

## Costock Parish Council

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

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Mrs Penny Armstrong

Peter Houghton

Tony Starmer

Everard Robinson

Mrs Delia Pickerill

**Also present:** The clerk Mike Elliott.

Miles King and Marie Wilson from Midlands Rural Housing attended to meet councillors before the start of the meeting to update the council on progress in connection with the Affordable Housing Scheme proposed for Costock. They had been approached by two landowners with offers of possible sites. The survey had shown up a need for three properties, and as this was not felt to be a viable number from a building point of view it was possible a joint project with a neighbouring village might be possible. It was stressed that any scheme for Costock would still be one on its own, it would purely be a building contract that would be linked.

The council accepted in principle the idea for a scheme in the knowledge that as each stage was reached they were required to give it their approval. Members agreed to take part in a village walk with Mr King to ascertain if there were any further sites that might be suitable for a development. Similar developments had taken place at Aslockton and East Bridgford and members were invited to visit them to see the styles of properties that would be proposed.

1. **Apologies** There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on February 18, 2009**, were accepted as circulated and were signed by the chairman.

4. **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.

5. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council responded again in regard to the two fatal road accidents in the parish and said that purely to move a speed limit was a complicated lengthy and costly process. Changing a speed limit might be allowed where sufficient new development has occurred outside of a speed limit area but the access to the new development off Leake Road fell within the 30mph speed limit and therefore there would be no justification to moving it due to adjacent development. Jeff Haywood from Bingham also responded on the same subject and said the traffic management team were investigating the situation. The chairman said it was necessary for the council to await the findings involving the recent two fatal accidents before they could finalise any further move. She accepted that the current feeling in the village over dangers was not totally surrounding the two accidents but over speeding traffic in general through the village. The letter from Notts County Council was to be placed on to the website.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of their Small Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme 2009/2010 and beyond and said the application for funding to enclose the play area to make it dog proof had been accepted into the pool of schemes for implementation within the next three years.

Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group gave details of their Annual General Meeting on April 21 at Rushcliffe Country Park at Ruddington. Coun. Robinson said he would be attending. Rushcliffe Borough Council gave an update on the structure of the Environment and Waste Management Service now it had been revised.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to a review of Costock Conservation Area and asked the council to organise a public event to enable local views to be sought. It was agreed this be incorporated with the Annual Parish Meeting in May and the Borough Council be told of this and given the date of the meeting. The information from Rushcliffe Borough Council was to be placed on the website.

Wicksteed Leisure gave an order acknowledgment for play area inspection work to be carried out shortly. Community Consultation Limited confirmed details of the Costock Village Hall insurance policy.

East Leake Parish Council had responded to the request from the council to the possible joint use of their litter picker operative and said the charge would be £8.25 an hour and it was agreed to proceed with one clearance as soon as possible and one two months later.

Rushcliffe Borough Council reminded the council of the Parish Planting and Landscape Scheme 2008/2009 funding and said accounts for any work needed to be with them by March 31. The clerk was asked to claim for the work that had so far been carried out involving the removal of the tree from The Pinfold area.

**6. Planning Matters**  
**Planning Applications**

There were none.

**Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions**

09/00095/FUL Mr Hayes; Single storey front extensions; Meadow Cottage, Leake Road. Refuse Permission

**Notice of Proposed Works to Trees**

09/00015/CONARE Proposed felling of two birch, two leylandii and one cherry; Highway House Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and the proposed work would proceed.

09/00019/CONARE Felling of poplar and conifer tree; York House, Main Street, Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and the proposed work would proceed.

**7. Village Hall**

Members were advised of a Curry and Quiz evening being held for funds on April 4.

An approach had been made to Coun. Reg Adair in respect of possible funding assistance for a scheme to provide equipment to prevent youngsters trapping their fingers in the doors.

**8. Playing Field**

The chairman reported she had spoken to the school staff and had been informed that the new fencing that had been requested was not their choice as far as colour was involved. They had asked for green and not black.

The head teacher, Terry Beale, was to retire at the end of the current term and the clerk was asked to write and express the appreciation of members for his service not only to the school but the village as well. Members said he had always given the council full support in anything they had proposed involving the play area and they were grateful for this. The chairman said she would visit the school in September to make herself known to the new head teacher.

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

<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>	<b>£2,000.17</b>	<b>£34.34</b>	<b>£2,034.51</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</b>	<b>£14,430.04</b>	<b>£1,716.34</b>	<b>£16,146.38</b>

**10. Website**

Coun. Robinson said he had placed more items on to the website but was still requiring support from members and the village in general to ensure new items were constantly being placed there. The clerk was asked to erect a larger notice on the village boards reminding residents of the existence of the site and also to put such a note up in the village hall.

**11. Questions to the Council**

Coun. Mrs Pickerill was to make contact with the owners of hedges in the village centre that had become overgrown with a request they be cut back to avoid being an obstruction on the pavements.

**12. Date for Next Meeting** was confirmed for April 15, 2009 with the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the council being in May.

**13. Agenda Items for Next meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.