

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a full Council Meeting held on Monday 21st September 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present:	Cllr A Harris Cllr R Peberdy Cllr R Fazackerley Cllr J Poland No members of the public Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)	Cllr N Shivers Cllr J Bolton Cllr S Woodward Mrs C Turlington (Deputy Clerk)
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In accordance with Standing Order 3x, Cllr Harris opened the meeting.

26/096

To note the resignation of Cllr Needham, elect a Chair of the Council and Sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Needham gave her resignation on 5th August 2026.

3 self-nominations for the position of Chair have been received by Cllrs Harris, Peberdy and Tate. Cllr Peberdy at this point withdrew his self-nomination for Chair but was happy to stand for Vice Chair.

A vote was held and Cllr Harris was elected as Chair for the remainder of the civic year and signed the declaration of office.

In line with the Council's resignation guidelines, it was **RESOLVED** to present retiring Cllr Needham with a gift up to the value of £150 for a voucher and flowers, and she will be thanked for her support over the last 10 years.

a) To elect a Vice-Chair and Sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office (if the previous vice-chair has become chair)

As Cllr Harris has been elected Chair, a further vote was conducted for the position of Vice Chair, with nominations from Cllrs Peberdy and Tate. Following the vote, Cllr Peberdy was elected as Vice Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

b) Review Committee Membership

As Vice Chair, Cllr Peberdy was elected to fill the vacancies on the Staffing and Finance Committees.

c) Update Bank Signatories

RESOLVED to amend the bank signatories for the account held with TSB, to remove 2 previous councillors and add Cllr Harris as a new signatory. The required Board Resolution was signed by the Clerk.

d) To note the continuing vacancies on the Council

It is noted that there are currently 4 vacancies open for co-option and these will continue to be promoted via the website and Long Furrow articles.

26/097

Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned)

None

- 26/098 **Apologies for absence**
It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve apologies from Cllr Tate.
- 26/099 **To report any declarations of interest**
None recorded.
- 26/100 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meetings held on 20th July 2026.**
The minutes of the meetings held on 20th July 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 26/101 **Matters arising from the Minutes**
Councillors were issued with a list of meeting actions for July. Points to note include:
- 26/078 – 1 Cllr is still to complete Code of Conduct training.
 - 26/078 – The flooding document sent to LCC from the Flood Wardens was an online form and therefore no copy available for the resilience folder.
 - 26/078 – The HSE response regarding the Melton Road pipes could not be obtained due to the contact having left. We will reconsider contacting the HSE after the fence has been installed.
 - 26/082 – The rocking horse footrest has received a temporary repair and will be dealt with by the caretakers shortly.
 - 26/082 – The Tree Warden was not selected to attend the planting course.
 - 26/088 – Cllr Bolton is still to contact Redrow regarding any suitable areas for a memorial garden. She agreed to send a letter to the office for forwarding on.
- 26/102 **Matters arising from the Police: July and August**
The police were absent from the meeting, but reports have been received and circulated for July and August noting 5 crimes in July and 3 crimes in August. The next beat surgery is scheduled for Wednesday 28th October at 11.00 a.m. in the library.
- 26/103 **County Councillor's Report**
A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. Topics covered include:
LGR – On 7th September, Government paused implementation and launched a review of the decision, citing updated legal advice. Elections in May 2027 will now proceed on existing boundaries. The decision has not been withdrawn and no timetable for the review has been set. Cllr Poland welcomes the pause, noting ongoing disruption and urging Government to halt the proposals indefinitely. He will continue to monitor developments and represent the interests of East Goscote and surrounding villages.
Fencing on Melton Road – This has been escalated to the CEO but still awaiting an update.
- No further questions.
- 26/104 **Borough Councillors Report**
A written report was circulated prior the meeting from Cllr Woodward and Cllr O'Neill. Topics covered include:
- Government's Local Government Reorganisation plans have been paused; Borough Council elections now expected May 2027.
 - CBC enforcement officers managing high caseloads; all planning breach reports will still be addressed.
 - Motion on Construction Dust Suppression passed unanimously, strengthening

standards and escalation measures; CBC to liaise further with developers and review enforcement team capacity.

- Early discussions underway on extreme weather planning and harm-reduction measures.
- “Coats for All” event scheduled for Sat 10 Oct at Sileby Community Centre; donation points across local schools and venues.
- Cllr Laurie Needham has resigned due to personal and health reasons with a by-election scheduled for Thursday 17th September.

No further questions.

Congratulations to Cllr Poland who was elected as the third Borough Councillor for the Wreake Valley ward on 17th September.

