

**MINUTES OF EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Lorna Clark, Gary Grayston, Donna Griggs, Ron Hetherington, Jeff Jones, Marie Males, Moira Males, Conrad Oatey (Chairman), Peter Rapley, Mel Roper, Kevin Shaw, Liz Taylor, Carys Thomas, John Thurman

The Clerk Lesley Bancroft, Assistant Clerk Sue Lewis, Cllr Andy Brown and 2 members of the public were also present

**16/129**            **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Glennis Robinson reasons approved and agreed.

**16/130**            **DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**16/131**            **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

With your agreement I would like to bring forward agenda items 16/134 and 16/141 – Agreed

**16/134**            **TO HEAR AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RUSHCLIFFE CITIZENS GROUP FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO FACILITATE A LISTENING EVENT**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Rushcliffe Citizens Group to the meeting and invited them to make a presentation to the Council on the work the group.

Following a discussion it was agreed it was a very interesting concept but there could be political overtones it was agreed the Parish Office cannot be used. The group was directed to other venues in the village.

**16/141**            **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES INCLUDING COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Cllr Andy Brown reported

- Nottinghamshire County Council budget will be going up by 7%
- Economic Development Group which promotes the County is still fighting for the Skylink bus in East Leake.

**16/132**            **(a) TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 – PAGES 140-144**  
**(b) TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING THERE FROM NOT ON THE AGENDA – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Subject to adding Cllr John Thurman as declaring an interest in Lantern Lane planning application

**Proposed Cllr Conrad Oatey**  
**Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**16/133**            **(a) TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES**

**Planning Committee 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Pages 145-146**

**Proposed Cllr Carys Thomas**  
**Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**Planning Committee 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Pages 147-150**

**Proposed Cllr Carys Thomas  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**Management Committee Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – Pages 151-152**

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Marie Males**

**16/MAN/088 Financial Regulations**

**RESOLUTION**

That the Parish Council adopt the Financial Regulations.

**Proposed Cllr Kevin Shaw  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Marie Males**

**Planning Committee, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 – Pages 153-154**

**Proposed Cllr Carys Thomas  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Conrad Oatey**

**Amenities Committee Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017- Pages 155-158**

**Proposed Cllr Mel Roper  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Kevin Shaw**

**16/AME/089 Hanging Baskets**

**RESOLUTION**

That the Parish Council accept the quotes which consist of testing an additional seven columns to take baskets £105 excluding VAT and the supply of the annual displays as last year plus additional baskets for the seven columns £3377.00 excluding VAT.

**Proposed Cllr Mel Roper  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Gary Grayston**

**16/135**

**TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM TYANNA CIRCUS FOR A CIRCUS VISIT IN JUNE AND A LOCATION**

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk check with other Parish Councils where the circus has visited for their feedback. If favourable invite the Circus to attend in early June or July.

**Proposed Cllr Mel Roper  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Marie Males**

**16/136**

**TO CONFIRM THE FOUR NOMINATED MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AND TO AGREE A FIFTH NOMINEE**

Cllrs Marie Males and Kevin Shaw declared an interest.

The Parish Council was happy to confirm the four nominated members along with Cllr Moria Males who volunteered to be the fifth member – Agreed.

**16/137            TO AGREE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS TO BETTER INFORM EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL ABOUT THE CURRENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITUATION:**

- A)            INVITATION TO N & B FARMING TO PLANNING COMMITTEE TO GIVE PRESENTATION ABOUT THE REMPSTONE ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND FOR EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL TO EXPLAIN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was agreed to invite N & B Farming to a Planning Meeting which will be open to all Councillors.

- B)            INVITATION TO ESTATE AGENTS TO MEET WITH CHAIR OF PLANNING/CHAIR OF COUNCIL TO GIVE AN UPDATED PICTURE OF THE HOUSING MARKET IN EAST LEAKE**

It was agreed that Cllr Carys Thomas plus one other Councillor visit the Estate Agents to review up to date information on the present and future housing in East Leake.

- C)            INVITATION TO LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND SCHOOL HEADS/CHAIRS OF GOVERNORS TO MEET WITH CHAIR OF PLANNING/CHAIR OF COUNCIL/CLERK TO UNDERSTAND THE PLANS FOR SCHOOL PLACES TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING**

It was agreed that the Local Education Authority along with Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors be invited to a meeting at the Parish Office with the Chair of Planning, Chair of Council and the Clerk – Date to be arranged.

Cllr Marie Males and Ron Hetherington declared an interested in the following item.

**16/138            TO DISCUSS & CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE :**

- **RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

There are 6 Village Consultations taking place across the Borough but East Leake is not one of them. The Chairman has written to Rushcliffe Borough Council expressing our concerns about the lack of consultation. The reply was that the primary focus is to consult with smaller villages regarding housing in their areas. The Borough Council went on to say that they are not pushing for further housing developments in East Leake.

Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council facilitate its own 'consultation' process and have a drop-in session to allow residents of East Leake to voice their opinions.

Cllr Carys Thomas to draft a reply to the Local Plan Part 2 and invited councillors to send her any comments. This will be an Agenda item on a Planning Meeting in March.

**GREEN BELT REVIEW CONSULTATION**

East Leake is not in the Green Belt but Cllr Carys Thomas agreed to draft a response – comments welcomed.

**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CONSULTATION**

As a Parish Council we must respond to this – Cllr Carys Thomas agreed to draft a response.

**16/139            TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was agreed to appoint Jackie Siddy as Internal Auditor for 2017/18.

**Proposed Cllr Marie Males  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Ron Hetherington**

**16/140            TO RECEIVE UP TO DATE REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES & PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Nothing to report.

**16/141            TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES INCLUDING COUNTY COUNCIL AND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- Rushcliffe Borough Council will be voting on Thursday to increase the Council Tax by 5%.
- With the Government cutting back on money handed to local authorities Rushcliffe Borough Council is having to invest in various projects including industrial units to rent out as by 2022 money from the Government will be zero.

**16/142            TO APPROVE CHEQUES, PAYMENTS AND SALARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2017**

The Clerk referred to Cash Book 3 and pointed out that the Pension Contributions in future will all be totalled together and not itemised in order to protect employee privacy.

**Proposed Cllr Ron Hetherington  
Agreed Unanimously**

**Seconded Cllr Marie Males**

**16/143            TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

1. Jennifer Kirkwood, Rushcliffe Rural Officer – Information on a new opportunity with Everyone Health, Notts – Noted
2. PC Kelly Warwick January 2017 Crime Figures
3. NALC – Training for New Councillors Seminar, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Noted
4. Mrs Lesley Bancroft, Clerk to the Parish Council – Letter of resignation - Noted

**16/144            QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN (IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.O.1U.)**

There were no questions.

**16/145            CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - LAND**

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 (see page 162a)

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.