

**Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on
Wednesday November 18, 2020 by ZOOM at 7.30pm**

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

The clerk Mike Elliott was unwell and did not attend.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. Sharon Wilson.

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2020 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman when convenient.

4 VACANCIES -

a) Co-option of new Parish Councillor: The meeting agreed to the co-option of Lindsey McGowan to fill one of the two vacancies caused by the death of the vice chairman Everard Robinson and one through the resignation of Coun. Polly Brant.

b) Election of Vice Chairman Coun. Peter Gordon was elected as the vice chairman., proposed by Coun. Mears and seconded by Coun. Owen.

To mark the death of the previous vice chairman, Everard Robinson, and to record the results of his hard work for the parish over several years, and the parish's appreciation, it was agreed that one of the fields at the nature reserve would be known as Everard's Field and that an oak tree be planted as a memorial with a plaque bearing its name. The cost to be met by the parish council.

5] PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT -

a) Christmas Tree: Members discussed the position in regard to the proposed Christmas tree to be sited in the village hall car park. The council wished to thank Mr Chris Oldham for his kind donation of the tree which will be erected around December 9/10, Rushcliffe Borough council through Streetwise would supply the necessary lights and fit them.

The village Pinfold requires some maintenance with some ivy and saplings needing removal,. The vice chairman will look at what is involved and a working group may need to be set up to deal with this.

6] FINANCIAL --

a] accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

b] Budget for 2021-2022 After discussion the budget for the parish council was agreed for the year 2021/2022, with the precept being reduced to £18,000. It was further agreed to offer the clerk, Mike Elliott, a pay rise as he had not accepted once since the 2017/2018 financial year.

The date of the next meeting, again by Zoom, was agreed as December 16, 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm.