

Costock Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday January 17, 2018
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)
 Everard Robinson (A) Phil Lilley(A) Mrs Sharon Wilson
 Peter Gordon John Young Michael Mears

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott. Notts County Council Coun. John Cottee and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Reg Adair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Everard Robinson and Phil Lilley.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2017 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk said currently there are discussions ongoing with NALC and the Clerk's Society in regard to the need for the council to appoint a Data Protection Officer to meet the requirements of Law by May 28. There are differing views being expressed by various bodies but it seems the Clerk cannot be appointed to the post and neither can a councillor. We are told the suggested fee for someone to take on the work would be £150.

The new seat of Leake Road is now on order from Glasdon and will be delivered on notice to Coun. Young. Peter James will collect and fit and remove the existing one.

The mud situation from 1 Main Street had somewhat abated after strong action by Notts County Council but the council felt the contractors were not adhering to planning conditions and were causing pedestrians to walk on the highway because they were parking lorries on the pavement. The clerk was to report the position to the Borough Council.

Mr Paul Cairns has offered to speak to the council concerning the pond for the nature reserve. Coun. Robinson was to make the contact when he returned from abroad.

The clerk said there are 510 names on the new electoral list, compared to 498 on the old one.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Cottee reported on the reinstatement by the County Council of the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) and both he and Coun. Adair spoke of the assistance this can give to projects in the villages. Both the visitors forecast increases in the county and borough council tax requirements.

6. DEFIBRILATOR

Coun. Gordon spoke of the VETS system which he hoped would be successful in the operation of the village Defibrillator and was making contact with those people who had originally put their names down as being willing to be part of it. He stressed that the first action of anyone needing assistance was always to ring 999 before calling on the VETS system.

7. VILLAGE HALL

A further film night was planned on February 5.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment have confirmed that PKF Littlejohn LLP are the auditors for Costock if they are needed. If the council income/expenditure is under £25,000 no external audit would be undertaken but they would be the firm to handle any complaints on the accounts.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications --- none

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

17/02531/ful. Cairns Heritage Homes, Highway House, 1 Main Street. Proposed dwelling to plot three (re-design). Refuse.

17/02417/ful Mr Mrs Hoyle, 49 Main Street, first floor rear and side extension over existing ground floor. Grant.

17/02524/ful. Mr Cushian, The Bungalow, Old Main Road. Conservatory on side. Grant.

10. PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing reported.

11. NATURE PARK

It was reported that the pond had now filled up.

12. FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2018-9 Members discussed a report prepared by the clerk and after consideration of it agreed unanimously to seek a precept of £14,500 for the coming 2018-19 financial year. The chairman would submit a n application to the Notts County Council LIS scheme for funding for the provision of a permanent speed sign to be erected on the main street at the crossroads end of the village.

13 WEBSITE

Coun. Wilson was thanked for her input into the establishment of the village website. She said she would welcome assistance with the work. The clerk was asked to make approaches to other site operators to obtain prices for running of the site.

14 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The meeting confirmed litter pick event for March 3. The clerk was to seek provision of the necessary equipment and make arrangements for collection of the litter.

The chairman said plans were in hand for anther Open Day for the village, to take place on Sunday June 24. It was agreed a village newsletter be produced in mid-February

15. QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL There were none.

16. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-20pm.