

**Minutes of the East Leake Community Action Group held on the 24th October 2019
at 7 pm
East Leake Parish Office**

Present:	Jenny de Villiers Vicenta Rose Lesley Way Carys Thomas Neil Lambert Daniel Lloyd Julie Love Sarah Dickinson Tony Moulton Kevin Shaw	Chair/Parish Councillor/Resident Secretary/Resident (Minutes) Parish Councillor/Rushcliffe Borough Councillor/Resident Parish Councillor/Rushcliffe Borough Councillor/Resident Clerk to the Parish Council Resident Business owner/resident Neighbourhood Watch/Resident Resident Parish Councillor/Rushcliffe Borough Councillor/Resident
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Item Number	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies Apologies received from: Donna Griggs; Conrad Oatey and Jason Billin.	
2	Declarations of Interest None	
3	Minutes of July 2019 Meeting Approved as a true and accurate record. To be uploaded to village website.	Vicenta
4	<p>Matters for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Direction of ELCAG <p>The group was formed 8 years ago now with Jenny as Chair and Vicenta as Secretary from the start. The discussion initiated at the previous meeting about the future direction of the group continued and it was agreed that it was time to continue the good work in another way and to disband this group as it currently stands for the time being. There are other groups and initiatives established in the village that will take forward actions e.g. EL Traders, Tidy Team, Meet Your Village etc.</p> <p>The Parish Council is currently discussing its next 4 year plan and an item for discussion is developing the community aspect of that.</p> <p>The Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/ELCPG/ is well received and Vicenta as admin does her best to post and share items of interest, news etc. and also encourages other members to do the same. It was agreed that this would continue as a Community Group on Facebook.</p>	

	<p>Carys suggested a community “slot” or agenda item at the end of a Parish Council meeting for community organisations to attend and give updates.</p> <p>She also reminded the Group that Borough Councillors have a small community fund that organizations can apply to if they need assistance with a particular item.</p> <p>The Chair expressed her thanks to Vicenta for the invaluable contribution she has played in assisting this Group to be as effective as it has been.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Your Village 2020 Agreed to consult with the “exhibitors” about the value of running another event in 2020. Discussed running two events – one for businesses and one for voluntary organizations to allow more space per exhibitor. For future events, will ask “exhibitors” to get involved with organizing the event. Lesley & Julie to contact the “exhibitors”. • East Leake Market Being led by EL Traders. Looking at Spring 2020 for the first event and likely to be a Friday evening. Potential site has been identified. • Community Rooms Neil has been involved in the meetings about the proposals for the new pavilion on Costock Road. A question has arisen over whether the need for meeting/event space in the village is being met by existing venues or is there scope to develop space at the pavilion. Some funding is targeted purely at sporting facilities so any additional space e.g. for weddings etc. would need to be profitable. At a recent meeting about the pavilion, it was discussed that a survey to assess need and identify potential usage would be valuable and whether the ELCAG would conduct the survey. This is not an option based on the earlier discussion about the future of the Group. Vicenta had already sent Neil details of the company who conducted and analyzed the survey for the Community Plan Group. Vicenta to send Neil the list she has compiled of local venues. Sarah also requested the list as the Neighbourhood Watch Group on Cornflower Way is looking to arrange a residents meeting. 	<p>Lesley & Julie</p> <p>Vicenta</p>
5	<p>Implementing the Action Plan</p> <p><u>Business</u> EL Traders is still thriving with 5 new businesses joining recently. Proud to have a lot of independent businesses in EL and that we have no empty shops currently which is a contrast to other areas. Lucky to still have free parking in the village.</p>	

Where We Live - Planning and Housing

Update from Carys on planning applications:

- 101 houses off Field End Close. This is a resubmission of a previous application that was rejected. Public meeting to be held 5th November organised by the Parish Council.
- 22 houses on Costock Road/Cornflower Way. Public meeting was held 21st October.
- An application to build 14 houses on Brookside has been withdrawn.
- No more news on the Stonebridge Drive development.

Our Surroundings - Environment

No report.

Looking After Ourselves & Each Other - Health and Social Care

Health Centre update from Conrad:

Work has been continuing to prepare a business case for a new health centre. The focus has been on three potential sites, which have been assessed qualitatively and financially. The business case (full costs and benefits) is nearing completion, with one site the clear front runner. The next stage is to await an announcement from HM Government of a Capital Fund against which the project can bid for funding. It is hoped that this will be announced within the next few months, but with the current political uncertainties this is to be confirmed and of course any bid may be unsuccessful. So timescales to start building are impossible to determine.

The preferred site remains confidential because of commercial sensitivity and there is a possibility that it may cease to be available when the time comes.

Future Prospects – Education

Lesley has been in discussions with WEA. They are considering running some more classes in January 2020. The future of WEA's funding is uncertain so they are not able to confirm at the moment. They are hoping to run some language classes. Vicenta had spotted a few classes at the library e.g. chess, Christmas decorations that she had passed onto Lesley. Would be good to get more classes running at the library.

Publicity is an issue.

Carys reminded everyone that the 31st October is the deadline to apply for year 7 places and encourages everyone to put down more than one choice including schools in the catchment area as there is no guarantee people will get their preferred choice.

Our Spare Time - Culture, Leisure and Sport

No new developments to report. The outdoor gym equipment in Meadow Park is being well used.

	<p><u>The Next Generation – Young People</u> No report.</p> <p><u>Getting Around & Staying Safe - Transport and Crime Prevention</u> Sarah Dickinson has taken over as Chair of the EL Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Group from Jenny and was welcomed to the meeting. Community Road Safety has been active again recently and 10 sessions were run recently at various locations around the village including one in Gotham. Really positive feedback from residents and drivers and data collected directly led to the police speed van being on Costock Road twice which made it worthwhile. More local NHW co-ordinators have been recruited recently and Facebook is a good media. Some are very proactive especially on the new estates on Cornflower Way and off Woodgate where there have been issues. Sarah will identify areas in the village where co-ordinators are needed and target those for recruitment. PC Howard Shinn has been very supportive with Community Road Safety and is now taking on a wider community policing role. He is keen to support EL NHW as well as the local beat team.</p>	
6	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> None.</p>	
7	<p><u>Closing words</u> From the Chair. It is very important in a strong community that we listen and understand each other and this Group has followed through on acting upon residents' views. Thanks to everyone for their commitment and enthusiasm. We wish all those working to keep East Leake a great place to live and work every success.</p>	