

Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday October 21, 2020 by ZOOM at 7.30pm

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

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Couns. Sharon Wilson, Everard Robinson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3. MINUTES of the Meeting held of September 16, 2020 were accepted as presented, approved and would be signed by the chairman at an appropriate time.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk said NALC and SLCC continue to not support face to face meetings for parish councils and so it was recommended and approved by the meeting the November one is by Zoom again.

The clerk had not heard anything further in regard to Ash Lane being declared a private road although he understood some of the notices put up by residents had now gone. There was confusion as to whether the highway is private or not.

The clerk had spoken to Coun. Robinson. He has not resigned from the council as yet but intended to do so. He is at home from hospital for palliative care.

5. VERBAL report from the Borough and County Councillors

Coun. Reg Adair gave his apologies.

6. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

The chairman said a number of residents had suggested the council should organise a tree for Christmas and this was agreed. It was felt it should be sited in the village hall car park adjacent to the Pinfold.. A newsletter was to be prepared by the chairman in which residents would be asked for their support for the scheme. The clerk was to talk to the Borough Council in regard to obtaining lights for the tree. It was suggested two local Christmas tree outlets should be approached and asked if they would donate a tree. It was not envisaged, because of the continuing coronavirus pandemic, there would be a ceremony for lighting the tree.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Notts County Council wrote seeking a volunteer snow warden for the village and Coun. Mears had volunteered. Coun. Cottey had written to the chairman in regard to Church and Chapel lane resurfacing, saying they were to be micro asphalted, initially in March/April but the work was postponed due to the lockdown. Due to the narrow carriageway width and adjacent boundaries, such as the church wall, the micro asphalt contractor's machine wouldn't be able to access the site so the material was due to be hand laid. The works were reprogrammed to be carried out during October, however, a recent site visit by the contractor highlighted that the road surface had deteriorated. Richard Osborne met Tarmac on site and agreed that hand laid micro asphalt was no longer a viable option. The Highways department were now looking at a conventional edge plane and resurfacing scheme, utilising mini paver and planer which is expected to be on site towards the end of November.

Notts County Council had given payment advice of the LIS grant of £7,875 they were giving to the parish.

The Website monthly report for September, showed 193 page views including visitors from Singapore, USA, France, Germany, China, Nigeria,

8. PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning application

20/01348/ful. Shaheed Ikbal, Parkland Motors. Loughborough Road. Retrospective application for the retention of timber and steel structures to the rear of the property for use as a car spray booth, valeting bay and ancillary uses. Erection of acoustic screens along part of Northern boundary and a car spray booth. This is a resubmission because the original application last November did not give sufficient noise etc information. Object.

The Council is concerned that the proposed acoustic barrier is inadequate and that it should include the workshop area to prevent excessive noise from work on the site which affects neighbouring properties.

The Council is concerned about waste from the site, the applicant explains about filtering but does not say what happens to effluent left in the tank.

We note the comments from the Environmental Health Officer made on 01.07.20. The hours of operation are very specific. Is this being regulated and how is it inspected and monitored on a regular and continuing basis? Does this sort of restriction rely on complaints for any action to be taken.

The Parish Council objects strongly to the use of retrospective applications particularly when the effects are noisy and risk harm to the environment and adjacent properties. The applicant had had to apply for permission previously so it is difficult to accept that he could plead ignorance about the need for permission for an additional building and fencing.

20/02112/ful. Helen Sedgwick and Liz Wells, Six Acres Nurseries, Loughborough Road. Erect modular classroom unit, amendments to car parking areas and associated external works. No objection.

9. CASUAL VACANCY re the Polly Brant resignation

The council currently has one vacancy which it can co-opt to fill. Coun. Robinson says he intends to resign but has not yet done so no action can be taken on this matter. Coun. Gordon said he would approach someone in the hope he could encourage them to put their name forward.

10 FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

Members were anxious to introduce some festive activity for the village and it was agreed to look to inviting residents to organise displays of, such as homemade, wreaths. Obviously the continuing Covid-19 situation is still holding back many activities that would normally be held.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Concern was expressed at the large amount of rubbish dumped in the ditch at the side of the old main -road off Loughborough Road approaching from Bunny, and the clerk was asked to approach Streetwise to organise a clear-up.

12 FINANCE

- a) Accounts for Payment were approved as circulated

13 PLAYING FIELD AND EQUIPMENT

The chairman updated the council on the new play equipment scheme on the playing field and said she had submitted a claim for the funding which FFC are giving in the sum of £14,500, The Notts County Council grant of just over £7000 had been banked. Youngsters using the new equipment were expressing their appreciation on what had been provided.

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION – November 18.