

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday February 19, 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott and Notts County Council – Rushcliffe Borough Council member Cllr Reg Adair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Kath Owen, Polly Brant.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on January 15, 2020 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
4. CLERK'S REPORT  
 The clerk said the 24 poppies asked for by the council had been ordered and received.
5. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
 Continuing problems of flooding were outlined by Coun. Adair who said many parts of Nottinghamshire were affected. He said the County Council had established a fund from which those residents affected by flooding of their properties could seek help. He said if the council submitted a request to him for funding from his Rushcliffe Borough Council community fund he would be able to allocate £200 to them for their new equipment appeal for the playing field. He suggested a request also be sent to Coun. John Cottee as well.
6. DEFIBRILLATOR  
 Coun. Gordon said he had checked the unit and all was in order. He had placed an order for replacement pads for the unit. A report was given to the meeting by Coun. Gordon in respect of the dinner he was organising at the Generous Briton to raise funds for the playing equipment fund. He said he had sold 43 tickets and was hoping to raise £400. He also reported a blocked culvert on the west side of Church Lane. He was looking for more donors for the appeal. The clerk was asked to seek comment from East Leake parish council as to whether Costock could approach the Town Lands trust in the neighbouring parish for financial support.
7. VILLAGE HALL  
 Nothing was raised.
8. CORRESPONDENCE  
 Advance notice of public consultation on the Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Local Plan Issues and Options document. The clerk said a new tip was planned to replace the one now closed at Langar but no information had been given as to where this is to be.  
 Notts County Council leader Coun. Kay Cutts highlighted the MyNotts App which was now available, urging residents to make use of it from their mobile phones.  
 Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of their consultations of its Consolidated Parking Order. There was no land they owned in the parish that was affected but it could involve land at East Leake.  
 NALC advised of a new Electricity Bill currently being considered and which if it becomes law would empower local communities to sell local generated clean energy directly to local customers. NALC said the bill has the support of 115 MPs. The council took no decision on the matter.  
 Notts County Council advised of consultations on their Minerals Local Plan, saying that shortly an independent Inspector will hold round-table hearings in public to discuss specific issues.
9. PLANNING MATTERS

**Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications**

19/02796/ful. Brook Furlong Farm, Costock Road, East Leake and 19/02205/ful, land east of Cornflower Way, Costock Road, East Leake. The council express strong concerns on the effect of traffic through the parish of Costock, causing even more congestion at the Main Road / Loughborough Road junction.

19/02943/VAR Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref 18/00423/FUL to allow changes to approved house design.

Mr S Fletcher: 24 Chapel Lane No objection

19/02675/DISCON Discharge of condition 3 (landscaping scheme) and condition 7 (external security lighting/ floodlighting) of planning permission.

19/00395/FUL. Parkland Motors The Parklands Loughborough Road  
 Support the enforcement action being taken by RBC

20/00250/FUL The change of use and conversion of a former equestrian building to a single dwelling. Mr A Cook New Wood Barn Ash Lane Costock. No objection  
 19/02702/FUL Retrospective planning permission for the retention of timber and steel structures to rear of the property Parkland Motors Loughborough Road.

### **Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions**

19/02124/FUL Single storey rear extension to form annex, single storey side extension and repositioning of door to the main house. Julia Blott: 10 Old Main Road Costock PERMISSION GRANTED  
 19/02575/VAR Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/01625/FUL to allow change of plans. Darren Hawkins: Land East Of Old Main Road Costock PERMISSION GRANTED  
 20/00067/AGRIC General Purpose Agricultural Building. Separated into two sections - Hay /Straw Barn & Grain Store. Mr Chris Oldham: Nouvelle Farm Wysall Road Costock PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

#### 10. PLAYING FIELD

The chairman presented a written 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 stated the village hall management committee are organising a Village Breakfast on January 25 from 9-30 to 11-30 by to raise funds for the new play equipment. A letter is going to all businesses in the village appealing for support.

#### 11. NATURE RESERVE

Coun. Robinson said all seemed well with the Reserve. It had obviously been affected by the recent continuous rain but overall there were no serious problems. There were plans to install bat boxes onsite.

#### 12. FINANCE

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

#### 13. WEBSITE

The site was functioning well and there had been no problems. Coun. Wilson said there was no further update to give.

#### 14. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS including VE75 DAY

The chairman's report said plans were progressing for the 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 starting on May 8 2020. 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 those 75 years ago.

Coun. Owen's report also raised the matter of the state of both Church and Chapel Lanes and the concerns on the 'open drain' adjacent to the bus stop on the A60 roads travelling north. The matter of the village name sign on Loughborough Road was raised again.

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 said a question of trees being 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 MARCH 18, 2020 AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR IT: VE75Day. Playing Field equipment scheme.

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