

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday May 19, 2010, in the Village Hall at 7.45pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon (A)

Everard Robinson

Mrs Delia Pickerill

Tony Starmer

Peter Houghton

Chris Brown (A)

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1. **Election of chairman** Coun. Mrs Kath Owen was proposed, seconded and unanimously re-elected.
2. **Election of vice-chairman**
Coun. Mike Albon was proposed, seconded and unanimously re-elected, having given his permission in advance for his name to be considered in his absence.
3. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Albon.
4. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting held on April 21, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
6. **Clerk's report**
Rushcliffe Borough Council had not responded as yet to the question of the Section 106 agreement made in respect of the Nature Reserve at the Charles Church Development but had said it was investigating the matter. The chairman said she welcomed the fact that residents were working alongside the council in trying to bring a satisfactory answer to that problem and everyone was supporting the requests for fences at the site to be removed and hedges planted in their place. The clerk would maintain his contact with the Borough Council to try to ensure progress in the matter.
7. **Website**
Vista 360 Web Solutions provided the website monthly update for April 2010 saying there had been 349 individual visitors to the site generating 948 total hits during the month. A note had been received from the National Association of Local Councils reminding the council it needed to be aware it was not possible to delegate power to a single member for any council activity and this included the operation of a website. The chairman said they were happy with the arrangement in regard to the council's website and Coun. Robinson said he would always consult with members if any item, meant for the website, was felt to be doubtful.
8. **Correspondence**
Coun. Albon raised the possible contribution to improvements to the village hall car park and after a discussion it was agreed to donate £2,000 to the Pre-School Group towards the £6,000 it was spending on the refurbishment. Nottinghamshire County Council confirmed that the land adjacent to The Pinfold was adopted highway.
Nottinghamshire County Council wrote to say it was unable to proceed with the erection of temporary flashing signs because the lamp posts where the signs were required were unsafe for the units to be placed on them. The clerk was asked to copy the correspondence and forward it to Coun. Adair.
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire and Nottinghamshire County Council advised of a playground inspection training session on June 10, 2010, at Gunthorpe Village Hall and the clerk said he would attend if he could.
Members discussed a DoorTECH quotation for door finger protectors for the village hall and agreed to order eight Standard Finger Protectors and five extended units at a total price of £626.69.
9. **Planning Matters and environment including Nature Reserve**
Planning Applications
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. Coun. Houghton said he felt there was no need for planning permission for the car park, and said he felt the comments from the Borough Council in regard to the need for a drain were unjustified.
10/00633/FUL Stephen Norbury; Extension to provide grain store and general purpose store building; White Gates, Bunny Hill. No objection

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. No objection

Planning Application to Nottinghamshire County Council

F/1820 Stephen Norbury; Construction of pet crematorium and associated office; Land off Bunny Hill, Costock. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

10/00351/FUL Mr Cook; New gateway and access track to existing barn; Land to East of Ashley House, Ash Lane. Grant Permission

10. Village Hall

Coun. Starmer raised the situation over the need for small chairs used by the Pre-School Group to be cleaned. He agreed he would raise the matter with the group.

11. Playing Field including provision of Play Equipment for younger children

The council agreed to seek two prices for the work previously undertaken by Paul Hunt. The clerk said he had already approached one contractor and was asked to also contact Specialised Groundcare Ltd. The work was urgently needed to be done in the interim period and the clerk was asked to organise this.

It was agreed to seek further information on two items of play equipment from Kompan, both aimed at younger age children, with the clerk being asked to proceed with the purchase of one of them if the information received was acceptable. The price range was from £458 to £478.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,160.77	£40.47	£1,201.24
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£1,598.83	£88.82	£1,687.65

The council discussed the end of year accounts for 2009/2010 and accepted them as presented. The chairman signed the Annual Return from confirming the acceptance of the figures which had been agreed by the internal auditor without raising any concern.

13. Questions to the Council

Comment was made on the Notice of Proposed Works to Trees, reference number 10/00044/CONARE, involving the reduction work on the canopy of an Oak tree at 21 Main Street. The council was told this was the only Oak tree in the parish and there were some concerns for its future safety.

14. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed for June 16, 2010.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting

Members were invited to suggest further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting but nothing was put forward.

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