

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday November  
20, 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council member Coun. John Cottee

The chairman welcomed Cllr John Finney to his first meeting and thanked him for putting his name forward for co-option.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Sharon Wilson (unwell).
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after the property name Old Melton Road was changed to Old Main Road.
4. CLERK'S REPORT  
The clerk said he had not heard further in regard to the proposed Housing Needs survey and would follow the matter up.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Coun. Cottee spoke on the way the General Election on December 12 was affecting their work and said the launch of the new Local Improvement Scheme was being delayed because of it until January. The recent continuous heavy rainfalls had created a serious flooding situation and the County Council had worked hard round the clock to deal with individual instances where properties had been directly affected. There had been at least one property in the parish where flooding had occurred.  
The county was to present a detailed report on the question of flooding throughout their area.  
Comment was made on drivers who drove through flood waters on the local roads, causing waves to be pushed against road side property, and a plea was made for them to be more considerate and only negotiate such areas at a very low speed.  
Coun. Robinson said he had worked for over four hours with a water pump to remove the flood water on Church Lane. Coun. Gordon showed a video on the flooded main road through the village on the Thursday night before the meeting. It was accepted that the rainfall had been exceptional.
6. DEFIBRILLATOR  
Coun. Gordon said he had checked the unit and all was in order.
7. VILLAGE HALL  
Coun. Owen said there was nothing to report.
8. CORRESPONDENCE  
Rushcliffe Borough Council planning enforcement officer Gary Langstaff re flooding commented on a suggestion new housing development in the village has created a problem with flooding but said the four properties on Main Road concerned each had garden soakaways and there had been no breach of planning and therefore he could not investigate further.  
Rushcliffe Borough Council had announced the establishment of its Root Fund 2019 following the recent Parish Forum when Mary Clear from the incredible edible Todmorden initiative had presented a report on behalf of her area in which she had explained many initiatives that had been introduced to create self supporting groups to provide food growing projects available to all their local residents. While the council applauded the idea, they felt there was no suitable site in the village for such a scheme.  
Rushcliffe Borough Council were progressing with new consolidated parking regulations scheme, affecting West Bridgford and the larger villages including East Leake

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

19/02276/ful. Croft Barn Old Main Road Costock

Erection of single storey dwelling and change of use of land to residential curtilage (resubmission). The chairman would look at the on-line plans.

19/02363/CLUPRD Application for certificate of lawfulness for change of use from dwelling to care home.  
11 Manor Close Costock Withdrawn

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/02033/ful. Simon Hulett, 5 Church Lane, Costock. Remove existing hedgerow and erect new boundary wall to front of dwelling. Refuse.

19/01559/TPO Bunny Hill Farm, Bunny Hill Top. Fell 2 Ash, 2 Oak and 1 Elm tree. Grant

19./02070/Ful Roy Baddeley, Four Winds, Ash Lane. Alter existing vehicular entrance, including erecting walls and pillars. Grant.

19/01836/ful. Mrs Lyon, The Old Rectory, Chapel Lane. Erect wooden stable block, including tack room and hay store. Grant.

## 10. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman presented a fully detailed report on the Play Equipment project and said funding applications were continuing. The whole project is likely to cost in the region £45,000 with the end result presenting a modern, bright and safe play environment for local children which would meet the needs expressed by children in the village through the school survey that had been undertaken.

Coun. Mrs Owen said so far the council had £30,500 towards the cost, being £10,500 from the Local Community Fund, £10,500 from Notts County Council LIS funding and £10,000 from its own precept income for 2019-20. A further application was currently being made to WREN. The chairman said the council had asked Solicitor Ian Torr to deal with the situation of the new lease being provided by Notts County Council.

The council approved authorisation being given to the chairman to sign and submit the funding application, the Clerk to be the other named contact on the application, the Third Party funding donation required by CCF being paid by the parish council – expected to be in the sum of £1612.50—and the acceptance of the maintenance plan for the overall project.

Coun. Mrs Owen said there will be a Village Breakfast on January 25 from 9-30 to 11-30 organised by the village hall management committee to raise funds for the new play equipment. A letter is going to all businesses in the village appealing for support.

Coun. Cottee said he should be able to make a £200 donation from his community fund and hopefully Coun. Adair, who had given an apology for not being able to attend the meeting, would be able to help as well.

## 11. NATURE RESERVE

Cllr Robinson said the overflow system at the Pond appeared to be working well. Five trees from the Woodland Trust were to be planted on November 30. He would prepare a paper for the clerk to display on the village website.

## 12. FINANCE

--Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list

--Budget / Precept for 2020-2021. Members discussed a report presented by the clerk giving estimated funding requirements for 2020-2021. It was felt the council should repeat the same figure as applied to the current year and it was unanimously agreed to seek a precept of £19,500

## 13. WEBSITE

The site was functioning well and there had been no problems. A letter had been received from a resident in Rempstone in regard to a picture of the playgroup appearing on the site which included her daughter. She said permission had not been sought for this. The chairman would reply as the original letter had been sent to her.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS including VE75 DAY

The chairman said plans were in hand for a film show to be given in the village hall on the middle of the three days being set aside to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VEDay signing on May 8 1945. The parochial church council are also planning to be involved and would hold a service on the Friday evening May 8 as well as arranging for the church bell to be rung as it would have been the same bell 75 years ago. Coun. Mrs Owen said she had booked the use of the village hall for each of the three days in May, 8, 9 and 10.

The question of the wartime pillbox at the Grange was raised, suggesting it might be incorporated into the weekend events.

Coun. Gordon raised the question of the minute size of the replacement village name sign on the A60 road approaching from the direction of Loughborough. Coun. Cottee said he would investigate the matter. He said it was so small it was hardly possible for a passing motorist to read it.

15. QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Coun. Robinson raised a question of trees with preservation orders on, that they should be replaced when planning permission was given for any in the village to be cut down because of their condition.

16. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15, 2020 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT:  
VE75Day. Playing Field equipment scheme.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-50pm.