

Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday September 16, 2020 by ZOOM at 7.30pm

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott

Because of the coronavirus pandemic rules the meeting was held making use of the ZOOM online system as face to face meetings were not permitted.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Robinson
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD OF JUNE 17, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when convenient.
4. CLERK'S REPORT
 NALC and SLCC continue to not support face to face meetings for parish councils and so it is recommended the October one is by Zoom again.
5. VERBAL REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
 There was no report
6. FINANCE
 accounts for payment were approved as per the circulated list

a. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Pete Pearson of Bunny advised the council of the move that has been made to name Ash Lane at Costock as being a Private road. The Bunny to East Leake footpath crosses it at one point. Mr Pearson said if the private road standing became operable it would mean pedestrians could not go down it to join the footpath to East Leake. The clerk said the matter was to be discussed by the parish council at Bunny the following day. The meeting agreed the council did not accept the move to make Ash Lane a private road. Website figures for August 2020 showed there had been 115 unique visitors to it and 82 first time visits. Visitors has come from Canada, Denmark, USA, Nigeria, China, France, Israel and UK.

A survey taken by Midlands Rural Housing in Costock on housing requirements had shown a need for five affordable homes in the village, being 1 x 3 bed house for renting, 3 x 2 bed and 1 x 2 bed bungalow for shared ownership. There is a need also for three open market homes.

NatWest Bank revealed decreasing interest rates on business reserves from 0.20 to 0.01 per cent. The clerk said four of his other councils has received information from the Bank that it would help towards it making a switch to another bank if it wished to leave NatWest, with the new receiving bank making a payment to the council of £1500. The clerk said the present bank did not make any charge on the council for the services it gave, and a spokesman for them told him there were no plans to change the current position.

Nottingham County Council unitary authority proposals were being objected to by Rushcliffe Borough Council and while the parish council decided it should wait to make a decision it did not feel strongly against a move.

Local Government in Nottinghamshire: Comments from seven district councils and Nottingham City Council, objecting to plans by Nottingham County Council to change to a single unitary authority. The council agreed to support the group of councils in being opposed to the County proposals

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan proposals were currently being considered and while there appeared to be no direct effect on Costock the council were to wait for the second round of consultations before making a firm decision.

The council were told of another free tree offer by Rushcliffe Borough Council, with ten trees being available for the parish to have. The chairman would approach a representative of the nature park to see if they had need for them. All local residents were being offered two free trees under the scheme.

7. PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/01439/ful. Mrs S Hunter, 22 Manor Close. Erect single storey rear pitched roof extension and raised rear patio. Grant.

20/01124/VAR Darren Hawkins, land east of Old Main Road. Variation of condition 3 from planning permission 15/01625/ful to allow change in materials. Grant

20/200250/ful. A Cook, New Wood Barn, Ash Lane. Change of use and conversion of former equestrian building to single dwelling. Grant.

8. OTHER URGENT COUNCIL MATTERS

The chairman said she understood Notts County Council were planning to resurface both Church and Chape Lane early in October.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 28

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.