

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on  
Wednesday January 15, 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE the Clerk, Mike Elliott, Coun. Michael Mears, Coun. Cottee, Coun. Adair
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2019 were read, approved and signed off by the chairman.
4. CLERK'S REPORT  
The clerk had nothing to report, however a matter outstanding relating to street lighting would be raised with John Cottee when he returns.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
Nothing to report, Coun. Cottee & Coun Adair have given apologies
6. DEFIBRILLATOR  
Nothing to report
7. VILLAGE HALL  
Nothing to report.
8. CINEMA  
It was reported by the chairman that the cinema is doing well and forty seats are sold for the next show. At least one film has been organised for the V.E. day weekend celebrations. Coun. Brant said contact had been made with the school regarding the possibility of some of the films and this was being looked at with a view to the October half term.
9. CORRESPONDENCE  
The chairman is already talking with Jenny Kirkwood Notts County Council local improvement scheme about existing application.  
A precied version of a letter from the Conservation Strategy Implementation Group at Notts CC relating to grass cutting was explained by Coun. Robinson. Basically the proposal was to reduce grass cutting and to encourage the return of wild flowers and suggestions as to where this could be carried out without causing danger. It was suggested that the Pinfold would be a good place and that Peter James is spoken to for advice. Local people may also have ideas and Coun. Robinson is to talk with Simon and Rachel Collington about the north side of the Costock/East Leake Road verge.  
Comment was passed about some of the footpaths locally becoming overgrown. This is to be looked into as Rushcliffe Borough Council have a special machine for dealing with this.  
It was believed 24 poppies had been ordered but this needs to be confirmed with the clerk on his return.  
The stat counts for the website was reviewed, 128 hits in total.
10. PLANNING MATTERS  
Rushcliffe Borough Council applications  
The Council were unanimous in their opinion that retrospective planning permission applications are being misused to enable people to do almost as they please and then force planning permission to be granted. The council are not in agreement with this approach and feel something should be done about it.

Parklands – a case in point. The chairman is to object to this proposal and to the fact that the terms of the original application are not being adhered to. This objection has to be in by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and so was going to be dealt with immediately.

Fairview (Mr Valentine) – No objection

Farm buildings Wysall Road (Mr Oldham) – No objection

Land to the East of Old Main Road Costock (Mr Hawkins) – the council feel that the original permission should be complied with. An increase of 0.8 of a metre could be obtrusive and the proposed change to the proposed materials could spoil the aesthetics of the building, something referred to in the original application.

Croft Barn (Mr J Hallam) – this application has been permitted

Concern was raised by Polly Brant concerning the flood water coming from the field/ditch on Loughborough Road and via the new development out on to Main Street Costock. She pointed out some sort of manhole in the new development (which was open to the Loughborough Road side) where this water was overflowing. This has also been pointed out by a resident to John Finney, who was also going to raise this matter.

The Chairman is going to talk to John Cottee about this and the possibility of a culvert or ditch being blocked somewhere around the crossroads area.

#### 11. PLAYING FIELD

The Chairman is to contact solicitors re the lease etc. A thank you was expressed by all the council members to Champions for their recent donation of £500.

The recently completed report on the condition of the play equipment was reviewed and their recommendation taken on board.

#### 12. NATURE RESERVE

Everard reported that all the trees recently received from the local authority had been planted, but that the exceptional amount of rain recently was not helping the reserve.

#### 13. FINANCE

Accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list.

The local precept has been decided and an amount set aside for new play equipment showed the finances to be looking good.

All accounts received were settled and countersigned by various members.

#### 14. WEBSITE

This and access to it, to be reviewed.

#### 15. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS including VE75 DAY

Proposals: - street party, Church service and supper, film in village hall.

Any more ideas and help welcome

Fundraisers – to help raise funds for the play equipment, 2 events are being held.

1) Breakfast at the village hall on 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 – 11.30

2) A meal at the Generous Britain in Costock organised by Peter Gordon on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets from Peter on [fam.gordon@btinternet.com](mailto:fam.gordon@btinternet.com). £20 each, 2 courses plus first drink free.

Village sign – at the top of the hill on Loughborough Road coming from Loughborough direction. Coun. Owen to talk to John Cottee about a better replacement.

#### 17. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19th 2020 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT: VE75Day. Playing Field equipment scheme.

Apologies from Coun. Kath Owen already received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm