work on the Conservation area review continues (working party of ELPC)
- Raising various issues related to emerging budget proposals
- Working with group of Brookside residents on flooding
- Working with Costock Rd residents and businesses on flooding
- Work on the Rushcliffe Design Code will be starting soon - responding to consultation on this and volunteering to help going forward
- Following up Home Improvement Grant options for residents

Meeting closed at 20.22