

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday January 16, 2019  
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 member Coun. John Cottee and Coun. Reg Adair and one member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES Couns Robinson and Lilley.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

#### 4 CLERK'S REPORT

Flag poles at the hall being taken down by Pete James, hopefully this week. The clerk said the council should not give directly to a school for the Garden Club for the village school. It was agreed to give a grant to the Parent Teachers Association. The equipment for the playing field originally came from Wicksteeds.

The clerk said a report under the title Operation London Bridge was being made available to all councils involving how the death of The Queen would be dealt with from an organisational point of view.

- Following the official announcement of her passing, there will be ten days of state mourning, between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey.
- All councils are being asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags should be flown at half-mast through the ten day of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed when they should be flown at full mast and then the next day returned to half-mast. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral. *The chairman would check on where the operational key for the flag post is kept.*
- Parish councils are asked to compose suitable words for displaying on their website and this should be prepared beforehand. *Coun. Wilson offered to undertake this.* It is suggested the home page of the website should have a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. *The clerk said he had organised this with the website controller.* If pictures of The Queen are displayed in any council used buildings (like village halls) they should have black ribbon placed diagonally across one corner. Such photographs should be removed to another suitable site after one month and then be replaced by a picture of the King.
- The council should organise a Remembrance Book and as well as placing this in a suitable place such as a parish church it should be taken by the council to any local schools or care homes. *The clerk was to organise this.* Once the exercise ends the book needs to be sent to the County Archives office and Buckingham Palace advised of that action.
- The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, taking into account the current trend to carry out such an action when any notable death or tragic accident occurs. *It was agreed the area within the pinfold should be used for this.* All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral.
- Parish churches supported by local councils will be encouraged to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day and local councils are advised to contact their local churches to begin arrangements in advance. *The chairman and the clerk would be involved in the arrangements.*
- The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.
- A similar process will be followed for the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. If both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh pass away in close time proximity to each other, it is highly likely that a full State Funeral of The Queen will proceed and a private service be held at St Georges at Windsor, possibly the same day, for the Duke of Edinburgh.

*The following is a list of ways the council need to be mindful of, with the clerk accepting the duty to confirm them as necessary:*

- + Ensure the flag flying operation is put in place with the flag master being advised in writing of arrangements.
- + Consider where necessary purchase of a flagpole and Union flag.
- + Liaise with the local church in regard to the service for the evening before the funeral day.
- + Consider provision of a central area for floral tributes
- + Prepare the words tribute for the Website and ensure this is sent in advance so the site controller can put this on display on the day of the death. Organise with the same person to display a picture of Her Majesty on the site, that picture being suitably edged in black.
- + Purchase of a Remembrance Book suitably worded on its cover to include the name of the council and to liaise with the local Church or similar body for it to be made available for use by the public and to organise it being taken to places as suggested in the report, and to pre-arrange with those concerned it being accepted.

#### 5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Cottee said the proposal for a Unitary Authority for Nottinghamshire was, at least for the time being, not being progressed. The County Council would be putting out a statement on the position. There had been complaints in regard to car parking problems now the Generous Britain public house was open again. On one occasion an ambulance could not drive down Church Lane. Questions were raised with Coun. Cottee on the need for the village name signs to be at least refurbished. The flashing speed sign was not working correctly and Coun. Gordon said on occasions when he walks along the village main street it flashes telling him to slow down.

#### 6. DEFIBRILATOR

Coun. Gordon said there were no problems to report. He had visited the village pub on whose outside wall it was affixed now that new owners were operating there, and they were happy to continue the current arrangements.

#### 7. VILLAGE HALL

No matters were raised.

#### 8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman commented on the success of the cinema evenings being held in the village hall, saying they were being played before capacity audiences. She also commented on a road closure on Church Lane in February to allow for a gas installation.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

East Leake Parish Council Planning 1802692/Out Field End Close, East Leake, up to 170 houses. The council agreed to object to the application on the grounds the additional traffic it was likely to produce through Costock would add to the existing problems at the A60 crossroads

ROSA report on play equipment. It was agreed the report be copied and sent to Peter James for comment.

Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of their parish council elections on May 2 and asked the council to give publicity to the fact nominations would be required before April 4.

#### 10. PLANNING MATTERS

##### Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

18/02735/ful. Mr Mrs Colington, barn to rear of Brooklyn, Leake Road, convert and change of use of barn to a dwelling house. Do not object.

##### Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

18/01938/ful. FW and MJ Kirk, The Beeches, Wysall Road. Proposed glamping and caravan site consisting of five glamping pods, five caravan pitches, toilet and shower block, parking and access. Grant.

## 11 PLAYING FIELD

Coun. Wilson said the school council had come forward with their suggestions as to the items they would like to see when new equipment was provided on the playing field and these would be considered when choices were being made. Each of the age ranges at the school had come out with the same opinion of the surface treatment, being they wanted to have grass matting.

## 12.NATURE RESERVE

Coun. Young reported the leylandii tree was to be felled although there was opposition to the move. A second seat was required on the site and the clerk was given details of that to order, A sign was needed on the gate to the Park to indicate what visitors were entering. There was an increasing of a dog nuisance in the Reserve.

## 13.FINANCE

a] Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

b] Budget and Precept for 2019-20. Members discussed a report presented by the clerk on proposed expenditure for the coming year. The chairman gave details of suggestions for new play equipment and said it was suggested the cost would be in the region of £44,000. She also pointed out to the meeting there was a possibility of expenditure needed on the village hall water system. If there was an election in May it could cost in the region of £1000. There would be efforts to obtain funding towards the play equipment and the chairman was to submit an application to Notts County Council 's Local Improvement Scheme. It was agreed to make a £250 grant to the Costock School Parent Teacher Association for the purchase a shed to be sited on the school grounds.

After discussion the council unanimously agreed on a precept of £19,500 for the year 2019-2020.

## 14.WEBSITE

There were no problems.

## 15.ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

Speeding traffic was to be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

## 16.QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were none.

17 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT      Speeding traffic.