

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday February 18, 2009, in the Village Hall

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Tony Starmer

Mrs Penny Armstrong (A)

Everard Robinson

Peter Houghton

Mrs Delia Pickerill

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and nine members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Penny Armstrong.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on January 21, 2009**, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.

4. **Clerk's report**

A request had been made to Mrs Brenda Penny of the village hall for information to be sent to the website and she had said she would in due course look to deal with the matter.

East Leake Parish Council were to ask their litter picker operative to see if he wished to work for Costock Parish Council as well.

5. **Speed limits and road accidents**

The chairman outlined the position in respect of three recent road fatalities on Leake Road in the village and said for a number of months the council had been pressing for some action to deal with the problems that existed. The council had sought an extended speed limit towards East Leake without success. There had been continual pressure applied by the parish council on the County Council's Highways Department for action, both for the speed limit and for additional lighting alongside the road to East Leake.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to take part in the meeting.

A letter had been received from David Greenwood on the question of speeding traffic and similarly one was received from Coun. Reg Adair which outlined information he had received from the Highways Department and in which they said they were having an investigation carried out in respect of both the two fatal accidents and accidents in general on the road.

The chairman said the clerk had been informed by the police who had carried out a check on injury accidents on Leake Road between East Leake sports pavilion and Costock cross roads showed there have been five along the road in three and a half years including the double fatal. They were currently digesting the information they held on the accidents to see if there was a pattern as to their cause.

Residents raised concerns on the dangers and asked for pressure to be applied to the highways authority for provision of flashing speed signs, a 40mph speed limit on the road between Costock and East Leake, speed ramps and a traffic calming system.

The chairman said she would discuss the matter with the school and the clerk was asked to contact the police and Notts County Council. Bullet points for residents to use in letters they were being urged to write direct to Notts County Council were to be placed on the council website and actual addresses were to be placed on the village notice board, including that of Ken Clarke MP and the Highways Department of the County Council.

Standing orders were reinstated.

6. **Shared Housing Scheme**

Miles King, of Midlands Rural Housing, reported on the exhibition day in the village hall and said they had been pleased with the turn out of people for it. It was agreed he be invited to the next meeting of the council to discuss the position further. The meeting would start at 7.30pm.

7. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave details of a County Partnership Training Day for Councillors and Clerks. The clerk said he would attend the event at Thurgarton on March 24.

Three quotations were received for work on trees on the play area. It was agreed that eight of them be removed and four be pruned by 50 per cent. The quotation from RM Ground and Tree Services of Costock was accepted in the sum of £1,100. The other quotes were from Aart De Groot and Specialised Groundcare.

Rushcliffe Borough Council responded to concerns expressed to them by the council in respect of drainage problems at the Charles Church development, Bars Hill. The clerk and Coun. Mrs Pickerill were to deal with the matter.

Information from Community Consultation Limited in regard to their parish council insurance scheme was received and left to lie on the table. Rushcliffe Community Partnership gave details of the Calor Village of the Year competition 2009. A letter was received from Mr Hunt in regard to grounds maintenance work for 2009 and the council agreed to accept it, the offer being to do the work again at the same rate as in 2008.

8. Planning Matters

Planning Applications

09/00095/FUL Mr Hayes; Single storey front extensions; Meadow Cottage, Leake Road. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions There were none.

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees

09/00010/CONARE Mr P Houghton; Felling of cherry tree; 1 The Square, Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order.

9. Village Hall

The meeting approved the payment of the account for insurance for the hall. The chairman was to be presented with the account and it would be paid prior to the next meeting. Coun. Mrs Owen said there was need to discuss the Trust Deed under which the hall operated although she realised it would be a complicated matter if any changes were to be sought. The matter would be raised again in the future and talks would be arranged with the Village Hall Committee chairman.

The question of the need to resurface the car park surrounding the hall was raised by Coun. Albon. He said he understood the hall committee were obtaining prices for the project and would be seeking assistance from the parish council towards the cost.

10. Playing Field No matters were raised.

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

12. Website

Coun. Robinson reported he was continuing to attempt to obtain more information. He had spoken to the licensee of the village public house in regard to advertising events held there.

13. Questions to the Council

The clerk raised the difficulty he had in opening and closing the notice boards' doors at the village hall and Bunny Hill. Coun. Houghton volunteered to take on the task of displaying notices.

14. Date for Next Meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed for March 18, 2009.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting No items for discussion at the next parish council meeting were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.