

EAST GOSCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**ACTION PLAN:  
April 2025 – March 2026**



Approved by Full Council at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Signed: .....

Chair

Signed: .....

Clerk

East Goscote Parish Council has set out its aims and objectives for the forthcoming year, based on the agreed works to be carried out at its budget planning meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and supplementary council meetings.

**Aim: To provide high quality services and support the needs of the community, while recognising that this is only sustained by ensuring that the resources to do it are available.**

**Status:**

Red – Work Needed

Amber – On Track

Green – Complete

This will be achieved through the following actions during the financial year 2025/26:

Objective	Strategy	Completed By	Budget Heading	Target Completion Date	Evidence / Progress
<b>POLICY AND FINANCE</b>					
Ensure compliance with the law and maintain good financial practices	Complete internal and external audits, and AGAR within required timeframes.	Clerk / RFO, Chair	Admin / Audit / Office	July 2025	AGAR Submitted 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Ensure compliance with the law regarding all meetings of the Parish Council	Agenda summons to be sent to councillors within the required timeframe. Minutes to be signed and kept.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	Admin / Audit / Office	On Going	
Continue to offer training to staff and councillors	Research and book training as appropriate. Training to be completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sexual Harassment – April 2025 for Staff and Councillors</li> <li>Playground Inspections – May 2025 for Caretakers</li> <li>Employer Training and Effective Appraisals – June / September</li> </ul>	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	Training / Councillor Expenses	On Going	*Sexual harassment training carried out by all *Playground inspection training complete *Employer training complete *Manual handling training complete *GDPR and data protection training completed

Ensure all council seats are filled	Recruit new councillors through advertising and co-option. Comply with any election requirement from CBC.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	Admin / Audit / Office	On Going	Leaflets issued at Scout Fete. Advert Summer Edition of Long Furrow. Co-option Sept 25
Ensure the council website remains up to date and compliant with accessibility regulations	Upload documents within a timely manner. Carry out regular accessibility checks; review accessibility statement	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	Website Costs	On Going  October 2025	Accessibility check Oct 25
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b>					
Listen, investigate, and respond to issues identified by parishioners	Opportunity for members of the public to visit the Council Office during opening hours or attend council meetings to raise concerns. Issues raised to be discussed at full council meetings and respond accordingly. If appropriate signpost to the correct person / organisation for resolution / further progression.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Dependant on issue raised	On Going	
Contribute to the production of the village magazine	Annual donation.	Clerk	Long Furrow Production	Feb 2026	
Continue to support the Village Hall as Custodian Trustee	Financial contribution to the charity and sign off the accounts at the end of the financial year.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Chair	Village Hall	May 2025	Vhall Accounts signed off Donations for fire door and hive thermostat
Village Events	Consider an event for the elderly. Purchase Christmas gifts for the library Santa event. Support the Village Hall with an event for VE Day (decorations).	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Village Event	December 2025	VE Day event very successful Elderly event scheduled for Dec 25

Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish	Discuss at full council meetings and respond as appropriate.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	N/A	On Going	
Collaborative Working	Continue to work alongside the Library, Greener Goscote, other local parishes etc. for the benefit of East Goscote.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	N/A	On Going	GG asked for opinion on next priority for Wildlife Audit.
Engage with the community, including parishioners, local businesses, and community groups	Maintain the Parish Council Website. Advertise on noticeboards. Utilise social media as appropriate.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	Website Costs	On Going	
Investigate Electric Vehicle Charging Points	Consider installing charging points for electric vehicles, in conjunction with other authorities e.g. CBC	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Grant Funding	March 2026	VHMC Application to Charnwood for V Hall car park – EV charger fitted 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26
Continue to offer football pitches to various teams.	Manage the 4 football pitches for use by senior and junior teams. Continue to investigate the possibility of a long-term lease.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors, Caretakers	N/A	August 2025 On Going	All Pitches full.
Community Right to Bid	Liaise with CBC regarding the application to apply for a Community Right to Bid for The Plough Pub made in March 2025	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	N/A	March 2026	Application approved
<b>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Maintain, improve, and promote the use of recreation grounds and open spaces	Continue to maintain play equipment, football pitches, etc.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors, Caretakers	Play Equipment, Playing Field Sundry, Mowing Contract	On Going	Safety surfacing to be replaced at the mound. National Lottery grant successful £12,000 works completed 16 <sup>th</sup> March 26
Maintain and improve the Pavilion	Continue to maintain the Pavilion. Investigate costs and grant funding to refurbish the building, including the roof.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Caretakers	Pavilion	On Going	New fire Door fitted Dec 25

