

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday November 17, 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 (A)

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 October 20, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after the clerk had pointed out that Millers Lane was unadopted and not adopted as mistakenly stated in the minutes.

4. **Clerk's report**

The clerk reported the matter involving whether the parish council could support the church was getting more and more complex. NALC in London had further told the parish council that with regard to the possibility of providing a loan to the Parochial Church Council, it did not think that this was permissible. Parish councils might, it had said, lend money to another local authority or to a non-profit making voluntary organisation which provides or maintains any service or facility which the parish council itself has the power to provide. A parish council does not have the power to provide a place of worship, therefore the NALC solicitor would conclude it could not make a loan to a body which provides a place of worship.

In regard to making a grant it had added further comment: "There is no legal bar on the parish council providing financial support to the church but equally there is no specific power to do so. Therefore you will need to rely on Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and any grant given would need to be within the limited criteria of this section of the Act."

Parish councils could utilise Section 137 to incur expenditure which in their opinion was in the interest of, and would bring benefit to, the area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants. It would be down to the council to decide if use of the Section 137 finance was appropriate use of those funds.

Payment under Section 137 was limited to £6.15 per elector in the current financial year, which in the parish council case was about £3,000. It had already given away £200 under this power so that took it down to £2,800, as the limit applied to the full 12 month period of any single financial year.

It was agreed the chairman and Coun. Albon seek a meeting with the Parochial Church Council in order for further details to be obtained as to actual finance requirements of the church and to be given information on the structural problems that it was understood the church currently had to deal with.

In regard to the request received from the school, the clerk said he had ascertained the lease for the playing field would run out in November 2014 by which time it would have been operating for ten years. The council did hold a copy of the agreement. It pays the rent by cheque and it gets sent to the County Council and not the school. The parish council usually receives a demand for payment and the date of the last payment was February 15 this year.

5. **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote to give details of its precept requirement arrangements for 2011/2012.

Copy letter from the clerk to Peter James Ground Care regarding the repairs needed to the goal posts on the playing field was presented to the meeting. The clerk said the work had not yet been carried out and he suggested it might be necessary to seek a new contractor.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in regard to the request made by the parish council for the provision of a single door notice board as part of the Local Improvement Scheme and to be sited on Bunny Hill. It would consider the request for the 2011/2012 year.

St Giles Church, Costock, requested financial assistance towards replacement of wiring at the parish church but no further discussion took place on it, waiting for the joint meeting, as decided on earlier.

6. **Planning Matters and environment**

Planning Applications

10/01656/FUL Mr Jan Hallam; Extensions and alterations (including alterations to the roof) to create a two storey dwelling with double garage; Croft Farm Bungalow, Old Main Road. No objection

Nottinghamshire County Council Application

F/2017 Children and Young People Services, Costock C of E Primary School; A single storey extension to provide a new entrance and reception, administration office, head teachers office and a hygiene suite; Costock C of E Primary School, Main Street. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

10/01530/FUL Mr S Anderson; Conversion of stable block to form 3 holiday lets; Costock Grange Farm, Nottingham Road. Grant Permission

Notice of Proposed Works to Trees

10/00172/CONARE Mr Richard Pike; Fell dead Whitebeam; 7 Millers Lane, Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

10/00173/CONARE J D Richardson; Fell Conifer close to neighbour's garage; Byways, 20 Chapel Lane, Costock Conservation Area. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not propose to make a Tree Preservation Order and work had been allowed to proceed.

The meeting was told that Notts County Council had submitted a scoping request for a proposed extension of the British Gypsum Mine at East Leake, covering some 35 hectares of land to the South West of the main underground workings. The extension area lied south of Costock and it would be expected to produce two million tonnes of gypsum. No comments were made, it being stated it was best to wait until any actual application was submitted.

7. **Village Hall** The new boiler system had been installed but the final certificate had not yet been issued.

8. **Playing Field**

The council confirmed its approval of use of the playing field for the annual Boxing Day match if it went ahead. The clerk was to attempt to progress the provision of the proposed new single spring play unit for the playing field.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£806.23	£125.35	£931.58
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£8,087.16	£699.16	£8,786.32

10. **Website**

Vista360 Ltd gave the website monthly update for October 2010 and said a record 568 unique individual visitors had seen the site generating a total of 939 hits.

11. **Questions to the Council** There were none.

12. **Date for Next Meeting** was confirmed for December 15, 2010.

13. **Agenda Items for Next meeting**

It was agreed the budget for 2011/2012 be discussed at the next meeting as well as the situation concerning the nature park.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.