26/105

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – A report was circulated prior to the meeting, with the key areas of interest noted for EGPC:

- The Parish Council is no longer registered with the Charity Commission as a trustee, with the role being solely that of Custodian Trustee to hold the property in trust.
- Floor repairs will be carried out utilising the remaining PC donation for 2026/27.
- Wellbeing Walks are being held in collaboration with the PC, as this furthers the council’s commitment to encourage public engagement with biodiversity through community events.
- The VHMC have noted its responsibility as building manager in relation to the Terrorism Risk Assessment.
- The VHMC approved donating a raffle prize for the Christmas afternoon tea event.
- The VHMC confirmed support for the Remembrance display.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Playground checks for September were carried out by Cllr Peberdy with minor issues noted, including a point of concern being the grab handles on the climbing frame at the Village Green play area which need replacing. The Clerk has also carried out a Pavilion check with no major issues identified. Cllr Bolton will carry out October’s checks.

LONG FURROW – The deadline for articles is 1st October with the following items planned for inclusion:

- Resignation piece for Cllr Needham / Councillors Vacancies
- Celebratory piece for Cllr Shivers (received a CBC Community Heroes Award)
- Christmas Ticket
- Seed Collection Thank You
- Resilience Page to include flooding poster and request for support
- Memorial Survey

TREES – A standard tree has been applied for from LCC on Ploughmans Lea. A hedge pack is arriving in November. Query re overhanging tree on the playing field.

FOOTBALL UPDATE – The Deputy Clerk advised that despite having 4 pitch applications from the East Goscote Juniors, they have no teams wishing to use the pitches for the forthcoming season. She mentioned that last week a representative from Queniborough

Athletic Junior Football Club contacted the office with an interest in hiring some of the pitches for the season. **RESOLVED** to give delegated powers to the Deputy Clerk to arrange pitch hire, up to a maximum of 2 teams per pitch. The council agreed to arrange the initial mark if required.

It was noted that a meeting is still to be arranged with East Goscote United regarding the consideration of a long-term lease.

ROAD SAFETY UPDATE – Cllr Shivers attended the meeting of the Charnwood Road Safety Committee in July, and a summary of the items covered has been circulated to Cllrs. EGPC will continue to request camera van visits and coordinate speed gun checks. The Deputy Clerk has created a dedicated road safety information page on the website. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 23rd September.

26/106 **Proposed Accounts – Approval of August and September invoices**

Accounts to the sum of £6,699.47 were accepted by the Council for August and £5114.97 for September. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements were checked along with the invoices and signed off by Cllr Harris and Cllr Shivers.

RESOLVED to approve the following expenditure under the LGA 1972 s137:

- No expenditure under this category.

26/107 **Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received was given out to all Councillors present:

- LCC are asking for help in identifying recurring local highway and transport issues through the Minor Improvements Programme. The deadline for submissions is 30th September.
- LCC are offering Osmo flood barriers with a demonstration taking place on Tuesday 6th October which the Flood Wardens will attend.
- LCC are proposing to introduce waiting restrictions at The Warren, Craftsmans Way, and Long Furrow. The deadline for comments has passed.
- LCC are offering winter operations training, and the caretaker is due to attend the session on Tuesday 3rd November.
- Resident request to install slabs under relocated bench – the caretaker dealt with this on 16th September.
- Resident objection to Redrow development.
- Resident query if EG are clearing growth in brook – it was noted that the resilience group will continue to report any concerns to the EA.
- EG Eco Hub Representative has given his support for a review of the mowing contract for the Nature Garden with regards to fire hazards.

26/108 **Planning Matters**

P/26/1211/2 – Erection of single storey front porch, single storey rear and first floor side extensions – no comments were made.

P/26/1201/2 – Retention of 3no. storage containers – Following Cllrs comments, a letter of objection was sent to CBC on 11th August. **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision to object. It was requested that the office check with Jelsons that they are aware of, and have approved, these containers being placed on their land.

26/109 **Data Protection**

- a) **Receive Data Audit and Approve Article 30 document** – **RESOLVED** to approve the Data Audit completed in August 2026 and the updated Article 30 document

b) **Review of Data Protection Policies**

1. Data Breach Policy – updated using the LRALC template
2. General Privacy Policy – updated using the LRALC template
3. Data Protection Policy – new policy to supersede the current HR Data Protection Policy by applying to all, rather than employees only

RESOLVED to approve the updated policies.

- c) **Arrange Data Protection Training** – the GDPR training is due to be refreshed and all Cllrs with access to tablets will be able to complete the training in their own time via the Hiscox Risk Academy. The Deputy Clerk has scheduled to complete this on Monday 12th October at 1.00 p.m. should anyone wish to attend.

