

COSTOCK PARISH NEWS

March 2019

Litter Pick – Saturday 16th March, 9.30 – 11.30

Please help to improve the appearance of our village. High visibility gilets, pickers and bags will be available from the village hall from 9.30. Coffee and biscuits will be on offer when you return.

This makes a huge difference to our surroundings, please come and do your bit.

Annual Meetings

April is the month for Annual Meetings:

- Wednesday 3rd April 7.00pm – **Annual Church Meeting** in church. This year we have to renew the Electoral Roll, forms are available at the back of church which must be completed even if you are already listed. Any adult who has been baptised is eligible.
- Wednesday 17th April 7.45pm – **Annual Parish Meeting** in the village hall.
- Wednesday 17th April 8.30pm – **Annual Village Hall Meeting** in the village hall.

Parish Council Election

The next round of local elections on May 2nd includes the Parish Council. Please see the extract below from the Rushcliffe Borough council website (rushcliffe.gov.uk)

The Council is keen any individual who has the desire to represent their local area is aware of the ease of the process to stand as a candidate.

To stand as a councillor is straight forward and takes no longer than an hour to complete all the relevant paperwork.

Prospective candidates can now request a nominations pack that will be sent to them in March with all the necessary documents required to stand for election.

To request a nominations pack, prospective candidates need to contact the Elections team either by emailing elections@rushcliffe.gov.uk or calling 0115 914 8515.

Subsequently between **March 18** and 4pm on **April 3**, the following must be submitted to The Returning Officer:

- Nomination Paper
- Home Address Form
- Consent to Nomination
- Certificate of Authorisation if standing on behalf of a registered party

Returning Officer and Council Chief Executive Allen Graham said: “Standing as a parish councillor can see you help change your community for the better.

“Age or experience is not important, you can represent your local area as long as you are over 18. You don’t have to be part of a political party, anyone can stand as an independent candidate.

“If there a particular local issue you wish to influence or feel passionate about, why not stand for election?’ Nomination packs can also be obtained from Mike Elliott, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Play Equipment

The play equipment is looking tired and outdated and will need some maintenance work in the near future. The Parish Council is applying for grants to replace the equipment with something more modern which meets the needs of today’s children as expressed in a recent survey in the school. We will also need to do some fund raising. If anyone has any suggestions for sources of funding or donations please talk to Kath Owen

kath.owen@costock.parish.email or 852974.

Costock Community Cinema

The next films will be A United Kingdom (March 21) and The Children’s Act (May 23).

To book places please contact costockcommunitycinema@gmail.com or Gill Starmer (853254).

What do you think?

Attached to this newsletter is a short questionnaire. Please complete it and return it to Kath Owen, 26 Manor Close or you can e-mail your comments to

kath.owen@costock.parish.email.

Thank you

We welcome your opinions, suggestions and comments

1. How satisfied are you with facilities in Costock?

What improvements would benefit the village?

2. How satisfactory is the village environment?

What improvements are needed?

3. Are there sufficient events in the village?

What other events would you like to see?

4. What improvements would help communication in the village?

**5. What is your opinion about modernising and improving the play area?
What would make it better?**

6. Any other comments or suggestions please.

Please send your comments to Kath Owen, 26 Manor Close or by email to kath.owen@costock.parish.email

Thank you