

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday July 24, 2019
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen
Everard Robinson Mrs Sharon Wilson (A)
Peter Gordon Michael Mears (A) Polly Brant

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Couns Meara and Wilson
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
Coun. Robinson commented on the general aspect of declaring interests by councillors. The clerk was to circulate general notes on the matter.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 19, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

The chairman agreed the next item be brought forward on the agenda.

15. CASUAL VACANCIES

The clerk said the council had two vacancies. The chairman said Polly Brant had expressed a willingness to serve as a member and was happy to propose her be co-opted to the council and this was unanimously agreed.

4. CLERK'S REPORT
RBC Chief Executive Allan Graham had retired. In charge as Interim CEO is Kath Marriott.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
There were no reports.
6. DEFIBRILLATOR
Coun. Gordon said he had checked the unit and there were no problems to report. He said a training day had been arranged with Community Heart Beat for September 3 and had produced a notice for publicising the event. The clerk was to put it on the website.
7. VILLAGE HALL
The chairman said they were planning to have a clear out of rubbish that accumulates at the hall and were also still working on a possible scheme to update the toilets and bar
8. CORRESPONDENCE
Midlands Rural Housing re village survey wrote suggesting another housing survey was required. It was agreed to invite the office from the organisation to the October meeting of the council.

Rushcliffe Borough Council tree scheme or 2019-20 information was received, with an offer of ten free trees to the council and two free trees to residents. The clerk was to check with the Council Tree Warden Nicole Bourke on her thoughts and to publicise the availability of the trees to the residents.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications:
19/01473/FUL. 3 Algar Close , convert garage loft space to storage space, insert two velux windows into rear elevation of the garage and insert window into side elevation of the garage. Members were asked to look at the plans on line.

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/01046/ful. Mr Mrs Baddeley, Four Winds, Ash Lane. Demolish existing house and replace with new one. Grant

10. PLAYING FIELD

The school have given confirmation re the cutting of the grass during the summer holiday.

The chairman said the council had been awarded £10,500 in grant form by Notts County Council for the play equipment scheme. She had also made an application for support from the National Lottery and was to make one to WREN shortly.

The clerk was to obtain confirmation of the lease held by the council from Notts County Council for the playing field.

Coun. Gordon put forward a suggestion for a fund raising effort from the village to help meet the cost of the improvement scheme on play equipment.

11. NATURE RESERVE

Coun. Everard Robinson said they currently had no problems to report. There was strong evidence of Newts in the ponds. He was to organise a survey on general wildlife in the village and would be putting out suggested details in the next newsletter.

12. FINANCE --ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT were approved as per the circulated list

13. WEBSITE

The clerk said all seemed well with the website.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The clerk was to contact Peter James to ask when the work on the cutting back of the bushes and trees at the Pinfold was to be done.

The chairman said some work had been carried out on Main Street at the property where an overhanging bush was impeding the passage on the path but not sufficiently to totally clear the route.

15. CASUAL VACANCIES had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

16. QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

The meeting was reminded that Notts County Council member Coun. Reg Adair had said he had £200 available to give the council as a grant. Coun. Gordon said the village road sign on the Rempstone side on Loughborough Road was still damaged. The clerk said this was a County Council matter and he was to advise them again of it and not the source for help from Coun. Adair.

17. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT
Cllrs Gordon and Brant gave apologies in advance for this meeting. The clerk was given the power to change the date if necessary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.