

Costock Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on 20 March 2024, in the Village Hall, Costock at 7.00pm

Parishioners were welcome to attend in person – approx. 20 parishioners attended.

Summary of discussions:-

Flooding - The Parish Council has received a long report from the County Council detailing the work that has been done in the village following the recent flooding and the work that is planned to be done. The report will be put on the Parish Council website and included in the next newsletter. The work is scheduled to start on 20 May 2024 and to last for approx. 3 weeks.

The report does not mention Miller's Lane and Gables End Farm, but the Parish Council can raise this once the other work in the village is done.

There is a meeting planned for this week with Callum Smith and some of the residents on Main Street to discuss the flooding from the fields leading down to Main Street.

There is concern about the effect on the Brook from the proposed Old Wood Energy solar farm. One report, included in the planning permission documents, states that the solar panels will need to be built higher because of flooding concerns and that the water from the solar farm will discharge into the Brook but says nothing about impact of this nor how this would be mitigated given that there are already issues with the Brook flooding without the solar park having been constructed.

15 people have volunteered to be flood wardens. They have received training from Notts County Council, will be provided with flood signs and will be allowed to close sections of Main Street and Wysall Lane should this be required in times of flooding.

Lorries - Concerns were raised about the increase in HGVs through the village. This is apparently due to the upgrading work to the sewage works in East Leake (it has been observed that 8-10 lorries an hour leave the site with approx. a third coming through Costock). Cllr Edyvean explained that the original plan was that the whole sewage system between East Leake and Willoughby would be upgraded but this appears to be being delayed currently.

Action: Clerk to find out the weight limit and extent of the weight limit on Main Street.

Old Main Road layby littering - Streetwise have been to clear the litter here but have been unable to clear the ditch as it currently has too much water in it. They will do this later in the year. It was queried by parishioners whether the layby could be rewilded to prevent people stopping there and littering. This has been asked for in the past but the Parish Council were told the layby was required as it is the only available parking on this stretch of road and had to remain. The Parish Council will ask again.

Action: Clerk to enquire about rewilding the layby

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1. To receive and approve apologies for Absence

Cllr John Cottee gave his apologies

2. To record Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair

4. Clerk's Report

Additional street lamp request for Main Street - this has been deemed as not required by the Council. The Councillors strongly disagreed with this assessment - the suggested site is very near the school and the pavement is bad here making it the pavement very difficult to negotiate in the dark.

Action: Clerk to ask Cllr Cottee to lobby further on this

DEFRA grant for Village Hall ceiling work / insulation - Decided it should be the Parish Council, not Village Hall Committee that needed to apply

Action: Clerk to double check grant can be applied for by Parish Council

Payroll calculations - Under new rules, David Dixon our current accountant, is no longer able to do this work on behalf of the Clerk as he is our internal auditor. The Parish Council agreed that A Girling in Ruddington can do this work from now on

Action: Clerk to instruct A Girling

King's portrait - this has been ordered

5. Verbal report from the Borough

The Borough Council have commissioned ARUP to prepare a report on the impact and location of solar farms in the Borough to help them with planning decisions. The report is due at the end of March and may therefore have an impact on the planning permission for solar sites close to Costock.

The Bunny Aggregate recycling plant request for variation in their planning consent to increase the number of vehicle movements allowed - the Borough Council will be consulted on this because of the effect on highways.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk has not heard anything further regarding the suggestion to move the refuse bin to outside the bus shelter on the A60

Action: Clerk to chase

PKF have informed us that Costock has been selected for an intermediate review re audit of the Council.

7. Flooding

See above for matters raised in the public forum

The Council agreed that it would purchase 2 storage boxes for the flood signage

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the village is to be given. One to be located at the Village Hall and one on a parishioner's frontage on Wysall Road.

Councillor Gordon has researched these boxes and the Council agreed to purchase 2 of the ones he has selected as having the right requirements and best price.

Action: Clerk to purchase 2 storage boxes and 2 combination padlocks

8. Planning Matters

The Clerk explained that some planning consultations for January 2024 were not received by her. This is being investigated by Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Clerk but the Clerk will now manually check regularly to ensure all applications are known about by the Council.

Reference Number: 24/00161/FUL

Applicant: Andrew Mott

Development: Construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a renewable energy park comprising ground mounted Solar PV with co-located battery energy storage system (BESS) at the point of connection, together with associated infrastructure, access, landscaping and cabling.

