

Costock Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of Costock Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 July 2023, in the Village Hall, Costock at 7.00pm

Parishioners were welcome to attend in person - no members of the public attended

In Attendance: Cllr Kath Owen, Cllr Peter Gordon, Cllr Mike Mears, Cllr John Finney, Cllr Victoria McCourt, Cllr Lindsay McGowan and Cllr Angela Hoyle

Attendees: Cllr Andy Edyvean

1. To receive and approve apologies for Absence

District Cllr Cottee and the Clerk Lucy Brazendale sent their apologies

2. To record Declarations of Interest

It was discussed whether Cllr Owen has a potential conflict of interest in relation to the PC taking on the burial ground, as she is also a church warden.

Action: to write to Monitoring Officer at Rushcliffe Borough Council to seek advice.

3. To welcome new Councillor and provide with co-option and record of Declarations of Interest paperwork

The co-option of Angela Hoyle was agreed by all the Councillors.

Everyone welcomed and thanked Angela Hoyle for agreeing to join the Council

4. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by the Council as a correct record and signed by Cllr Kath Owens.

5. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report from the Clerk

6. Verbal report from the Borough and County Councillors

County Councillor's Report, presented by Cllr Andy Edyvean on behalf of Cllr Cottee:

- The Community Fund reopens in October.
- The County Council have announced that they will relocate to North Nottinghamshire (Hucknall). The cost of the move will be less than £20M compared to cost of refurbishing County Hall which would be approx. £60M.
- Cllr Cottee has recently visited Costock with the Highways Officer to look at the drain and streetlight discussed at earlier meetings. He will report back to us when he receives a response.
- Costock has been added to list of villages which want to be added to the on demand bus route.

Borough Councillor's Report:

- Approval has been received for the local power station redevelopment - Local Development Order.

- Discussion about solar farms proposed for this area. 1 approved, 2 proposed. RBC planning does not yet have policy on solar farms. One recently rejected in East Leake.
- Old Brickworks in Bunny - redevelopment established in their Local Plan. Outline development rejected due to balance of residential / business use.

7. Correspondence

- The NALC AGM agenda has been issued for September, plus a proposal for changes to their constitution.
- Marking 80th anniversary of D Day, June 2024

8. Planning Matters

No applications received

Old Wood Energy Park proposal: The agents for this development have contacted the Parish Council to ask if they have any questions. None at present based on the information currently available.

Martin Powell has contacted Kath about all the proposed solar farms in the area. Would we like him to come to a meeting to talk to the PC?
Yes, either September or October meeting.

9. Playing Field and Equipment

Risk assessment - Play equipment in acceptable condition at last inspection 2 weeks ago.

10. Environment

- Community infrastructure levy money now in bank account.
- Burial ground - next stage would be official communication from church to PC. It was discussed why the Parish Council would want to take on responsibility for it when it needs work. Is the Parish Council obliged to take it on? If the Parish Council decided not to take it on, would Borough then take it on?
Action: to contact Keyworth Parish Council to see what their experience was. Also, to investigate what the process is for transfer the responsibility of a burial ground is.
- Suggestion for all parish councillors to visit the burial ground to understand what it is like and what the Parish Council would be taking on.
- Hedge along Main Street backing on to houses on Gables Farm Drive is overgrown again.
Action: to approach county council about this. Can they cut it back or approach landowner to do so?

11. Nature Reserve

- A big willow tree was very damaged and has been made safe by Aart de Groot.
- The Tree survey has been received in draft. It identifies several trees that need making safe.

Action: to approach Peter James about quoting for works required to hibernaculum.

12. Village Hall

Cllrs have met with one of the Cllrs from Willoughby (who is an architect and was involved in coordinating and researching options for making their Village Hall more energy efficient) to advise on possible energy saving options for Costock's Village Hall. The most interesting option was insulating the ceiling, but this would be expensive. There are possible grants available from East Midlands Airport.

Action: to get quotes from contractors for roof insulation and to find out how much the current monthly spend on energy bills is.

ARCAN: have been surveying village halls and suggested forming local clusters of village halls - would we be interested?

Action: to reply to confirm interest.

13. EMA Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 Consultation

E Midlands airport noise action plan 24-28 - consultation closed end July.

14. Finance

- (a) Payment sheet has been circulated by Clerk - cheque signed and issued.
Invoice for Peter James mowing received since, cheque signed and issued.
- (b) New Councillor training approved for Angela Hoyle
Cemetery training - wait until situation with taking on responsibility for the burial ground decided

15. Village website / newsletter

Newsletter - to be circulated in September and to be included in it - 17th Sept for litter pick, and that volunteers are needed for nature reserve.

16. To receive items for information - no other matters

17. Date of next meeting confirmation - 20 September 2023

Lucy Brazendale, Clerk to Costock Parish Council