

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in the East Goscote Village Hall.

Present: Cllr L Needham (Chair) Cllr N Shivers
 Cllr C Tate Cllr A Harris
 Cllr J Bolton Cllr R Peberdy

No members of the public Cllr J Poland

Mrs L Pizer Mrs C Turlington

26/073 **Co-option of New Members:** None

26/074 **Matters arising from the Public (Meeting Adjourned):** None

26/075 **Apologies for absence**
It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve apologies from Cllr Fazackerley.

26/076 **To report any declarations of interest:** None

26/077 **To confirm the minutes of the last full council meeting held on 15th June 2026**
The minutes of the meetings held on 15th June were agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

26/078 **Matters arising from the Minutes**
Councillors were issued with a list of the meeting actions for June. Points to note include:
26/052 – Code of Conduct – the link has been resent, with 3 councillors confirming completion. 1 Cllr is still to complete.
26/052 – Flooding Document – still waiting for a copy of the flooding document for the resilience folder from the Flood Wardens.
26/054 – Pipes on Melton Road – the fencing detail has been received but still waiting for a response from the Health and Safety Executive and a copy of the letter sent from Cllr Peberdy. Cllr Peberdy has received a phone call in response to his letter, and it was suggested that he asks for the information to be given in writing. A letter will be sent to the H & S Executive from EGPC based on the copy from Cllr Peberdy.
26/054 – Cycle path encroaching trees – has been reported by Cllr Poland, but still waiting for a response.
26/065 – Raffle Beneficiary – decision to be made at a meeting before the event.
26/067 – Playground Inspection actions – completion of remaining actions is ongoing.

26/079 **Matters arising from the Police**
The police were absent from the meeting, but a report for June 2026 was received noting 1 commercial burglary, 1 theft from store/fuel, and 3 damages (2 arson).
The next beat surgeries are scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July at the library, Wednesday 26th August at the library, and Saturday 5th September at the shopping precinct.
A copy of the letter sent by CBC regarding the parking concerns within the precinct will

be requested.

26/080

County Councillor's Report

Cllr Poland submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Topics covered were:

Summer Bus Fare - discounted bus travel will be available throughout August 2026.

Children aged 5–15 will be able to travel free on participating bus services, adult single fares on Leicestershire County Council-supported services will be reduced to £1, and FoxConnect fares will be half price. Further details will be publicised before August.

Bollards on Fletchers Way - Highways intends to install bollards at the end of Fletchers Way in September/October 2026 to prevent vehicles driving on the pavement and improve pedestrian safety.

Melton Road pedestrian crossing assessment – Highways confirmed that the assessment was based on current pedestrian usage only and did not take future development into account. The survey recorded 49 pedestrians and 3,468 vehicles over a 12-hour period, resulting in the conclusion that a pedestrian crossing is not currently justified. Highways advised they would be willing to review the assessment once existing developments are complete and pedestrian activity has increased significantly.

LGR response – has been received and it was decided that the Leicester City boundary will be expanded and the remaining villages will form another authority (Leicestershire and Rutland). There are many concerns regarding the financial situation of the new authority and LCC are considering a judicial review.

26/081

Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Needham gave a verbal report. Topics covered were:

LGR response – Cllr Needham has been questioning the future of parishes and councillor structure for the new unitary authorities, although there is no information available at the moment, and it may be autumn / winter before any decisions are made. Currently there are 3 Borough Cllrs and 1 County Cllr for the ward within which East Goscote falls, but it is likely there will only be one for the area, which will be amended due to some of the current ward area falling within the new city boundary.

Nightshade - The car park behind Fleury Court has an issue with nightshade growing. This is private land and residents/Cllr Needham are trying to contact the owners.

Cllr Poland left the meeting.

26/082

Reports from Reps on other Committees

VHMC – No report.

LONG FURROW – Delivery of the August edition is taking place, with a copy on the Council website. There has been an issue with printing, but the editor has discussed this with those concerned.

PAV & PLAYING FIELD – Playground checks for July were conducted by Cllr Bolton. Minor issues were identified, including the rocking horse footrest which needs repairing. The Deputy Clerk is due to carry out August checks.

TREES – The Tree Warden is attending a course in summer fruit tree pruning and composting, organised by the Tree Council (LCC). Free trees are available from the Woodland Trust. Hedge packs have already been requested.

LCC CONFERENCE – A report was circulated prior to the meeting which included an update from LRALC, the LCC Environment and Transport Department, and possible LGR outcomes. The mobile flood van was in attendance and the Deputy Clerk asked about the possibility of this being brought to East Goscote.

STAFFING – The Clerk confirmed that the contract for the Deputy Clerk had been reviewed and updated, along with the Terms of Reference. Cllr Harris held the 6-month informal appraisals on 9th July.

26/083

Proposed Accounts

Accounts to the sum of £10,825.95 were accepted by the Council. The bank reconciliation and relevant statements were checked along with the invoices and signed off by the Chair and Cllr Shivers. The August accounts will be signed off by members of the finance committee and ratified at the September meeting.

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

- None

26/084

Correspondence

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

- LGR Update
- Funding of £2309.59 has been received from Charnwood (S106) towards the installation of the new container.
- Van Insurance Renewal Quote
- HMRC Mileage rate has increased from 45p per mile to 55p per mile.

26/085

Planning Matters

P/25/1892/2 – Retention of ventilation system and 3 no. A/C units on side and rear elevation of building – An appeal (6010437) has been made to the Secretary of State regarding the Imposition of Conditions. The appeal will be determined by Written Representations (deadline of 29/7/26).

