

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday January 19, 2011, in the Village Hall at 8pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Everard Robinson

Mrs Delia Pickerill

Tony Starmer

Peter Houghton (A)

Chris Brown

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Peter Houghton.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on December 15, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Clerk's report** There was nothing to report.

5. **Correspondence**

Community Consultation Limited wrote in regard to the village hall insurance policy and it was agreed this be paid.

Costock Pre-School Committee advised of the appointment of a new chair person in that Gemma Mitchell had taken over from Katie Parkin.

The Royal British Legion wrote in regard to its Great Poppy Party Weekend being organised in June to mark its 90th birthday. It was agreed the chairman pass on the information to the WI. Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service wrote asking for consideration of a grant towards its Voluntary Transport Scheme and it was agreed to give £150.

The clerk showed an E.on loss of power emergency pack that had been sent to the council. It was agreed this be left in the hall. NatWest Bank wrote to confirm that bank charges imposed on the current account had been by mistake and had been lifted.

Rushcliffe Borough Council and Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire advised of a Parish Council Forum event on 'Elections' on Monday February 7, 2011, at the Civic Centre, West Bridgford. Rushcliffe Borough Council sent its play areas and open spaces audit 2010 papers and these were checked and it was agreed the clerk complete and return.

6. **Planning Matters and environment**

Planning Applications

10/02066/FUL Mrs Sandra Bruiners; Single storey conservatory to front of property; 31 Main Street. Object on the style of proposed alterations involving the traditional building. The new modern style would not be in keeping with the building or the surrounding area.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

10/01772/CTY Children and Young Peoples Services / Costock Primary School; Single storey extension to provide new entrance and reception, administrative office, head teachers office and hygiene suite; Costock Church of England Primary School, Main Street. The Borough Council had not raised any objections to the development.

10/01924/FUL Mr S Matthews; Summerhouse; 4 Loughborough Road. Grant Permission

Nottinghamshire County Council Application

F/2017 Children and Young Peoples Services / Costock Primary School; A single storey extension to provide a new entrance and reception, administration office, head teachers office and a hygiene suite; Costock Church of England Primary School, Main Street. Grant Permission

SC/2076 British Gypsum Limited (BPB); Proposed extension; Marblaegis Mine, East Leake. The council was to wait until after the meeting being called by British Gypsum Limited to discuss the proposals.

7. **Village Hall**

The clerk said the Village Hall Management Committee chairman had expressed a concern over the work undertaken in relation to the water heater boiler and was requesting that payment should not be made for the account until remedial work had been carried out.

8. **Playing Field**

Coun. Mrs Pickerill had met a representative from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd at the play area and had discussed the scheme to provide the additional play item in the form of a spring horse. It was agreed to proceed with the installation of the unit at a total cost of £1,171. The clerk was to organise entry to the play area via the school.

9. **Nature Park**

Coun. Robinson said there was little progress yet to report on the position involving the planning conditions.

10. Finance

a) Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,245.51	£123.73	£1,369.24
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£9,818.51	£887.14	£10,705.65

b) The chairman said she had not been able to meet church officers in regard to the position regarding the church roof repairs and so there was nothing further to report.

c) Members discussed a budget and precept report presented by the clerk. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2011/2012 should be £12,000, a reduction of £4,000 on the figure for the current year.

11. Website

Vista360 Limited presented the monthly website update for December 2010 and said there had been 842 unique hits to the site in the four week period.

12. Notice of Motion

Coun. Houghton had presented a motion saying that this council was very concerned at the blatant attempt by Kinchbus to undermine the viability of the excellent service currently provided along the A60, between Nottingham and Loughborough, by Premiere Travel. The rival company had adopted an aggressive timetable and an uneconomic fare structure. If the X9 service was withdrawn, the alternative service, which was hourly, and did not operate either in the evening or on Sundays, would be significantly inferior.

Council chairman Coun. Mrs Owen said the council supported the sentiments in the motion but there was very little that could be done because it appeared Kinchbus was operating entirely within regulations, however worrying its decision to operate buses a few minutes before its competition might be.

A letter from the favoured company Premiere Travel was received, with the company asking its customers to remain loyal so that the current level of service it offered could remain.

Nottinghamshire County Council responded following the parish council letter to Coun. Reg Adair, and had said the issue could not be considered in isolation as it was part of a wider series of competitive actions between commercial bus operators in both Rushcliffe and Broxtowe areas which had affected many communities. Mr Mark Hudson, Group Manager of the County Council's Transport and Travel Services, said they unfortunately did not have any role to play in the ways in which commercial operators chose to run and timetable their services. "We can therefore neither approve nor object to purely commercial decisions regarding bus timetabling," he said.

The County Council had also said in regard to the letter that Premiere Travel had circulated it could only comment that this situation had arisen directly from its decision to launch new services to compete with Trent Barton on a number of established routes. It had chosen to do that by running a few minutes ahead of the existing services as Kinchbus had in the latest case. "They are of course perfectly entitled to do this but could not therefore be surprised that action had been taken by Wellglade, Trent Barton's parent company, to try and protect its wider business."

It was agreed that the clerk update Coun. Adair on the situation and send a copy of the motion that had been unanimously approved.

13. Questions to the Council

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting be held on April 20. The parish council would start at 7.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. The Village Hall Management Committee meeting would follow and the clerk was asked to inform the committee of the suggested arrangements. Coffee and biscuits would be served at the end of the evening as usual.

14. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed for February 16, 2011.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting No items were put forward.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.