Resolve issues with the Mound	Liaise with CBC to resolve the issues with the structure and lease concerning the Mound area.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	N/A	April 2025	Meeting held 17.06.25 Trial holes undertaken Sept 25. Report received Oct 25 – Mound structure stable – no issues identified.
Village Sign	Carry out works to improve the Village Sign	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Contingency	October 2025	Refurbished sign- works completed 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2025
Long Furrow Village Noticeboard	Install a new noticeboard to replace the existing metal board opposite the playing fields on Long Furrow	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Contingency	October 2025	Installed 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Tennis Court	Continue to maintain the Tennis Court. Send membership renewal invitations.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors, Caretakers	Tennis Court	On Going  April 2025	
Council Van	Continue to add funds to replace the Council van	Clerk	New council van (ring fenced)	April 2025	Welding carried out July 25 on current van Mot passed. Funds continue to be ringfenced
<b>BIODIVERSITY</b>					
Encourage Public Engagement	Continue to update the Nature and Wildlife page of the website and utilise social media where appropriate. Offer community events such as guided walks, homes for hibernators, tree planting. Encourage increased walking and cycling within the village.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Apply for Grant Funding for events	On Going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guided walks held on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>New area identified on the playing fields for a wildlife place.</li> </ul>

Continue to offer the Recycling Centre	Working in partnership with Greener Goscote, maintain and promote the recycling centre.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Planting / Environmental Improvements	On Going	Clothing Bank removed November 25. GG to relinquish licences March 25 – recycling area to be closed from April 26
Wildlife Verge	Consider an alternative location for a Wildlife Verge as per the minutes of the September 2024 meeting.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Planting / Environmental Improvements, Spring Bulbs / Flower Beds	March 2026	No alternative location identified.
Continue to monitor new wildflower areas in response to Wildlife Audit	Monitor reduced mowing and wildflower planting at Lilac Way and The Meadows.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors, Caretakers	Planting / Environmental Improvements, Mowing Contract	Review at the end of mowing season.	Seeds and bulbs planted did not come through as expected on existing areas. New area seeds introduced Sept 25
New planting areas	Plant daffodils and crocus on Melton Road.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors, Caretakers	Planting / Environmental Improvements, Spring Bulbs / Flower Beds	October 2025	£100 allocated for October daffodil planting on Melton Road and Weavers Wynd along with new wildlife area
Consider funding Wildlife Audit Recommendations	Work with third parties / other authorities to try to obtain funding for biodiversity projects as suggested in the wildlife audit.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Councillors	Apply for Grant Funding	On Going	GG asked which recommendation to take forward Sep 25 agenda Spinney Canopy thinned Nov 25 Seeds planted wildlife area on playing fields

COMMUNITY RESILENCE					
Install storage container	All equipment for flood and snow wardens to be kept in one secure container, located near to the Parish Office.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Resilience Committee	Grant Funding from CBC	September 2025	Grant received £8495 for flood store and flood snakes. Store fully equipped with resilience equipment
Resilience Facebook Page	Continue to keep residents informed via the Resilience Group Facebook page.	Deputy Clerk as Resilience Group Communications Co-ordinator	N/A	On Going	
Continue to organise beat surgeries	Continue to arrange sessions with the local policing team to hold beat surgeries at the Village Hall and Library.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	N/A	On Going	Beat surgeries regularly held and advertised in the Long Furrow
Promote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Encourage residents to sign up to the East Goscote Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.	Clerk, Deputy Clerk	N/A	On Going	Regular articles in the Long Furrow