

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday March 16, 2011, in the Village Hall at 8pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon

Tony Starmer

Everard Robinson

Peter Houghton

Mrs Delia Pickerill

Chris Brown (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Reg Adair (Notts County Council) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on February 16, 2011**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after it was pointed out Millers Close should read Millers Lane.

4. **Clerk's report**

The clerk said that residents on Millers Lane had given approval for use of their road as a one-off occasion to allow the delivery of a new item of play equipment and Coun. Mrs Pickerill had offered to be the liaison on delivery day. The suppliers, Playdale Playgrounds, had said it was being scheduled for delivery week commencing April 4 or, at worst, April 11.

5. **Correspondence**

Ann Simpson of Tanglewood, Hill Top Farm, Ash Lane wrote to offer her name for the list of contacts to be called on in case of an emergency in the village. So did Dr Peter Gordon and his wife Maggie of 25 Main Street, who had offered to assist the emergency contacts scheme the parish council was looking at. Both were retired. Dr Gordon had also sought the necessary papers for standing for the council.

Nicole Bourke had made a request for information regarding responsibilities of being a parish councillor and these had been sent to her. Rushcliffe Borough Council forwarded a members' Briefing Note regarding the introduction of a new charging scheme for green waste collections. Nottinghamshire County Council gave details of its annual Civic Service on Sunday June 26 at 3pm at Southwell Minster.

Nottinghamshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England announced details for the Best Kept Village Competition 2011 but members did not feel it appropriate to enter. Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to the Borough / Parish Elections on May 5, 2011, and said its estimates of a contested election, if needed in Costock, would be £478 and an uncontested one £80.

David Brown wrote to confirm that improvements to footpath no. 6 at Ash Lane had been completed.

6. **Planning Matters and environment**

Planning Applications

There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

10/02066/FUL Mrs Sandra Bruiners; Single storey conservatory to front of property; 31 Main Street. Refuse Permission

Mr Alan Snartt of Cairns Heritage Homes of Loughborough had contacted the clerk and had said he would like to meet representatives of the council to allow him to outline development plans they had for the Red Lion and its surrounding land. It was agreed to suggest March 28 or 31 for a meeting, at 6pm and 5pm respectively.

7. **Village Hall** There was nothing to report.

8. **Playing Field**

It was felt the goalposts still needed attention as they were not firm in their sockets. The clerk was to attempt to progress the work of having the goalposts painted.

9. **Nature Park**

Coun. Robinson updated the council on discussions that had taken place involving local resident Barry Chadwick, Cliff Nixon, of Persimmon Homes and himself involving the Holmestead Close Nature Reserve. Coun. Robinson said he had made it clear that he was not in a position to confirm any progress in the scheme to enable the reserve area to be taken over by anyone until the parish council had further discussed the matter.

The council agreed that the matter of the reserve and the suggestion that a Friends group be formed for the reserve be put to the Annual Parish Meeting in April for residents to comment. Coun. Robinson said he would invite a representative from the Notts Wildlife Trust to the meeting and the clerk was asked to produce a leaflet for door to door delivery to advertise the meeting. The chairman and Coun. Robinson would confer on the information to be used.

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

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| Total expenditure for meeting | £1,621.50 | £305.19 | £1,926.69 |
| Total expenditure to date in the current financial year | £12,460.33 | £1,243.91 | £13,704.24 |

11. **Website**

The number of visitors to the site in February was at 557 unique hits generating a total of 1369 hits, which was slightly down on the previous month.

12. **Questions to the Council**

Coun. Adair pointed out to the council a planning application seeking permission for the holding of up to 90 large-scale public events at Stanford Hall. Concerns were expressed by the council over the traffic situation and the clerk was asked to write and pass these on to the Planning Department, pointing out also that they felt they should have been consulted directly by the Borough Council. The Notts County Council member also reported that the provision of a flashing speed sign for the village was now included in the coming year's budget.

13. **Painting of Playing Field Goal Posts** Nothing further was reported.

14. **Date for Next Meeting** was confirmed for April 20, 2011, which would be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as well. The timing of the Annual Parish Meeting would be 8pm.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.