

Cosby Parish Council Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council, held on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm in the Cosby Community Church Rooms, Croft Road, Cosby

Present:

Cllr V Rye (Chair)	Cllr P Suffield
Cllr M Howkins	Cllr I Mullis
Cllr D Cooper	Cllr C Pharoah
Cllr J Wolfe	Cllr M Hillman
Cllr P Wardrop	Cllr S Wegerif

Also present: L Phillimore (Clerk)
S Chapman (Cosby Parish Council)

Members of the public – 2 Members of the public present as representatives of FONS

101. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr J Chapman (Approved)

102. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members present and especially new Councillor Wegerif. The Chairman also congratulated L Phillimore on his appointment as permanent Parish Manager.

The Chairman thanked Councillors that had been involved in litter picking and bulb planting around the village.

103. To receive disclosures of members' interests (i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on the agenda)

Cllr P Wardrop declared an interest in **item 8g** as an employee of Leicestershire County Council

Cllr M Howkins declared an interest in items relating to the Village Hall as a member of the Village Hall Committee

104. To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th October 2019 were signed as being a true and correct record by the Chairman.

105. To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 31st October 2019 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to sign the bank reconciliation for the same period.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the month ending 31st October 2019 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and the bank reconciliation for the same period be signed by the Chairman as an accurate and true record.

106. To consider an expression of interest for co-option to the Parish Council

No expressions of interest have been received.

- 107. Public Participation** - The meeting will be suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda. All requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

A presentation was made by two representatives of FONS to the Council.

The Parish Manager, Mr (Cllr) L Phillimore and Cllr: J Wolfe declared non-pecuniary interests in their roles as District Ward Councillors at Blaby District Council being the operators of the main car park at Narborough Station.

RESOLVED: To allow notices of FONS meetings to be placed on Parish Council Noticeboards

- 108.** To receive any correspondence.

- a. **Valuation Office re: Cosby Cemetery** – noted
- b. **Village Hall Committee re: Heritage Room** – Cllr Cooper, Cllr Wardrop & Cllr Howkins agreed to attend a meeting with the Village Hall Committee members to look at their proposals for the display of photographs and Memorabilia & ask the Village Hall Committee to find a price for an aerial photograph.

- c. **Village Hall Committee re: Pantomime**

Resolved: To approve a Grant of £200 from the Recreation Ground Charity

- d. **Resident re: Street Lighting on Chiltern Avenue** – Noted
- e. **Marie Curie re: request for Community Grant** – Refused
- f. **Community Garden gets Co-op Backing** – Noted
- g. **Weight Restrictions Cosby re: LCC response** – Noted
- h. **Better Care Together** – Noted
- i. **BDC News release re: Lightbulb programme sees continued success** - Noted
- j. **Woodland Trust** – Referred to Village Presentation & Maintenance Working Party
- k. **BDC Website Award** – Noted
- l. **Notice of Election South Leicestershire** – Noted
- m. **Notice of Election County Councillor Cosby & Countesthorpe** – Noted

- 109.** To receive any written or verbal reports from Working Groups

Finance & Staffing – it was reported that all budgets had been received from working parties and that Council Members would be invited to a meeting to receive the budget proposals and reserve requirements in January ahead of the full Council meeting to approve the 2020/21 Precept request.

Village Safety & Roads – The working party reported that they were looking into the type of speed warning signs available and possible locations.

- **The Parish Manager to explore the process of 20mph with County Highways.**
- **The Parish Manager to request a review of the speed limit on Broughton Road on the approach to Shuttleworth Lane with County Highways.**
- **Prices be sought for a speed activated and memory-based speed sign.**
- **That the appointment of a County Council Highways engineer / consultant be explored for an assessment of the traffic issues within the village.**

Victory Park & Playground – Council was reminded that it will be 100-year anniversary of Victory Park in 2020.

- **The Parish Manager to seek prices for an appropriate sign for Victory Park.**

Village Presentation & Maintenance – It was confirmed that the two trees that are looking to be purchased are a Hornbeam to fill in the gap in trees in Victory Park and an Ornamental Cherry for the corner of Ash Tree Road. There has been the offer of a donation of trees from a member of the public and these are the areas identified as being suitable.

- **Parish Manager to liaise with the donor.**

110. To receive and consider requests for Memorials

Tabled – That the request for Clarence Spink be approved.

111. To receive and consider any Planning Applications received and the outcomes of any previous Planning Applications

No observations made

112. To receive the Clerks general report

RESOLVED: That: -

- The proposed meeting dates and associated meeting schedule be approved for the year ending 31st December 2020. Third Thursday monthly with no meetings in August.
- MUGA – relocation be explored with the football teams
- Quotes be sought for a Breedon Gravel pathway through the tree avenue on Victory Park and alongside the playground.
- St Michael and All Angels request for further work to footpaths be declined.
- The Parish Manager to proceed with a “Call for Sites”
- Members provide the Parish Manager with any other ground maintenance requirements for the forthcoming tender process.

113. To receive any reports on Village Projects

Remembrance Parade - It was confirmed that the Remembrance Parade had been a successful event.

RESOLVED: Donation of £75 for PA be made to Band Leader

Christmas Light Switch On – It was noted that this would be on 1st December 3pm – 5pm and that the Christmas Lights would be switched on at 4.45pm. A PA was being sort for the event and Cllr Hillmann was to speak to a resident that he thought might be able to assist with this.

Neighbourhood Plan – The survey responses have now been collected and submitted to Michael Wellock from which he will pull out any recommendations.

114. To receive any reports from County/District Councillors

No reports received

115. To receive and consider reports from representatives attending outside meetings or training

No reports received

116. Confidential Item

Finance & Staffing – Discussion was held with regard to the Budget for 2020/21

RESOLVED:

- That a donation of £50 be made to Water Aid in remembrance of Mr Steve Salmen
- On the recommendation of the Staff and Finance Working Party, that the remuneration of [REDACTED] with effect from 1st December 2019.

Garner Cup:

- That the Garner Cup be awarded to Honorary Alderman, Mr Alan Tanner in respect of his service to the community of Cosby. The Parish Manager to invite Mr Tanner to attend the December meeting of Cosby Parish Council to receive the cup.

117. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 19th December 2019 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.59pm

----- 19th December 2019

Cllr: Veronica Rye

Chairman