

Costock Parish Council**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday July 15, 2009, in the Village Hall**

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Tony Starmer

Everard Robinson

Peter Houghton

Mrs Delia Pickerill

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott .

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on June 17, 2009**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4. Clerk's report

The clerk said the need for a village walk to be organised in regard to the possible Costock affordable housing scheme still applied. Mr Miles King of the Midlands Rural Housing was offering the dates of July 20 , 21, 23, 27 or 28. The chairman was to suggest to the clerk the most suitable date and all other members would then be advised.

5. Casual Vacancy

Mr Chris Brown of Elms Farm Cottage, Leake Road, had expressed an interest in joining the council and members unanimously agreed to nominate him for the vacancy. The clerk was to write and advise him.

6. Correspondence

A letter was received from A and C Carter of Ash Lane, Costock, offering a possible site for development of affordable housing. Members agreed the suitability of the site would be dealt with if a planning application was eventually submitted by Midlands Rural Housing.

An e-mailed letter from Nicole Bourke , sent to Notts County Council member Reg Adair in regard to changes to the 99 Bus Service , was read. The chairman updated the meeting on the current situation and said Premier Coaches were taking over the service for both the daytime and evening. The new number for the old 99 service would be X9 and an improved service was being offered.

The Sherwood Foresters wrote to thank the council for its donation towards the creation of a memorial in Belgium for the 11,000 regiment members who lost their lives in the First World War and said sufficient funding had been received and that the dedication of the memorial was taking place in October.

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed they were investigating the question of the siting of caravans for residential occupation at The Red Lion public house and would report back in due course. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of a scheme they were undertaking to improve bus stop areas and that Costock was included in it.

Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy – issues and options public consultation – was commented on, with Coun. Peter Houghton having prepared a response which members supported.

The clerk was asked to write to the parish church seeking a copy of their accounts so that a request for funding for them could be considered.

Nottinghamshire Highways Partnership advised of their decision to remove the lifelike dummy images of children from the scheme as part of its Nottinghamshire Safe Routes to School Programme . The clerk was asked to write to say the council still wished to seek a 20mph limit imposed on Leake Road around the area of the school.

Rushcliffe Community Partnership draft consultation, communication and engagement strategy for the South Notts Area was received and it was agreed it be circulated to members.

Nottinghamshire Police were to be advised that Coun. Peter Houghton had agreed to be the Police liaison officer they were inviting all councils to appoint.

7. Planning Matters**Planning Applications**

09/01058/FUL Ms Brenda Read; Conservatory to rear; Holmleigh, Bunny Hill Top. No objection

09/01122/FUL Mr and Mrs N Capsticks; Detached garage and conversion of former garage and out house into living accommodation; Cherrytree Cottage, Old Main Road. No objection

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Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

09/00674/FUL Dr Nicholas Reynolds; Increase ridge height of roof, formation of first floor accommodation; Whisperwood Cottage, Ash Lane. Grant Permission
 09/00709/FUL Mr S Price; First floor side extension; Westfield, Loughborough Road. Grant Permission

8. Village Hall

The chairman said the matter of the appointment of Trustees still needed to be looked at and said the matter was one which required attention in the coming months.

9. Playing Field There were no matters raised.

10. Finance Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented .

Total expenditure for meeting	£234.93	£34.34	£269.27
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£2,319.34	£201.69	£2,521.03

11. Website

Vista360 Ltd provided monthly website statistics for June 2009 which showed 213 unique hits compared to 217 in May. Coun. Robinson reported on continuing difficulties in obtaining information for the site.

12. Questions to the Council

Coun. Mrs Pickerill commented on the situation concerning possible sites for the suggested affordable housing scheme. The chairman said the matter would be dealt with at the planning stage.

13. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed for September 16, 2009.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No items for discussion at the next parish council meeting were put forward.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.