

## Notes from a meeting held on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 at Costock Village Hall

**Present:** Cllor John Cottee, Laura Trusler, Jim Freeman from Nottinghamshire County Council / VIA, members of Costock Parish Council, around 45 parishioners.

Laura explained that work has been taking place in Costock over the last 2 years including work to rectify drainage in Church Lane where the outflow goes onto private land where assistance has been given to clear a ditch to enable water to flow away.

Since storm Babette funding has been invested in clearing and cleansing drains, more funding has been allocated for additional works and target areas include Costock. This work has already started and the contractors will be in the village for the rest of this week to complete investigations.

The rainwater gully outside 11 Church Lane will be done this financial year.

There is an issue with the outfall at the junction of Church and Chapel Lanes which causes a back up when there is a deluge. Following floods in 2012 local residents were told that a drain had collapsed. This is no longer the case but there may be tree roots in the pipes and there is a capacity issue in the outflow.

Algar Close is an ongoing issue involving the developers, it is thought that there is concrete in the drain and that some connections are incorrect – a camera investigation will be done. Legal recourse will be taken if possible to seek a funding contribution from the developer.

There is a broken rainwater pipe outside the GB and on the opposite side of Main Street. It is hoped that both will be sorted this financial year.

NCC will serve notice on landowners to clear their ditches. Where there are questions about ownership, land registry documents will be used. Areas include along the A60 and fields to the south of the village.

Gables Farm Drive suffered standing water on the street for the first time recently.

Millers Lane has water bubbling around the gate posts at the entrance to the playing field.

There is a broken pipe outside Woodroffes Barn which has been marked for 2 years. It was thought that the notation NR indicated non runner.

The cleansing team had informed Fiona Greenwood that the drains should be cleaned 2/3 times per year. The current NCC policy is once per year with reactions from an in house team when reports are made. It is suggested that the policy should be changed but there is a finite number of inspectors available to do the work.

In response to a question about the appointment of contractors. It was stated that it goes out to tender and this has taken place very recently. They are measured on outcomes and key performance indicators based on gullies per postcode per area.

Cllor Peter Gordon reported that a flood signage scheme for the village has been approved subject to the 10 volunteers attending a training session next week.

David Greenwood reported that the questionnaire would end today. He has had a 57% response.

The Chairman thanked people for their attendance especially the people from NCC/VIA.

Kath Owen  
30.01.24

Following this meeting David has done a summary of the questionnaire which is available from him or from Kath Owen.

Callum Smith from the NCC Flood Team will be attending the next Parish Council Meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm