Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday January 17, 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (in the chair)	Mike Albon
Mrs Penny Armstrong	Everard Robinson
Peter Houghton	Mrs Delia Pickerill

Boris Stefanov, from the office of the Clerk Mike Elliott, was also in attendance.

1. **Apologies** were received from the Clerk Mike Elliott. In his absence Boris Stefanov took the minutes.

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

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on December 20, 2006 were accepted and signed after a correction was made on Item 6 (Planning) after it was pointed out there was only one metal container on land near to the Red Lion public house and that the Clerk had been asked to find out whether planning permission was required for it.

4. **Clerk's report**

It was reported there have been no new names given to the clerk for Speedwatch volunteers, currently there were six, and the Chairman Coun. Mrs Kath Owen said she would give the Clerk the contact details of those parishioners already signed for the scheme. She also reported no co-ordinator for the group had been appointed as yet but she would investigate further.

The Clerk advised the meeting that Notts County Council have not responded to the council's letter of December 28 in regard to the criteria for flashing speed signs nor to the request for an extension of the 30 mph speed limit other than saying they were looking into the matters.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have responded to suggestions additional trees were felled at Gables Farm in connection with 25 dwellings to be erected there. The landscape officer has visited the site and confirmed "that generally the work was carried out according to the landscaping scheme".

The proposed pond in the southern part of the site appeared to be in a slightly different position and this has resulted in felling of a number of trees in the south-western corner of the site. The Borough Council were taking that issue up with the Developers and would contact the parish council again with their findings.

Everard Robinson raised the matter of a large oak tree having been removed on the left hand side on the hill of Nottingham Road travelling from Loughborough to Nottingham and the Clerk was asked to investigate.

The Chairman Coun. Mrs Owen passed onto the Clerk paperwork she has received from Mr D Brown, the village footpath officer, who had prepared all the necessary documentation for an application for the modification of a footpath from Main Street in Costock to Bars Hill at the East of the former farm. The Clerk was asked to sign the papers and submit the application to the County Council footpath officer.

Coun. Mrs Owen reported she has received an up-to-date map of the village footpaths from Mr Brown and would put it on display in the village.

5. **Correspondence**

The Royal British Legion wrote to inform that a total of £285.33 had been raised in the village in respect of their Poppy Appeal 2007 and it was agreed to display the letter on the village notice board. Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council advised of a number of training opportunities for councillors in the period between January and July.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave a report on their 61st Annual General Meeting and also sought contact details for Community Buildings and Newsletters and the Clerk was asked to give Coun. Mike Albon's details as contact for the Village Hall. Notts Rural Community Council advised of the retirement of their Chief Executive Bob Middleton after 29 years at the helm. Notts County Council acknowledged a letter the parish council had written to them in regard to highway issues and said a detailed reply would be provided in due course.

6. **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

06/01818/CON Mrs Simblet; Demolish part of boundary wall to facilitate formation of new vehicular access; The Manor House, 4 Church Lane. The council maintained their objections on the grounds of a breach of the wall would detrimentally affect the conservation area scene.

06/01819/FUL Mrs Simblet; Realign boundary wall on Church Lane frontage in connection with formation of vehicular access; The Manor House, 4 Church Lane. Object on grounds of breach of the wall would detrimentally affect the conservation area scene.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

06/01861/FUL Mr and Mrs Billing; Single storey front and rear extensions, pitched roof over existing garage, carport and porch, detached garage to rear; 20 Manor Close. Grant Permission

06/01898/FUL Charles Church S Midlands; Construct detached house and one detached bungalow, construct single garage for proposed plot 21, construct extension to the forge to form single garage; The Forge, Gables Farm Drive. Grant Permission

Notice of Hedgerow Removal

Mr T Kirk; Removal of Hedgerow at Glebe Farm, Wysall Road. Rushcliffe Borough Council have formally agreed to the removal.

7. Village Hall

Coun. Mike Albon reported he had received two quotes in respect of a replacement sign for the Village Hall, for £243 from Pannel Signs and for £250 from Carlton Signs and Engraving Limited. It was agreed that during the next visit of the window cleaner he be asked to give the present sign a clean after which a decision would be taken on whether or not to proceed with a replacement. The Clerk was asked to contact the two firms to advise their quotes were on hold for the time being.

Coun. Albon reported on the financial situation of the Village Hall Committee and after a short discussion it was agreed, after Coun. Mrs Armstrong proposed and Coun. Robinson seconded, that a grant of £350 be made by the parish council towards the Committee to part fund the Hall insurance, which was due in February. It was also agreed to transfer the insurance in the hands of the council after the expiration of the one to be renewed.

8. Playing Field

There was nothing to report.

9. Finance

The council authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

Budget/Precept 2007/2008: Members discussed a budget report prepared by the clerk and after a discussion on a proposal by Coun. Mrs Pickerill, seconded by Coun. Houghton, it was agreed to precept for the same figure as in the current year, £16,000, to allow for reserves to be built for the replacement of the slide and part of the safety surface at the Playing Field.

10. Questions to the Council

Coun. Robinson reported that the road surface outside of 10 Church Lane, on the inside of the bend, had deteriorated following building works to the wall of the property in question and it was agreed contact be made with the County Council's Highways Department to report the problem with a view of improving the condition of the highway.

11. Date for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for February 21, 2007.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.