

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday August 18, 2010, in the Village Hall at 8pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Tony Starmer

Everard Robinson

Peter Houghton

Mrs Delia Pickerill (A)

Chris Brown

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Delia Pickerill.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on June 16, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4. **Clerk's report**

The clerk said he understood the Red Lion public house had now been sold. He had been in touch with the people believed to be the new owners in regard to the car park barriers the parish council was currently hiring but the person spoken to had said the person concerned was away on holiday until the end of the month. The council was continuing to meet the cost of the hire of the boundary barriers to the car park. It was agreed to leave the barriers in position for the time being at least.

5. **Correspondence**

Record RSS wrote offering to provide a free first playing equipment inspection. The clerk said he had written to the firm to ask what its charges would be for ongoing work and he awaited a reply. Notts Association of Local Councils gave notice of its Annual General Meeting for November 17 at Epperstone and Rural Community Action Nottingham advised of a Parish Council Forum on September 21 and its own AGM on October 6. Coun. Houghton said he would attend the forum.

Clement Keys gave an unqualified audit report for the 2009/2010 accounts.

Standards for England wrote to advise that the new coalition government had confirmed its intentions on the abolishment of the Standards Board but as yet did not know the actual details of how this would happen. Costock School Playgroup had written to record its grant acknowledgement for the parish council funding.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in respect of its leadership model consultation in which it said there were two options for it to consider, one very similar to the present situation and one under which a Mayor would be elected by the population of the Borough. The clerk said he understood there was a third option, of a return to the committee situation, but the Borough Council had not confirmed this but was investigating. That option was, he understood, being taken by Notts County Council. The council felt it did not wish to see a change from the present system.

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service wrote in regard to a voluntary transport scheme appeal and it was agreed to donate £100. Notts County Council wrote in respect of the delivery of local services and sought comment from the parish council on whether it would be interested in undertaking some of the work currently the responsibility of the County Council. The council pointed out it already carried out some of the duties – checking street lights and cleaning bus shelters – and the clerk was asked to seek information from the County Council on funding for such responsibilities.

David Dixon, internal auditor, wrote asking for confirmation of the contents of the asset list of council. The clerk was asked to add two public seats to the list.

Notts County Council's Highways Department said following a survey on Costock Road it was now looking to provide a permanent flashing warning sign for the coming financial year. It was agreed the letter be put on to the parish council website.

6. **Planning Matters and environment**

Planning Applications

10/01288/FUL Mr A Kahn; Erect building comprising stables, garages and 2 bedroom annexe to existing dwelling (following demolition of existing outbuildings); Green Gables, Ash Lane. Object on the grounds of inappropriate development.

Notts County Council Decisions

8/10/00894/CMA Stephen Norbury; Construction of pet crematorium and associated office; Land off Bunny Hill, Costock. Grant Permission

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

10/00506/FUL Costock Parish Council; Tarmacadam surfacing of car park and play area, 1.219m high fence to car park; Village Hall, Main Street. Grant Permission

10/00633/FUL Stephen Norbury; Extension to provide grain store and general purpose store building; White Gates, Bunny Hill. Grant Permission

10/00853/FUL Mr R Gaunt; Two storey side extension, flat roof to side and front to be altered to pitched roof; 15 Church Lane. Grant Permission

7. Village Hall

A letter was received from Mr John Collins of the Village Hall Management Committee, advising that the gas water boiler in the hall needed to be replaced. Coun. Albon said he would be in contact with Mr Collins. It was agreed the whole matter of warm water for the facilities in the hall should be considered and the possibility of a new overall scheme be looked at.

Mr John Collins wrote in respect of a letter sent by the council to the Costock School Playgroup asking for cooperation in relation to storing its equipment in the bar area. The clerk was asked to respond to assure the hall chairman that the letter was not sent to undermine the authority of that committee. Couns. Brown and Mrs Owen said they were willing to join the Village Hall Management Committee to enable the council to fulfil its obligations on membership.

8. Playing Field

The clerk said he had received confirmation from Notts County Council that Millers Lane was not an adopted highway. The grounds contractor was now not driving his vehicle on it.

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

<u>Total expenditure for meeting</u>	£2,293.71	£309.25	£2,602.96
<u>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</u>	£6,150.47	£443.21	£6,593.68

10. Website

The number of hits recorded on the site in June had been 1801. Coun. Robinson said he had been disappointed there had been no support from a number of parents in the village in regard to giving their permission to allow photographs involving children attending a school event being allowed to be put on the site.

11. Questions to the Council

The chairman reported to members the parish church was in need of funding to allow a scheme to repair the roof of the building to be carried out. She understood there was a need for £10,000 to be raised. It was agreed the council prepare a note to go on the website. The council would look at the position again at a future meeting.

The clerk was asked to attempt to progress the matter of the work required to be undertaken at the Charles Church Development where it was felt that none of the requirements of the planning permission had been met in respect of the nature reserve area.

12. Date for Next Meeting – September 15, 2010

The clerk was asked to look at the possibility of changing the date of the next arranged meeting to a new date, with a suggestion it being September 22.

13. Agenda Items for Next meeting

None were put forward.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.