



26/019

**Matters arising from the Minutes (March 2026 and APM April 26)**

Councillors were issued with the list of actions for March and April.

Points to note are:

- 25/179 – The ramps have been removed.
- 25/227 – Neighbourhood Plan Group – an article was included in the recent edition of Long Furrow with no interest received. No further action at this time to create a Neighbourhood Plan Group.
- 25/228 – Tree Whips – the application has been accepted but won't be delivered for planting until November.
- 25/259 – Storage Container – Charnwood have received confirmation from the developer that the funds can be allocated to this project. We are awaiting a decision notice from Charnwood, although the Clerk is chasing this up as the supplier has kept the container for us for some time.
- 25/260 – Code of Conduct Training – link to be sent this week.
- 25/260 – Sexual Harassment Training – 1 Cllr to still complete minimum required training. The Caretakers will also be undertaking this training.
- 25/261 – IT provider to support with cyber security actions – still to be actioned.
- 26/004 – Fletchers Way parking concerns – Cllr Poland has been in contact with the residents, but no update provided.
- 26/008 – Sinkage of Pathways – Cllr Poland to provide update from Highways.

26/020

**Review of Reps on committees**

The committees/working parties were agreed – the list will be circulated.

26/021

**Reports from Reps on other Committees**

**VHMC** – Request for large ladders utilising remaining funds, along with a contribution from the Parish Council as these can be used by the caretakers for a variety of tasks. Toolstation currently have 8 rung ladders at £114.98 (including VAT). It was agreed to investigate working at height legislation and defer to the next meeting.

**LONG FURROW** – The May edition is now online and has been delivered to all residents and businesses. The deadline for the next edition is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**TREE WARDEN UPDATE –**

- 2 New trees planted.
- A letter has been received from the volunteer who requested permission to be the tree warden for the Queens Green Canopy trees. Unfortunately, he has not agreed to sign the terms of reference for reasons stated in the letter. Suggested proposals to the TOR were made and will be shared with the volunteer. Should these still not be acceptable then he will not be able to undertake the role as an authorised volunteer.
- The Memorial Tree that was approved last year has now been planted. The Clerk shared a photo of the tree in situ.

**CHRISTMAS – RESOLVED** to ask some of the residents whether they would

like singers Velvet Souls for this year's event or new entertainment. It was agreed to hold the event on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr Fazackerley will prepare the full expenditure budget for consideration at our next meeting, once the entertainment has been discussed. Consideration will also be given to the charge/donation.

**APPOINT LRALC AGM REP** – Cllr Bolton was appointed as the LRALC AGM Rep.

- 26/022      **Review of Maintenance areas and playground checks**  
The maintenance and playground checks were agreed.  
Cllr Bolton to arrange a date to accompany Cllr Shivers in June.
- 26/023      **To agree annual Subs and Donations**  
**RESOLVED** that we subscribe to all the associations/societies listed on the attached sheet.  
Donations with their own budget were agreed as follows:
- **Long Furrow** – RESOLVED to award £500 (Cllr Tate left the meeting).
  - **VHMC** – RESOLVED to award £1500. The contribution was agreed in March 2026 towards the ceiling works (25/252), with a small amount remaining to be used as above (minute 26/021).
- 26/024      **Presentation of Deed and Trust Instruments**  
All documents are available for inspection by members in the future.
- 26/025      **Confirmation of Cheque Signatories for 2025/26**  
The current cheque signatories are L Pizer (financial officer), Cllr Needham and Cllr Tate.  
It was proposed that having this as a standing agenda item for the Annual Meeting be discussed with LRALC due to the Council no longer using cheques.
- 26/026      **Proposed Accounts (April and May)**  
Accounts to the sum of £7457.71 were accepted by the council for May and £9251.96 for April. **RESOLVED** to make all payments via bank transfer.  
The Chair and Cllr Shivers will conduct a thorough internal check of all accounts on a monthly basis.  
**RESOLVED** to approve the following expenditure under the LGA 1972, s.137:
- Legal and General Ill health insurance £169.59
  - LRALC membership £879.11
  - Data Protection renewal £47.00
  - Tablets (grant funding) £504.00
- 26/027      **To approve the Village Hall's Annual Accounts and Annual Report**  
The annual accounts were presented to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved by the Parish Council (custodian trustees). Councillor Needham signed the accounts on behalf of the Council.
- 26/028      **Correspondence**  
A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present.
- Neighbourhood Plan Support Fund – due to not receiving any feedback following the advert in the Long Furrow it was agreed that no further action be taken at this time.
  - Borough Councillor May Report

- County Councillor May Report
- Police Reports for March and April
- East Goscote United Football Club – request for long term lease – **RESOLVED** to begin discussions with the club to investigate further. Cllr Peberdy and the Clerk will arrange a meeting.
- Ill Health Policy Renewal
- Flooding Document – at a previous meeting it was agreed (minute 25/230) to ask a resident to update a flooding document that can be shared with the LLFA. This has been revised and shared with the Clerk and Flood Wardens. **RESOLVED** to ask the resident to submit his report directly to LLFA, with the Flood Wardens to also write and submit their own report.
- City Fibre - It was noted that no planning permission is required to install the cabinets, and a list of the locations will not be shared in advance; therefore, the Clerk will be monitoring this to ensure that they aren't installed on PC land.

