

Minutes of a Full Council meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026 at 6.30 p.m. at East Goscote Village Hall

Present:

Cllr L Needham (Chair)	Cllr A Harris
Cllr N Shivers	Cllr J Bolton
Cllr R Peberdy	Cllr R Fazackerley

Mrs L Pizer (Clerk)	Mrs C Turlington (Deputy Clerk)
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- 25/244 **Matters arising from the Public** (Meeting adjourned)
None
- 25/245 **Matters arising from the Police**
The police were absent from the meeting, and a report was received for February, noting 1 theft and 1 damage.
The next beat surgery will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 11.00 a.m. in the library.
- 25/246 **Apologies for Absence**
It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve apologies from Cllr Poland and Cllr Tate.
- 25/247 **To report any declarations of interest**
Cllrs Shivers and Fazackerley re Village Hall.
- 25/248 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting (27.02)**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
- 25/249 **Matters arising from the minutes**
A list of actions was circulated prior to the meeting. Points to note include:
25/199 – GDPR – 1 Councillor still to complete
25/179 – House Ramps – one property was reported again to LCC, awaiting feedback
25/227 – Neighbourhood Plan – piece to be included in the next Long Furrow to gauge resident interest
25/230 – Roma Landscaping – The Clerk is still in discussion with the contactor
25/236 – Cyber Security Training – completed by all Cllrs
25/236 – Social Media Page – in progress
25/236 – Website – the Clerk and Deputy Clerk are still to consider options for a new provider
- 25/250 **County Councillors Report**
Cllr Poland emailed all Councillors with a written report prior to the meeting. Topics covered included:
Trees in Queniborough Brook
- Resident concern reported in February; photos sent to the Environment Agency.
 - EA confirmed works scheduled under the 2025/26 Tree & Bush Programme.
 - High water levels have delayed access; aim was to complete before nesting season, subject to conditions.
 - Update on completion requested; response awaited.
- Pipes Across Queniborough Brook**
- Query submitted to LCC regarding steps needed for a permanent solution, as temporary fencing has been in place for around a year.

- Investigations underway into whether a former road bridge existed at this location, which may confirm historic highway status.
- Highway Records Office contacted to verify whether the site is part of the public highway and therefore LCC's responsibility.

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme – Easter

- Children on benefit-related free school meals eligible for free holiday clubs and junior gym memberships.
- Programme delivered by LCC and Active Together.
- Activities include sports, arts, dance, games, music, plus a nutritious meal.
- Eligible families will receive booking information by email and can book via LCC or Active Together websites.

An update regarding the pipes across the brook has been received from LCC:

- Openreach will repair their damaged ducts within 5–8 days and will phone when works begin.
- LCC records confirm the land, and ducts, belong to whichever utility occupies each duct; the route originated as a WWII access track.
- Ordnance Survey has removed the incorrect footbridge label.
- Neither BT nor National Grid will install permanent fencing; LCC cannot intervene due to unclear land ownership.
- Temporary Heras fencing remains but is easily bypassed and cannot be modified.
- Once repairs are complete, a decision is needed on whether the fencing should stay or be removed.

RESOLVED to arrange a further meeting with LCC to discuss identifying all the owners of the pipes and the use of anti-vandal paint.

25/251

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham emailed all Councillors with a written report prior to the meeting. Topics covered included:

Food Waste Collections

- Weekly food waste collections start this summer under *Simpler Recycling*.
- Households will receive indoor and outdoor caddies plus liners.
- Collections will be weekly on the same day as current bin rounds.
- Flats will have shared food waste bins.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Neighbourhood Plan

- Charnwood will introduce CIL, requiring developers to contribute to local infrastructure.
- A share of CIL funds will go directly to parish councils.
- A notice will go in the *Long Furrow* to gauge interest in forming a Neighbourhood Plan group.
- Aim is to identify residents willing to lead the project.

Construction Traffic Issues

- Ongoing monitoring of mud on roads and HGV disruption linked to development sites.
- Reports are passed to Charnwood enforcement for compliance checks.
- Residents are encouraged to report incidents with time, date, location and vehicle details.

25/252

Reports from Representatives on other Committees

VHMC – A meeting was held on 5th March and a report circulated which included:

- Accounts to end January noted; £7,829.82 to be moved to Investment Account.
- Charlotte Turlington approved as bank signatory.
- Regular bookings are steady; occasional bookings are quieter.
- Kurling promotion is ongoing; February CPR session had 10 attendees.
- 2025 maintenance spend reported; Easter floor clean scheduled; kitchen needs spring clean and new urn.

- Hire charges unchanged for 2026/27.
- EV charger installed and operating at 52p/kWh with 3-year maintenance included.
- Ceiling-lowering project and kitchen floor replacement approved.
- Cleaner salary reviewed; additional admin hours to be invoiced.
- AGM scheduled for 4th June 2026.

RESOLVED to approve a contribution to the ceiling works, utilising the 2026/27 Village Hall budget, up to £1,500 + VAT. Cllr Fazackerley and Cllr Shivers took no part. The work is scheduled for mid-April.

It was noted that following the meeting a committee member took the decision to resign, with the committee now looking for additional members to ensure meetings remain quorate.

PAV/PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Tate carried out the February playground checks with everything noted as satisfactory. Cllr Shivers completed the pavilion checks with the pavilion requiring a lot of work over the summer, including painting of the walls and floors. The March checks will be carried out by EGPC staff.

TREES – Cllr Peberdy will be removing a tree in the spinney with the adjacent resident who has a chainsaw licence. A risk assessment will also be provided. We are awaiting a copy of the licence.

