

Costock Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday September 21, 2011, in the Village Hall at 8pm

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (chairman)

Mike Albon (A)

Everard Robinson

Peter Gordon

Tony Starmer

Peter Houghton

Mrs Sharon Wilson

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mike Albon and the reason given accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on July 20, 2011**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Clerk's report** Nothing to report.
5. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council advised the council of its Local Council Improvement Scheme with an application deadline by the end of September. It was agreed to submit a scheme for improvement of the Old Main Road leading from the A60 to the former Red Lion public house.

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in regard to its winter service and offers of assistance to parish councils. It was agreed to take the five free bags of salt on offer and for these to be delivered to the village hall. It was also agreed to purchase one of the blue grit bins on offer at a price of £150. Coun. Mrs Owen said she would accept the role of snow warden. The clerk was to advise the County Council of local farmers who might be willing to assist with road snow clearance work in times of extended severe weather.

A letter was received from Patricia Lowes of Main Street in regard to problems from an ash tree adjacent to her property near the old village pinfold. The clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter. He was also asked to seek guidance from Mr Tom Pettit of Rushcliffe Borough Council and to seek a site meeting with him to look at the need for trimming the tree and also to comment on the shrub and hedge growth. Couns. Starmer and Robinson would meet him on site.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils gave notice of its Annual General Meeting 2011 on November 16 at Epperstone Village Hall. The clerk would attend.

Rushcliffe Borough Council wrote in regard to a review of its services, asking for parish council comment on the question of it giving consideration to taking over some of the local services such as bin emptying, grass cutting etc. The council felt it was not large enough to taking on such services but would suggest that to reduce expenditure the Borough Council should consider reducing the rubbish and dog bin collection service to fortnightly instead of weekly.

Rushcliffe Borough Council asked for comment on its Polling Districts and Polling Places Review. Members felt the current arrangements were quite acceptable.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of a Parish and Town Council Forum Event on Wednesday October 26 at the Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford and Coun. Peter Houghton said he would be attending.

6. **Planning Matters and environment**

Planning Applications

11/01063/FUL Mr and Mrs Kingsley Shaw; Two storey side extension, single storey front extension; 4 Manor Close. No objection

11/01150/FUL Mr Simon McClure; Single storey side and rear extensions; Gaylawns, Bunny Hill Top. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

11/00784/FUL Mr Jan Hallam; Extensions and alterations (including alterations to the roof) to create a two storey dwelling with double garage (revised scheme); Croft Farm Bungalow, Old Main Road. Grant Permission

11/00847/CMA British Gypsum Ltd; Extension to the existing Marblaegis Mine of around 118 hectares for the underground excavation of gypsum; Land West of Loughborough Road, Costock. Rushcliffe Borough Council did not object to the proposals.

11/00999/FUL Mr Chris Brown; Two storey extension; Elms Farm Cottage, Leake Road. Grant Permission

7. **Village Hall**

The chairman said she had attended the recent Village Hall Management Committee meeting and intended to continue to do so whenever she could. Comment had been made on a suggestion for two Christmas trees to be erected on the exterior of the wall of the village hall and it was agreed this should be supported. There had been a problem with the drains and the chairman said action had been necessary to deal with the problem.

Work was needed to be put in hand in the kitchen to accommodate a new cooker being installed. Some electrical work would be necessary as well.

8. **Playing Field** There was nothing reported.

9. Nature Park

Coun. Robinson said Rushcliffe Borough Council had not been able to make any headway because there had been no contact with Mr Nixon. It was agreed that Coun. Robinson should make contact with the Charles Church Customer Care section in the hope it could assist.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£782.36	£99.61	£881.97
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£6,181.27	£709.89	£6,891.16

11. Website Coun. Robinson said there had been little activity in regard to the site.

12. Diamond Jubilee

The chairman reported on a meeting she had arranged involving the village hall, the parish church and the WI. The school and the playgroup had not been able to attend but were giving their support to the idea for celebrations to be staged.

Coun. Mrs Owen said the meeting had discussed possible events to be organised including a village picnic on the playing field on Saturday June 2 with the possibility of sports and a fancy dress event. There had been good support for the idea of a flagpole being provided at the village hall as a diamond jubilee memento and the clerk was to obtain prices.

The clerk was asked to obtain prices for the supply of bunting sufficient to decorate the village hall and the entrance to the school gates.

13. Questions to the Council

Coun. Gordon reported he had attended a meeting in East Leake in regard to the ongoing discussions on the health centre provision there.

14. Date for Next Meeting was confirmed for October 19, 2011. The chairman gave apologies in advance.

15. Agenda Items for Next meeting

It was agreed the item for the Diamond Jubilee remain on the agenda for the forthcoming months.

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