26/029

**Planning Matters**

P/26/0615/2 32 Ploughmans Lea, P/26/0626/2 15 The Headland, and P/26/0602 31 Lilac Way were all in between our March and May meetings. As insufficient comments were received from Councillors there were no comments made to CBC.

26/030

**To review our Standing Orders**

The Deputy Clerk has reviewed the document and although there have been no changes to the model document, some slight amendments have been made to reflect EGPC current practices/updated legislation:

**RESOLVED** to accept the proposed changes as follows:

- 5j (10) – update DPA 1998 to DPA 2018
- 7a – update to third Monday of the month
- 23d – update DPA to 2018
- 23f – amended to reviewed annually in May (as per SO5j (9))
- 27c (ii) – amended “phone up” to “contact”

26/031

**To review our Financial Regulations**

The Deputy Clerk has reviewed the document and there were no changes required.

26/032

**To review our Complaints procedure**

There have been no changes to the SLCC template, with a slight amendment to update the email address under the contact information.

**RESOLVED** to approve the document, with the addition of a line to state ‘in the event of a complaint about the Clerk, this is to be sent to the Deputy Clerk who will forward this directly to the Chair’.

26/033

**To Review the Councils policy for dealing with the press and media**

There have been no changes to the SLCC template. An amendment has been made to the social media section to reflect the new EGPC Facebook page.

**RESOLVED** to approve the policy and updates.

26/034

**Review of Council's procedures for handling requests under the freedom of information act 2000 and the data protection act 2018**

- a) FOI – This is a new document created using the SLCC advice note and information supplied using AI.
- b) Subject Access Request – updated to include that requests for general

information will be dealt with under FOI requests.

**RESOLVED** to accept the new FOI document and the SAR updates.

26/035

**Review of the Anti-harassment and bullying policy**

Minor updates to the following:

- a) Inclusion of new section 17.4 details around help and support available and the availability of paid time off during sexual harassment investigations.
- b) Updated the consultation section at the end of the document.

**RESOLVED** to approve the policy and updates.

26/036

**To approve the Chair/Vice Chair's Allowance payable for the year commencing May 2026.**

The Chair and Vice Chair left the meeting, and Cllr Tate was appointed to preside over this motion.

There has currently been no claim made for 2025/26 year, but the Chair and Vice-Chair have the forms to complete should they wish.

**RESOLVED** the budget for 2026/27 be £400. Following the briefing note regarding taxation, the Chair and Vice Chair will be offered the choice of:

- Continuing with the current payment rates, which will involve being paid through PAYE and being registered with HMRC.
- Claiming expenses on a receipt basis.

The allowance is to be paid upon completion of one years' service in April 2027, and is not paid monthly, unless the council agrees to pay this in exceptional circumstances.

26/037

**To consider the Annual Playground Inspection Report**

As this has only been received today, it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

26/038

**To Review the Council Insurance Policy.**

Our Current insurance policy is with Clear Councils until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (long term undertaking). A copy of the schedule was sent to all the Councillors.

The flood store and pavilion container will be included on future schedules. 3 quotes will be sought for September's meeting.

Cyber insurance is still to be considered.

26/039

**Football issues – To approve the conditions of hire/policies**

Councillors were provided with the policies prior to the meeting. The conditions of hire and the policy for Management and Allocation of pitches were discussed with changes highlighted.

**RESOLVED** to accept the conditions of hire and policies as per the drafts.

26/040

**To ratify Pitch Allocations 2026/27**

The Deputy Clerk informed Councillors of pitch requests made for next Season.

**RESOLVED** that the pitches be allocated as follows:

- Under 9/10 Pitch – EG Juniors U9 and U10
- U7/8 Pitch – EG Juniors U7 and U8.

No applications have been made this year for the senior or junior pitches, however the teams using the small pitches would like pavilion access. As no other teams are using the pavilion, it was **RESOLVED** that the charge be the

same as the junior pitch (U11-14).

- 26/041      **To Appoint an Internal Auditor**  
The LRALC was appointed to carry out the internal audit for the accounts ending March 2026. This was completed on 14th May so that the Council can have all the audit information for approval at their June meeting as normal. **RESOLVED** for the year ending March 2027 we continue with the LRALC internal audit service.
- 26/042      **To approve and sign off the lease to the scouts for fencing off the back of the scout hut.**  
The scout lease was circulated to Councillors for consideration. **RESOLVED** to sign the lease and plans and return it to our solicitor.
- 26/043      **Maintenance**  
Checks to be carried out in May. Forms are available in the office if required.
- 26/044      **Items Approved for expenditure**  
Subs and Donations  
Internal Auditor  
Proposed Accounts for April and May  
Chair's Allowance
- 26/045      **Matters arising by permission of the Chair**  
The Clerk and Deputy Clerk are to carry out website training on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, with a view to the website going live after this date.
- 26/046      **Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 p.m.  
Apologies were received from Cllr Needham due to having to attend another meeting.

The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

L. Pizer/C Turlington  
19<sup>th</sup> May 2026