Location: Land West Of Bradmore Road And North Of Wysall Road Land West Of Wysall Wysall

Date for comments 21 March 2024

As it was hard to judge a consensus of opinion from the village at the open village meeting, regarding this application, the Council decided that they will comment as follows on this application but not object:-

- concerns about the combined size of this site and the neighbouring site which already has planning permission
- the excess water that will flow into the Brook from the site, as the area for drainage will be decreased by the concrete pads for the panels, when the Brook is often flooding anyway
- the increased traffic during construction, particularly on roads not designed for 2 HGVs to pass each other

Action: Chair to draft comments and Clerk to file with Rushcliffe Borough Council

Applicant: Mr Wayne Thompson

Proposed Development: Vary conditions 9, 15, 20, 31 and 32 of permission 8/20/01279/CMA to allow an increase to the annual tonnage of materials and the number of HGV movements (Conditions 31 and 32), amended operating hours and plant (Condition 9), an updated Dust Management Plan (Condition 20) and revised noise restrictions to cover the updated operating hours (Condition 15)

Location: Bunny Materials Recycling Facility, Loughborough Road, Bunny, NG11 6QN

Date for Comments 28 March 2024

The Parish Council had not been consulted about this application but were informed about it by a resident. The Parish Council voted to strongly object to this application due to the very large increase in HGVs which will pass through the village if granted, seven days a week, including bank holidays due to the impact (noise and

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environmental) and risk to road safety this would have on the village.

Action: Clerk to file objection to Nottinghamshire County Council

Cllr Edyvean left 8.45pm

9. Playing Field and Equipment

- (a) Update on obtaining Inspection Report for playground equipment, including zip line - this happening this week

Action: Clerk to check they will repair the swing

- (b) Monthly risk assessment report

Someone had cut the cable ties securing the broken swing

The steps on the rocking horse have rotted and are broken

The grass around the play equipment is very long

One of spinning bowls is filling with water

Action:

- Clerk to check KOMPAN will fix the swing at inspection

- Clerk to get grass cut around play equipment and ask if they have any chippings which could be used where the entrance to park from Millers Lane as it is very boggy there

- Clerk to get rocking horse fixed (Cllr McGowan will provide contact details)

- Cllr McGowan to try and unblock outlet for spinning bowl

10. Environment

- (a) Progress on moving 30mph sign on Leake Road

Nothing further heard

Action: Clerk to chase

- (b) Progress on village's request to be added to On Demand Bus route

Apparently have been added to the list for this

- (c) Update on progress to move bin on A60 to outside the bus shelter

Nothing further heard

Action: Clerk to chase

- (d) Update on progress to have rubbish in layby on Old Main Road dealt with

See above

- (e) Discuss whether to get village gateway signs for the village

Action:

Clerk to research if any available grants

Put on agenda for Annual Parish Meeting to try and establish public opinion

11. Solar Farm

- (a) Decide on whether to comment on the Solar Farm application at Wood Farm and what to include in comments if any to be made

See planning above

12. Nature Reserve

The chippings needed have been delivered
 Cllr McGowan will be doing the risk assessment and will pass on to the Clerk

13. Village Hall

(a) Decide on whether to apply for grant towards repairing / improving village hall ceiling and insulation

This will be added to the agenda for May to discuss further

(b) it has been agreed that a storage box for flood signage could be placed outside the Village Hall (other box to be located on parishioner's frontage on Wysall Road)

14. Finance

(a) Payment of accounts - approved

(b) Bank account mandate and online banking set up progress - Cllr Finney has now been added as a signatory, Mike Elliott removed from the account and the Clerk's address updated. The Chair will now apply for the online banking although NatWest has given conflicting advice as to whether it is possible to do this currently

15. Defibrillator

(a) Update on fitting - this has now been fitted and installed and an emergency light fitted above it.

(b) Decision on organizing a defibrillator / first aid course for villagers - the Councillors agreed a training course should be held for the village.

Action: Cllr Gordon to arrange a course with Redwatch at West Bridgford

16. Review and amend or approve Parish Council's Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were approved by the Council

17. Village website / newsletter

Action: Chair to draft newsletter and Clerk to get it printed

18. Consider appropriate date(s) for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - 17 April 2024

Annual Meeting of Parish Council - 15 May 2024

19. To receive items for information**20. Date of next meeting confirmation - 17 April 2024**

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Lucy Brazendale, Clerk to Costock Parish Council

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