

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, April 20th, 2026 at 7.30pm at the East Goscote Village Hall

Present: Cllr A Harris Cllr N Shivers
Cllr R Fazackerley Cllr J Bolton
Cllr R Peberdy
Cllr J Poland PC 1651 Jason Stowell
1 member of the public

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26/001 **Apologies for absence** Cllr L Needham (Chair), Cllr Tate

26/002 **To confirm the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 28th, 2025, were accepted.
as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

26/003 **Matters arising from the minutes:** None.

26/004 **Matters arising from the Police.**

PC 1651 was in attendance and advised that as part of the beat team he has responsibility for 13 towns and villages in the area. The following was raised with PC 1651:

- Team meetings moved to Loughborough, making it difficult for the PCSOs to make early morning visits to the villages
- There are issues with response times – a recent delay of 5 hours
- Incidents at East Goscote over the last few weeks – joyriding at The Warren
- Noise restrictions on cars and cars racing around the area
- Untaxed vehicle
- Parking concerns around Fletchers Way have been raised with the beat team who will be conducting patrols of the area – Cllr Poland to meet with the resident to reconsider whether Highways can install bollards in the area.

Annual figures were extracted by the Clerk from the website Police UK. The number of crimes in East Goscote for 12 months from March 25 – Feb 26 was 82; a reduction of 32% from the previous year (121 crimes).

26/005 **Chair's Report**

The Chair has produced a written report included in everyone's papers.

Some of the issues covered were: -

- Council and Staff
- Planning
- The Snow Warden Scheme
- Community Assets
- The Mound structure

- Action plan 25 - 27
- Flooding in East Goscote
- The Council Website
- Other organisation's working in partnership with the Parish Council
- Next year's projects

The report paid tribute to our County Councillor, MP Mr Argar, and our PCSOs for all their hard work. She also thanked the Council staff team for all their hard work this year.

There were no questions.

26/006

Finance report

The annual report was issued to everyone present, along with information about the precept. The 2026/27 budget would be £101,605.00 with the precept at £82,000.00. This equated to a cost of £87.66 for a Band D property.

Projects for 2026/27 include a new council van, additional storage at the pavilion, an upgraded website and saving towards a new pavilion roof.

The finance report including income and expenditure for year ending March 2025 and March 2026 were also presented to the meeting. The closing balance on March 31st, 2026, was £80,985.38.

There were no questions.

26/007

Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Needham issued a written report. Below is a summary of the full report, which can be found on the website:

- Adoption of the **Charnwood Local Plan (Jan 2026)** strengthens planning, infrastructure, and flooding policies.
- **Redrow Melton Road development** progressing; concerns raised over pedestrian safety, construction traffic, and village impact.
- **Flooding** remains a key issue; East Goscote benefitted from early rollout of flood lockers; pressure continues for stronger drainage action.
- **Local Government Reorganisation** proposals create major uncertainty; concerns raised over loss of local identity and lack of public vote.
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** introduced, providing funding for local infrastructure; higher share linked to Neighbourhood Plans.
- **Housing:** Inspection of council housing completed; ongoing concerns over sheltered housing, including St Peter's Court.
- **Environment and services:** Transition to HVO fuel for refuse vehicles and introduction of weekly food waste collections.
- Ongoing **casework** on traffic, flooding, development impacts, and service access.

26/008

County Councillors Report

Councillor Poland was present at the meeting and read his report out to the public. Below is a summary of the full report, which can be found on the website:

- **Flood prevention focus**
 - Continued work to reduce flood risk after major flooding in January 2025

- **New Flood Warden powers (major achievement)**
 - Led campaign to allow Flood Wardens to **close flooded roads**
 - Trial scheme (“Community Flood Signage Scheme”) launching soon to reduce property damage
- **Watercourse maintenance improvements**
 - Reported blocked section of Queniborough Brook and the Environment Agency cleared the trees.
- **Safety issue at brook pipes**
 - Complex ownership and responsibility issues delayed action. LCC Plan to install permanent fencing and involve Health & Safety Executive
- **Opposition to Leicester City expansion**
 - Campaign against proposed expansion of Leicester into surrounding areas. The County Council officially opposes expansion.
 - Councillor Poland has worked closely with Parish Council, local councillors, and MP and expressed thanks to key contributors and community partners.

The below questions were put to Cllr Poland:

- Issues with City Fibre – Cllr Poland advised he now has a contact which has been shared with the Clerk, who will call to arrange a meeting to discuss the issues in more detail, including the public contact number and health and safety concerns. Cllr Poland offered to join the meeting if helpful.
- Are highways responsible for sinkage of pathways long term – Cllr Poland will clarify.
- The building work at Queniborough resulting in the gullies being full of dust and roads not being swept – Cllrs to send evidence to Cllr Poland to follow up.

26/009

East Goscote Village Hall Update

All members received a copy of the annual report with their agenda.

Details included were:

- Bookings and regular users – there is availability for regular users. A total of 38 occasional bookings were made in 2025.
- This year new windows were installed throughout the hall with a grant from the National Lottery and the Parish Council.
- The table tennis club and bingo sessions are both extremely popular with a great regular group of members.
- In June 2025, a New Age Kurling session was set up on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. A marketing grant of £500 was successfully received from the Active Together ‘Let’s Get Moving’ campaign so it is hoped that this group will grow.
- CPR and defibrillator training was held in September and February.
- In Feb 26 thanks to Local Government funding the hall has had an EV Charging point fitter. At a cost of 52p/kwh it is available for all to use.

Thanks to the committee for working so hard to offer an excellent facility, which is East Goscote Village Hall.

26/010

Matters arising by permission of the Chair.

There are potholes in the precinct car park which require reporting to the landowner. Cllr Poland to action.

The owner of the old doctor's surgery was queried.

Approval of the April accounts would be by the Clerk/Vice Chair and Cllr Shivers, and they would be ratified in May.

All annual reports for 2026 will be featured on the website and some reports are in the next edition of the Long Furrow.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th May 2026 at 6.15pm in the Village Hall.

There are currently three vacancies.

The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

L. Pizer
21st April 2026