EGPC wrote to CBC in response to the original application to request the sound be assessed before and after installation of cladding, and that operating hours be restricted. **RESOLVED** that following a noise complaint from a resident after the insulation measures had been fitted, that we write to the Secretary of State confirming that we wish for this condition to be imposed and a noise assessment undertaken.

P/25/1905/2 – Approval of Reserved Matters for P/20/2383/2 for 270 dwellings land off Melton Road, East Goscote. Additional information received 14th July 2026 – available to view online. The revisions address comments received by statutory consultees, including those received from the Landscape Officer, Urban Design Officer, Council Ecologist, LCC Highways, Cadent Gas and additional comments received from the Case Officer. The response to the comments document will be downloaded and circulated to all councillors. **RESOLVED** that no further comments will be made.

26/086

Budget Update

The spreadsheet containing spending v budget was issued for April to June. There were no questions.

26/087

Council Van Update

The Clerk circulated a report, details of which are as follows:

- The Proton Jumbuck's MOT is due on 23rd July 2026. Minor issues have been identified, including a tyre defect and a stone chip in the headlight cover.
- A small electric pick-up from My Electric Vehicles (Lincoln) has been test-driven by staff and one councillor. Key details: 21 kWh battery, 100-mile range, 4-hour charge time, 16-week order wait, and a total cost of £18,535. No independent reviews were found.
- Other replacement options include used vans (e.g., Fiat Doblo, Suzuki Carry) and the forthcoming Kia PV5 pick-up, expected in the UK next year at around €25,000.

Decisions required:

1. Agree a maximum spend to keep the current van roadworthy for another year.
2. Determine actions if the van fails its MOT, including whether to lease or buy a used petrol/diesel van and short-term measures i.e. use of a trailer
3. Decide whether to delegate authority to the Clerk and a Councillor or working party to purchase a used vehicle if the current van becomes unusable after 23rd July.
4. If the van passes its MOT within budget, decide whether to place an order for an electric vehicle now (with additional precept next year) or wait for pricing on new electric models.

After discussion, the following was **RESOLVED**:

- A budget of £750 be approved, with delegated powers to the Clerk to arrange any necessary works to ensure the van is roadworthy.
- A working party be formed, consisting of Cllrs Peberdy, Tate and Harris, to review the research carried out by the Clerk and consider options to replace the vehicle in the longer term.
- If any work required exceeds the agreed budget, an extraordinary meeting will be called to discuss immediate options.

26/088

Memorial Garden

A paper was circulated, following a meeting held with the local funeral director.

Proposals were discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Bolton will lead on this project.

RESOLVED that in the first instance a public consultation be held (details next agenda), with this being shared in the next edition of the Long Furrow Magazine (deadline for articles 1st October). It was suggested that Cllr Bolton contact Redrow to also ask if there are any suitable areas for a memorial garden within the new development.

Cllr Tate left the meeting at this point.

26/089

Cyber Security actions update

A list of the cyber security actions was circulated. The only outstanding item is that of cyber insurance.

Cyber insurance is advisable and increasingly expected for parish councils, even very small ones. The risk is not about the number of devices but the sensitivity of the data and the financial transactions a council manages. A budget of £400 was included this year for cyber insurance cover.

As of May 26, the cost for Cyber Insurance is £420.25 which can no longer be shared with other councils. For comparison it was noted that the Village Hall has received a quote of £387.12 for a cover limit of £500K and £229.96 for £250k cover. The Clerk has been unable to ascertain the limit from the council's insurer, and therefore it was

agreed that this be deferred to another meeting when this information can be obtained.

26/090 **Review of Council Policies**

Draft policies were circulated prior to the meeting, along with notes detailing the changes. **RESOLVED** to approve the following policies, which were signed by the Chair:

- Investment Policy (new)
- Accessibility Statement
- Environmental Sustainability and Biodiversity Policy
- Equality and Diversity

26/091 **Christmas Lights – to consider location and installation cost**

The Clerk has requested a quote from our previous installer and is awaiting a price, however it was suggested that the tree in front of the hall is no longer a suitable location for lights due to it being too big. Other suggestions included lights, figures, or projector displays at the Library or Village Hall.

RESOLVED to give delegated powers to the office staff to agree any location and installation of Christmas decorations, up to the approved budget of £1000.

26/092 **Community Flood Grant**

The funding request to LCC for air brick covers, amounting to £2,100, has been approved; and a paper detailing the number of applications was circulated prior to the meeting.

Decisions required:

1. Agree the preferred method for distributing the air brick covers to the 27 applicant households.
2. Authorise the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the procurement and distribution of the air brick covers in accordance with the Council's decision.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to authorise the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the purchase of the air brick covers, once funding has been received. It was agreed that the flood wardens would be available at certain times at the flood store (weekday and weekend) for residents to collect their requested covers.

26/093 **Maintenance**

It was agreed that poppies be installed on the lampposts around Long Furrow and Ling Dale in recognition of Remembrance Day. The Tommy statues will be placed on display at the Village Hall.

26/094 **Items approved for Expenditure**

Air Brick Covers - £2,100 (LCC grant Funding)
Council Van spending up to £750.00
Christmas Decorations / Installation spending up to £1000.

26/095 **Items for consideration at the Next Meeting**

There was nothing requested at this time, although Cllrs were advised to submit any proposals by early September for inclusion on the next agenda.

Date of next Meeting: **Monday 21st September 2026, at 6.30 p.m.**

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

L Pizer 21st July 2026