26/110

Receive the External Auditor report and Certificate 2025/2026

The external audit for the year ended 31st March 2026 has been completed, with no matters raised as giving cause for concern. **RESOLVED** to accept the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2025/26.

26/111

Insurance

- a) **Policy Renewal (consider new long-term undertaking)** – a briefing paper was circulated prior to the meeting, and all renewal information received from the broker (Clear Councils) was shared with Cllrs via email on 10th August. **RESOLVED** to proceed with Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc. at a cost of £1,792.25 on a 3-year undertaking.
- b) **Consider Cyber Insurance** – a briefing paper was circulated prior to the meeting comparing details of the 3 quotes received, with a start date of 1st October. The officer recommendation is to proceed with Coalition at a cost of £229.96. **RESOLVED** to proceed with the officer recommendation up to a budget of £250 to allow for any change in cost.

26/112

Receive the minutes of the Resilience Working Party and consider actions for approval

The Resilience Working Party met on 7th September with the following actions brought to Council for approval:

- Consider and approve distribution of Osmo flood barriers alongside airbrick covers – **RESOLVED** to give these out to those that applied for airbrick covers.
- Consider and approve the updated flood poster for noticeboard display and Long Furrow – **RESOLVED** to approve copies of the poster for noticeboard display, at various locations around the village (e.g. library, shops), and inclusion in the next edition of Long Furrow; alongside a request for volunteer support.
- Consider and approve delegated powers to the Clerk for arranging any additional maintenance to parish owned land to ensure public safety – **RESOLVED** to approve.
- Consider the request to review the mowing contract for the Nature Garden – **RESOLVED** to approve. This will be considered by Council at a future meeting.
- Consider and approve the Terrorism Risk Assessment and updated Hire Agreement – **RESOLVED** to approve. The website will be updated with the new hire agreement.
- Consider and approve the updated Community Response Plan – **RESOLVED** to approve. The updated plan will be added to the website and shared with relevant parties.

- 26/113 **Wildlife Audit Actions 2026 and recommendations**
 The Clerk circulated a report detailing the actions completed to date and future recommendations from the Wildlife Audit. There is a budget of £100 for bulbs which can be used to further some of the actions. Supplementary information provided details on 3 possible options:
- Plant perennials (e.g. alliums) in the planters at the entrance to the playing fields
 - Introduce ground flora to the woodland at the playing fields (canopy thinned November 2025)
 - Plant a flowering lawn on the banks of the mound
- RESOLVED** to give delegated powers to the office to look at enhancing the planters and the ground flora to the woodland within the £100 budget.
- 26/114 **The playing field perimeter hedge – to discuss the management this winter**
 The Clerk has obtained a quote of £635 from the contractor used in 2025. **RESOLVED** to trim the hedge again this year.
- 26/115 **Consider consultation document for memorial proposals (Cllr Bolton)**
 The draft consultation document was circulated. **RESOLVED** to approve the document with the addition of a closing date of 1st January 2027 and comments if they choose to ask for any religious considerations. This will be included in the next edition of the Long Furrow, and the Deputy Clerk will create a Google Form for those that wish to complete digitally. To be added to the January agenda to consider responses and next steps.
- 26/116 **Receive the minutes of the Council Van Working Party and consider actions for approval**
 The working party met on 10th September and recommended that the vehicle be petrol or electric, not an import, and a pickup style vehicle.
 Following the meeting, the Clerk arranged for the garage to investigate an issue with the fuel tank.
 The group will continue to meet as required and bring any recommendation to purchase a vehicle to Full Council for approval.
RESOLVED to agree with the recommendations of the working group.
- 26/117 **Maintenance**
 Maintenance checks for September have been carried out by:
- Cllr Peberdy of the Noticeboards, Bus Stops and Vehicle Checks with the only point to note being that of the Perspex screen on the noticeboard adjacent to the garage becoming increasingly opaque. **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £100 to replace this.
 - Cllr Tate of the Weavers Wynd area and it was noted that the Tree Warden will be investigating a low hanging tree adjacent to the playing fields.
- 26/118 **Items approved for Expenditure**
 Insurance Policy - £1,792.25
 Cyber Insurance Policy - £250
 Bulbs - £100
 Playing Field Hedge - £635
 Polycarbonate for Noticeboard - £100

26/119

Items for consideration at our next meeting

- Review of maintenance areas following Cllr Needham's resignation.
- Discuss the motion which has been signed to amend Standing order 10 (Voting) to include the use of written ballots.

It was noted that should Cllrs have any items for consideration at the next meeting, Agenda Proposal Forms should be submitted no later than 8th October.

Date of next Meeting: **Monday 19th October 2026, at 6.30 p.m.**

The Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

L Pizer/C Turlington
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