

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday October 16,  
2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott

Before the start of the meeting Emma Simkins from Midlands Rural Housing and Elizabeth Beardsley from Rushcliffe Borough Council addressed the meeting on the question of organising a Housing Needs Survey for Costock. While the parish council were asked to support the proposals, the work for it was carried by the two bodies and no expenditure fell on the parish. There had been a survey undertaken in 2009 and one in 2013 and the result of the most recent was discussed. The results of a survey are valid for five years and so to keep in line with present day requirements one was due again.

Mrs Simkins said their surveys are designed to establish the local housing needs, both affordable and open market, of people who live, work or have other strong connections to individual parishes. The survey is carried out independently and follows procedures recognised by the Homes and Communities Agency and the local authority. Its contents are presented to the parish council for its approval before circulation to every home in the village. Residents are provided with a pre-paid envelope to use to send in their comments.

The survey will help to establish, if there is a need found, whether the village requires for example, affordable family homes, bungalows for elderly residents or first-time buyer properties or a mix of them to support the villages future sustainability.

The council agreed to support the survey.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, Coun. Polly Brant

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4 CLERK'S REPORT

Peter James has been asked to tend to the situation of the tree and hedge adjacent to The Pinfold and would carry out the necessary work.

5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There were no reports. Coun. Cottee had given an apology.

6 DEFIBRILLATOR

Coun. Gordon said he had checked the defibrillator unit and it was in order.

7. VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said the hall use continued to be good. There were no problems to report.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of their availability to support obtaining court injunctions to prevent unauthorised access to land by travellers. The council felt currently they had no requirements for use of the service.

Streetwise advised of a change of address from West Bridgford to Bingham.

RMS Sports Consultants wrote in regard to establishment of parish plans. It was felt the council would be in a better position to consider this after the intended housing survey.

## 9 PLANNING MATTERS

### Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

19/02124/ful. Julie Blott, 10 Old Main Road, single storey rear extension to form annex, single story side extension and repositioning of door to main house. No objection

19/02276/ful. J Hallam, Croft Barn, Old Melton Road. Erect single storey dwelling with change of use of land to residential curtilage, resubmission. No objection but concerns expressed at the suitability of access to the site and questioned if the driveway was of sufficient size to cater for use by three vehicles.

### Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/00177/CON Are Jeannette Hull, Wayside, Old Main Road. Fell 3 Leylandii trees. Permit.

## 10. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman reported the necessary application for funding had been submitted to WREN. There was a need for Notts County Council to confirm the lease for use of the site by the parish council before the funding body would consider the application. The clerk was asked to progress the matter with the County. Coun. Wilson said there had been a survey carried out at the village school for children to express their opinions on favourite types of equipment to be provided.

## 11 NATURE RESERVE

Coun. Robinson reported the whole Reserve area was of course very wet following the heavy rain downpours that had been experienced recently and the pond had been overflowing. There were however no major problems. The grass cutting had been cleared.

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

## 13. WEBSITE

Coun. Wilson said she would over the next couple of months and give time to further the usefulness of the site by looking to add additional information to it. The chairman said she would like to see more visitors to look at the information that was available there.

## 14. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The chairman said she had booked the use of the village hall for May 7, 8 and 9 next year to cover requirements for VE75 Day events if the weather was unkind. She said it was planned to have a newsletter in January when they could ask for expressions of interest from people in the village to be part of the organising group of the weekend in question. The school has been approached said Coun. Wilson and were very willing to be part of the activities. It was suggested a film show be organised for May 8, showing a suitable film from the time of the ending of WW2 in 1945.

## 15. CASUAL VACANCIES

The meeting was told there had been a nomination for Mr John Finney of 9 Old Main Road to be co-opted to the council. Mr Finney had supplied some details of his experience and his willingness to take the vacant position. The council unanimously approved his co-option.

## 16. QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were none

## 17. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT. VE75 Day.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.