25/253

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £14,042.53 were approved for payment by the council. Internal audits were carried out by the Chair and Cllr Shivers.

Resolved to approve the following expenditure under the LGA 1972 s 137:

LRALC – Training £50

Vital skills - £15.00

Data Protection renewal - £47.00

L Pizer/C Turlington - £100 eye wear/tests

25/254

Correspondence

A list of correspondence received was issued to all Councillors present:

- CBC: Non-domestic rate bill

25/255

Planning Matters

Verges used as storage areas (The Warren) – the Planning Enforcement team have written to the occupiers and the landowner to request that the waste and business items be removed within 14 days. It was noted that they may wish to apply for planning permission for the two shipping containers but have been advised that this cannot be guaranteed.

P/25/1905/2 – A new suite of plans has been posted online by Redrow. Some of the changes were discussed along with the comments to our concerns. Clarity on the Section 106 renegotiation will be followed up. A query was raised regarding lorries entering the 7.5 weight tonne limit for access to the Gaddesby Lane, Rearsby, site. We can ask Charnwood to check the traffic management plan as to the route that lorries over the weight limit should take.

25/256

To approve Petty Cash Payments

The Clerk updated the Council regarding petty cash payments for April 2025 – March 2026: cash in £100.00, cash out: £103.04 – the balance carried forward is £16.91.

RESOLVED to approve the petty cash payments.

25/257 **To consider the action plan 2026/27**

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk circulated a draft action plan for 2026/27. This is a working document with any comments/changes to be considered. The Council agreed to approve the document and will review in June, Sept, Dec and March. This will be added to the website with a link included in the next Long Furrow.

25/258 **To appoint a tree warden for the Queens Green Canopy**

A member of the Greener Goscote group has written in to offer his voluntary services to continue to maintain the Queens Green Canopy, following the groups decision to relinquish the licence to cultivate. **RESOLVED** to appoint the volunteer and offer terms of reference for the maintenance of the area.

25/259 **To consider the S106 available contribution**

The Clerk confirmed that we have been contacted by CBC advising that £2,309 S106 funds have been returned as it cannot be spent on the originally allocated healthcare contribution. The builder has agreed that this can be repurposed for an alternative capital project within the village, and it is proposed that this be used towards a storage container at Jubilee Playing Fields for park, play, and football equipment. CBC have agreed this in principle, although it is advisable that a Certificate of Lawfulness/planning is submitted. **RESOLVED** to approve this, giving delegated powers to the Clerk to arrange lawful installation/planning permission with a maximum budget of £500 additional to the S106 funding.

25/260 **Review of Training**

The Deputy Clerk circulated a Review of Training report.

- a) Consider and Approve the Updated Training and Development Policy – **RESOLVED** to approve the updated policy.
- b) Councillor Training Annual Review/Record keeping – This is a working document with any comments/changes to be considered. The Council agreed to approve the document which will be shared with all council members.
- c) Arrange the Code of Conduct training – Councillors can attend a group session or be sent the link to do this remotely. The group session will take place on Tuesday 28th April at 1.00 p.m. in the village hall.
- d) Arrange Sexual Harassment training – Councillors can attend a group session or be sent the link to do this remotely. The group session will take place on Monday 20th April at 6.30 p.m. before the APM.
- e) Caretaker Training – The vibration training was completed on 10th March. Further to the discussion at the last meeting (minute 25/239), the Clerk has been unable to secure a competent person to carry out the toolbox talk with the caretakers. It is therefore recommended that one caretaker undertakes the strimmer qualification at a cost of £253 + VAT, after which they can assess the competency of others. **RESOLVED** to approve the training as above.

25/261 **Cyber Security/IT queries**

Following the last meeting (minute 25/236), and the need for clarification and deferred items to be considered, the Deputy Clerk circulated an updated report.

- a) IT policy – clarification of section 5 Monitoring – **RESOLVED** to amend the policy to state monitoring applies to council owned devices and will be manual, triggered, proportionate, based on admin access, and legally justified.
- b) Computer Services – **RESOLVED** to appoint the recommended IT provider at a cost of £135 + VAT for 3 hours to assist with ensuring our back-office computer requirements meet the still
- c) Councillor issued devices, loan agreement, GDPR form – **RESOLVED** that Councillors have the option to use their own equipment or request a council-issued one. A budget of £685

+VAT was approved for this (based on 5 councillors requesting a device), utilising funds available in assets, play equipment, and contingency budgets. Councillors would be expected to sign a loan agreement form, and the expectation would be that those who were given a device would not receive paper copies of agendas, minutes etc. as they would bring their tablet to all meetings. In addition, all councillors will be required to resign the GDPR consent form, which has been updated to reflect using council issued and personal devices.

RESOLVED to approve the loan agreement and updated GDPR form.

25/262

Maintenance

- The Stillage requires burning
- LCC land has been used to lay cables (City Fibre) and the grass has been damaged. No grass seed has been added to the area. Will report to LCC.

25/263

Items approved for Expenditure

Village Hall Ceiling Project – up to £1,500 + VAT

Petty Cash - £103.04

Storage Container – up to £2809 (including £2,309 S106 Funds)

Strimmer Qualification - £253 + VAT

Computer Services - £135 + VAT

Tablets - £685

25/264

Urgent Items by Permission of the Chair

25/265

Staffing committee update – Standing order 3v applies

RESOLVED: In view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw. (Standing Order 3v.)

The Clerk informed the Council that the committee reviewed the staff salaries and discussed the new employment laws due to be introduced in April.

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Date and time of the next Meeting

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

L Pizer/C Turlington

17.03.26