

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: Eleanor Robinson, Kevin Shaw, Donna Griggs, Mel Roper, Will Birch, Liz Taylor, Greg Blakeman, Mike Sharpe, Chris Garbett & Wendy Thompson

**Also present:** Sue Lewis (Clerk) & Cllr Lesley Way

**25/072            Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Chris Jennison, Jason Billin, & David Davis – reasons given and accepted.

**25/073            Chair's Announcements**

Reminder articles needed for the Newsletter

**25/074            Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda: None**

**25/075            To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies including County and Borough Councils**

**Cllr Lesley Way** – Reported that the 3 of them had submitted a representation to the Treasury for the Autumn Budget requesting funding for the East Leake Health Centre. We have the support of our MP, who has copied the letter to Rachel Reeves and Wes Streeting. We are now awaiting a response.

Attended engagement sessions have been held on Local Government Reorganisation. We are strongly opposed to the City Council's proposal, which would split Rushcliffe. The Council as a whole favours option 1E. The deadline for submissions is 28th November.

Attended meetings on Government Scrutiny, Finance and Audit, the Fairham Growth Board, Planning Committees, and meetings with Severn Trent.

**The Clerk**, on behalf of the Nottinghamshire County Councillors, reported that they will no longer be attending regular meetings of the Council in person. Instead, they will provide written reports. If members have any questions, they are encouraged to contact either councillor by email.

Cllr Andy Brown also has approximately £1,500 remaining in his Community Division Fund, which is available to support local groups or projects in need of funding.

**25/076            To Approve as a True Record Minutes of the following meetings: -**

- **Parish Council Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 (pages 48-52)**
  - **Any matters arising for information only:**

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson    **Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch  
**Agreed by 9 in favour with 1 abstention**

- **Planning Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (pages 53-54)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Chris Garbett            **Seconded:** Cllr Mike Sharpe  
**Agreed unanimously**

- **Personnel & Finance Committee 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (page 55)**

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

○ **25/P&F/32 – To Agree Payment of ELPFC Grant for Solar Panels**

**RESOLUTION:** That the Parish Council honour the grant for the solar panels at Costock Road Pavilion in the sum of £16,100.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kevin Shaw                      **Seconded:** Cllr Donna Griggs  
**Agreed by 9 in favour with 1 abstention**

• **Amenities Committee Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 (pages 56-57)**

**Proposed:** Cllr Wendy Thompson    **Seconded:** Cllr Will Birch  
**Agreed unanimously**

○ **25/AME/047 – Updates on Ongoing Projects / Tourism**

**RESOLUTION:** Subject to the amendment that the footpath leading to Calke Farm be included, the quote from The Printers be accepted in the sum of £168 plus artwork at approximately £200.

**Proposed:** Cllr Liz Taylor                      **Seconded:** Cllr Wendy Thompson  
**Agreed unanimously**

**25/077                      To Receive Update on the footpath at the side of the Village Hall**

The Clerk has contacted both NCC/VIA and our insurance company. VIA have confirmed that the paths are neither an official public right of way nor an adopted highway, and therefore NCC holds no responsibility. The insurance company has advised that if we proceeded with repairs, the Parish Council would assume liability. It was agreed that the Parish Council will carry out the repairs to this footpath, and the Clerk will obtain quotes.

**25/078                      To Consider Nominations for Co-option of 2 Parish Councillors**

The Chair reported that we would have an alternative vote system where you rank the four candidates. The Clerk circulated voting slips.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Mrs Sandra Johnson and Mrs Susan Davis be invited to fill the two vacancies on the Parish Council.

**Proposed:** Cllr Eleanor Robinson    **Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Shaw  
**Agreed Unanimously**

**25/079                      To Discuss Arrangements for Remembrance Day & Xmas Lights Switch On**

The Clerk referred to the paper previously circulated and asked for volunteers to marshal the road closures. Cllrs Liz Taylor and Mel Roper agreed to do Station Road, Cllrs Chris Garbet and Will Birch, Main Street and Cllr Mike Sharpe De Ferrers Close.

Cllr Mel Roper also requested volunteers to help with the Christmas Lights Switch-on on the 29<sup>th</sup> November by either helping to set up and clear away or/and marshalling. Cllrs Will Birch, Eleanor Robinson, Donna Griggs and the Clerk volunteered.

**25/080                      To Consider Request from Resident for Use of Main Street Car Park on a Wednesday to sell Fruit & Veg**

The Council considered the request to use either of the village car parks and agreed that they we're unable to give permission on this occasion, as both car parks are generally very busy

and in constant use by residents and visitors, meaning there isn't available space to accommodate a stall safely.

**25/081 To Discuss the Shortlist for the Refurbishment of Public Toilets & Agree any actions**

Both the companies short listed were considered and the following recommendation was made.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the quotation from Leith Facilities be accepted with the proviso that an extraction fan be fitted as this was missed off the specifications. The Clerk is authorised to accept the revised quote up to the sum of £35,000.

**Proposed:** Cllr Greg Blakeman  
Agreed Unanimously

**Seconded:** Cllr Kevin Shaw

**25/082 To Receive Updates on:**

**Health Centre** – No further update

**25/083 To Receive Verbal Reports from Sub-committees, Working Parties, Coordinators and Portfolio holders**

None

**25/084 To Approve Bill Payments, Bank Transfers, Direct Debits, Cheques and Salaries for October 2025**

The previously circulated list was approved.  
Additional items since list was circulated:

24/10/25	DD	Rushcliffe Borough Council	104.00
31/10/25	BACS	Mick Dutton	463.90
31/10/25	BACS	C S & S	204.00
31/10/25	BACS	C S & S	

**Proposed:** Cllr Will Birch  
**Agreed unanimously**

**Seconded:** Cllr Mel Roper

**25/085 To Report Correspondence Received – for information only**

1. AJ Gallagher– notification that the new CCTV has been added to the insurance policy – noted
2. Steven Wallis, VIAEM - notification that the application for road closures for Remembrance Day and Christmas Lights Switch-on has been accepted.
3. David Ovadia, RSVSG Agenda for next meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> November

**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**

**25/086 Confidential Item**

The Clerk to report back to Severn Trent on the decision made.  
Meeting closed at: 20.15