

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: Eleanor Robinson (Chair), Chris Garbett, Mike Sharpe, Donna Griggs, David Davis, Chris Jennison, Jason Billin, Mel Roper, Greg Blakeman, Will Birch, and Kevin Shaw.

**Also present:** Sue Lewis (Clerk), Ally Moore (Assistant Clerk), Cllr Carys Thomas (RBC), Cllr Matt Barney (NCC)

**24/091 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs: Lynn Forsyth, Wendy Thompson, Liz Taylor, Martha Longdon, and Lesley Way (RBC) - reasons given and accepted.

**24/092 Chair's Announcements**

- The Chair welcomed Cllr Greg Blakeman to the Council
- The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December through to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. During this period, emails will be checked, and staff are on standby for any emergencies which may arise.
- Thank you to all who volunteered to help at Remembrance Day. A request has been received to include a parade in the service next year.
- Reminder that the Parish Council Christmas Meal will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to attend, and have not paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**24/093 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Mel Roper declared an interest in item 24/096.

**24/094 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils**

**Rushcliffe Borough Councillors:**

We have been involved in meetings about the proposed Design Code and this will be available for consultation in the coming months. It will be crucial to planning decisions, so it is important that you have your say.

We have been responding to complaints about the works on the Rushcliffe Estate and have met with residents, MTVH, Sustainable and an MTVH Residents Representative. There is a new plan to completely clad homes where the work has been started. We will be checking on progress. There are many cases of hardship, and we are advising and signposting to the appropriate services.

We have no updates about the proposed Health Centre. The last we heard was that they will 'consult' in January.

The subject of management fees continues to cause concern for residents. Our MP is part of a group of MPs investigating this now; this is good because he is one of the few that understand the difference between the leasehold and freehold issues. We continue to have dialogue with one of the companies who manage a few of the estates in East Leake.

Jason has been working to identify all of the landowners along the southern bank of Kingston Brook, from Gotham Rd to Sheep Plank Lane. He has identified all owners now and has gained access permission from all but two for TVIDB to go in and carry out necessary works. We are just waiting on Notts. Fire Authority and a Trust that owns the land behind the Co-op.

We had a meeting this morning with officers about the play strategy. This has been a subject of concern by residents of managed estates who fear it could lead to increased fees for them should the companies feel obliged to add equipment to the play areas and increase resident fees as a consequence. It was stressed to us that the strategy is for the future, not retrospective.

We attended Domestic Abuse Training run by Broxtowe Women's Group and we now have some helpful contacts and advice now for anyone needing support. The training is available, for a fee, for other organisations.

Severn Trent Water sent a delegation of six people to walk round the Brookside and Costock Road areas to look at sewer flooding issues raised by residents and discuss possible solutions. Dialog continues.

Rushcliffe Cabinet discussed acquisition of land for carbon offsetting in a session where members of the public were excluded. While not necessarily opposing some of the recommendations we have argued strongly that the sum of money earmarked and the process for spending it should have been discussed in open session.

Cllrs Carys Thomas, Lesley Way, and Jason Billin

**Cllr Matt Barney (NCC):**

Also attended the Domestic Abuse Training run by Broxtowe Women's Group.

Has received petition comprising of 144 signatures from a resident in relation to the he repairs to Stonebridge Drive. This will be presented at Full Council meeting next week.

The County Council have bid £8million into a government pot of money that's put been put out through the new devolved authority towards road improvements/maintenance.

Spoke about the junction of Trowell Lane / Hungary Lane in West Leake. He has been trying to get the speed limit reduced from 60mph to 40mph for some time and is setting up a petition which he would appreciate East Leake's support with this.

**24/095 To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings:**

- **Parish Council Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 (pages 67-71)**
  - **Any matters arising for information only:** Clerk reported that the grant for the Flood Resilience Store has been received. It was paid, in error, into Normanton-on-Soar Parish Council's bank account. It will be transferred to East Leake Parish Council following their meeting in December.

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson      **Seconded:** Cllr Donna Griggs  
**Agreed unanimously**

- **HR Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 (page 72)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Donna Griggs      **Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Shaw

**Agreed unanimously**

- **HR Committee – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (page 73)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Donna Griggs  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Shaw

- **Planning Committee – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (pages 74-75)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Chris Garbett  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch

- **Personnel & Finance Committee – 12 November 2024 (pages 76-77)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Shaw  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch

- **24/P&F/43 – To Consider Grant Application from East Leake Village Hall Management Committee**

**RESOLUTION:** That the Parish Council agree in principle to a grant of up to £15,000 and we will review again if the grant from NCC is unsuccessful.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Shaw  
**Agreed 8 in favour with 2 abstentions.**

**Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper

- **Amenities Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (pages 78-79)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch

- **24/AME/052 – To Discuss & Adopt the Memorial Bench Policy**

**RESOLUTION:** Subject to requested alterations, the Memorial Bench Policy be adopted by the Parish Council.

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch

**24/096 Discuss and Consider the Quotation from Nottinghamshire Council for extra work on Costock Road Playing Fields**

19.53pm – Cllr Mel Roper left the meeting

Following a discussion, it was agreed in principle for the Parish Council to fund the renovation work on the pitches for one year only. It was agreed to obtain at least one more quote (preferably two) before making a final decision.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Shaw  
**Agreed unanimously with one abstention**

**Seconded:** Cllr Donna Griggs

20.06 - Cllr Mel Roper rejoined the meeting

**24/097 To Consider Quotations for extra lighting outside the Parish Office**

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Turner Electrical for £318.00 for 2 external lights to be fitted to the outside of the Parish Office.

**Proposed:** Cllr Mel Roper  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson

**24/098 To Receive Updates on:**

**Health Centre**

Nothing to report.

**Severn Trent**

Nothing to report.

**Action Plan**

Nothing to report.

**24/099 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders**

Clerk reported that she, Cllr Chris Garbett and Mike Sharpe met with a representative from our CCTV company who carried out a site survey and will be attending the Council meeting in January to do a presentation on what CCTV they think would be appropriate for the village.

**24/100 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for November 2024**

The previously circulated list was approved.

Additional items since list was circulated:

DD	£28.70	EDF Energy (Parish Office gas)
BACS	£1500.00	Ladybug Garden Services (groundsman contractor)
BACS	£140.00	Central Cherry Picker Services (installation of Xmas lights)
BACS	£104.11	Polycopy (stationery)
BACS	£25.46	Amazon (Xmas light bulbs)
BACS	£35.56	Amazon (cable wire)
RCPT	£27.00	Costock Parish Council (printing of their newsletter)

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson    **Seconded:** Cllr Donna Griggs  
**Agreed unanimously**

**24/101 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only**

1. Email from Chairman of the Gotham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion – **future agenda item.**
2. NALC ALC membership fees and budget notes for 2025/26 – **Noted.**
3. Cllr Carys Thomas regarding remaining S106 money from the Cornflower Way estate – **Noted.**
4. East Midlands Airport Community Flyer – **Noted.**

Meeting closed at 20.35pm