

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday May 16, 2018
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Councillor John Cottee, Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Reg Adair.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN Coun. Kath Owen was unanimously appointed as chairman and Coun. Everard Robinson as vice chairman.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, There were none
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
5. CLERK'S REPORT
Rushcliffe Borough Council are to launch a scheme to give parish councils 10 native trees. The council were asked to be thinking of sites if they were to take up the offer. There will also be the availability of two trees to residents.
The clerk said a search through the council records in connection with the Data Protection Act had turned up a telegram received from Buckingham Palace in July 1981 thanking the council for their best wishes to Prince Charles and Lady Diana on the occasion of their wedding. The couple had acknowledged the "kind and thoughtful message" which the council had sent them.
6. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Cottee said he had raised the matter of the condition of Chapel Lane and Church Lane and both highways were down to be improved and he would continue seeking action. He would seek a replacement of the damaged village name sign on the A60 road on the Loughborough side of the village.
Coun. Adair said all was working well at the Borough.
7. DEFIBRILATOR
Coun. Gordon said he was still awaiting a tenth person to complete the list of telephone numbers for calling in an emergency.
8. VILLAGE HALL
Retirement of John Collins as chairman was confirmed at the annual meeting. The council chairman had been appointed in his place as head of the Management Committee. She said plans were progressing for the Open Day on June 24.
The council approved purchase of an eight-panel folding display board at £226 from Office Furniture On-line and a coloured presentation board at £29 95 from Baker Ross.
9. CORRESPONDENCE
Coun. John Young in a letter has pointed out the need for the asset list to be updated following the installation of a lifebuoy and an information board in the Nature Park.
Mr John Olivere of East Leake confirmed his web site work appointment for the council and said he would progress in late May or in June on the necessary work.
Rushcliffe Borough Council Local Development Plan Part 2 consultation has been launched and could include new housing at Bunny, Cotgrave, Cropwell Bishop, East Bridgford, Gotham, Keyworth, Radcliffe on Trent, Ruddington and Sutton Bonington.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

18/00985/LBC James Auckland, 21 Chapel Lane. Replace existing single glazed windows with aluminium double glazing. No objection

18/00879 Mr Mrs Tony Cragg, 18 Manor Close. Single storey rear extension, internal alterations, replacement pitched roof to garage, replacement front porch and alterations to fenestration. No objection.

11. PLAYING FIELD

The clerk said Peter James had carried out the repair work to the fence and gate on the playing field and the cleaning work of the slippery surface at the play area.

12. NATURE RESERVE

Coun. Robinson reported that most of the wildflower seeds purchased with grant money have been sown in prepared plots of land. The "Water's Edge" seeds are awaiting some reduction in the level of the water in the pond before sowing.

Plans to complete the initial section of footpath from the stile to the vantage point have been revised and are due to be fulfilled soon. The path around the reserve to be maintained solely by regular mowing is being marked out by the "Friends". Mowing will be arranged in due course.

Water level in the main pond continue to be higher than at any time last year. Up to 18 newts were observed in the latest survey.

The small pond has been examined and the land drain feeding and draining it has been exposed. A working group will be formed to propose a plan to create a viable auxiliary pond.

A second support pole for the lifebelt is to be purchased for use when the level of water in the pond creates a danger of wet feet for potential rescuers in the event of the belt needing to be used in its present position.

The policy to encourage only native British species of plants on the reserve has been circulated to the "Friends".

It is proposed to increase the size of the management group to five with the addition of one more "Friend" thus retaining a majority of three Parish Council members.

The battle to control brambles, aspen suckers and thistles continues.

Coun. Young said here was a need for the council to remind residents that the area was a Nature Reserve and not a village park.

13. FINANCE

A] ACCOUNTS TO PAY were approved as per the circulated list

B] APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT was signed by the chairman after members approved it and the council unanimously approved to AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR 2017-18 which the clerk said had been signed off by the Internal Auditor David Dixon and details of which had been circulated to them by the clerk.

14. WEBSITE

Coun. Wilson said all was progressing well with the website.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The clerk was asked to progress the quote sought from Peter James for work at the Pinfold.

16. DATA PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The clerk produced a Council Member Security Compliance Checklist provided by the Data Protection Officer which members needed individually to complete and sign. It applied to council information they had in their possession or on their personal computers.

17. QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL There were none

18. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT.

Coun. Gordon gave his apologies in advance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-35pm

