

Costock Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday March 19, 2008 in the Village Hall

Present:

Couns. Mrs Kath Owen (A)	
Mike Albon (in the chair)	Tony Starmer
Mrs Penny Armstrong (A)	Everard Robinson
Peter Houghton	Mrs Delia Pickerill

The Clerk Mike Elliott was also in attendance.

Before the commencement of the meeting Mr Miles King, the Trent Valley Partnership Officer for Midlands Rural Housing, spoke to members on affordable housing schemes in parishes.

1. **Apologies** were received from Couns. Mrs Kath Owen and Mrs Penny Armstrong and the reasons given accepted.

2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting** held on February 20, 2008 were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman.

4. **Clerk's report**

He reported that he had been unable to get a further quote for repairing the play area fence. It was agreed further names be tried and Coun. Albon said he would attempt to provide the clerk with additional names.

5. **Web-site**

Coun. Robinson updated the meeting on progress for the site and he had forwarded photographs of members for inclusion on it. Coun. Mrs Pickerill said she did not wish for her information to be included on the site.

Coun. Albon said he was preparing information on the village hall including hire rates and he would forward that to the site developers. Coun. Robinson said if there was any information that members felt would be useful to include on the site it would be welcomed.

6. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council advised of temporary restrictions on the A60 Loughborough Road to permit repair work to be carried out to the Kingston Brook Bridge.

The chairman Coun. Kath Owen had forwarded an email for members to be informed of problems of drainage at the village hall and said emergency action had had to be taken to combat a serious problem. Coun. Albon expanded on what the chairman had reported and said the problem had come to light when it was noticed that toilets in the hall were not flushing correctly. CCTV cameras had been used by Dynarod and it was found there were two blockages. A plumber had also had to be called in to carry out some emergency work. He had quoted a figure of £1,410 to undertake a full repair and it was agreed as this work was necessary it should proceed.

Nottinghamshire County Council responded to the council's complaint of misuse of the verge at the side of the Old Main Road and advised they could not consider issuing a closure order on that highway. They would only suggest the matter be reported to the Borough Council and the police.

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed the date of their glass recycling consultation event as April 10, 2008.

Wicksteed Playscapes provided a quotation for cleaning of the safety surfacing at the play area and said this could be undertaken at a cost of £1,600. To replace the entire surface beneath and around the various play items would be £16,922. The clerk said he had asked for a further price for purely pressure washing the surface and was to proceed with the lowest priced figure he received.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils advised of a training course on 'The Council as employer'.

7. **ECO Housing**

There was no further information on the possibility of a large scale Eco housing development planned for land in the Kingston on Soar area. Coun. Robinson said he had attended a meeting at Thrumpton when it had been confirmed the Government had still to announce the ten sites they were to include in a major consultation exercise.

8. **Planning Matters**

Planning Applications

08/00224/FUL Mr and Mrs Morris; Use of existing workshop building to sell food produce and to incorporate a café; Six Acres Nurseries, Loughborough Road. No objection

08/00432/FUL Brooklands Racing Stables; Use of land for the keeping, training and breeding of racehorses and erection of stable building; Land adjoining Nouvelle Farm, Wysall Road.No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

08/00260/LBC Mr Wicks; Install ensuite in rear bedroom; 19 Main Street. Grant Listed Building Consent

9. Village Hall

Coun. Albon reported the funds of the Village Hall Committee were continuing to be satisfactory. He said the new sound system had been fitted and gave a demonstration of it.

10. Playing Field

There was nothing further to report.

11. Finance

The council authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

Total expenditure for meeting	£560.60	£0.00	£560.60
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£7,821.11	£302.29	£8,123.40

12. Questions to the Council

Coun. Starmer raised the question of funding that would be needed if the council accepted the responsibility for land adjacent to the Charles Church development. He said he felt it important that any funding made available to the council took into account the future natural increase in costs that would have to be met for the upkeep of the land. Coun. Robinson said he had been in touch with a Charles Church employee on the site and they were aware of the situation in regard to work needed to ensure conditions in regard to the safe keeping of the Crested Newt population on site. Steps were being considered to lower the water level of the big pond there.

13. Date for Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for April 16, 2008 and would be the parish council at 7.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No matters were raised.

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