

Cosby Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council, held on Thursday 16th January 2020 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 P Wardop
Cllr S Wegerif

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

Members of the public – 3 Members of the public present

134. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr J Chapman (Approved) Cllr: M Hillmann (Approved)

135. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members present and informed Members that the Clerk had requested that all future meetings should be recorded to protect the council against accusations and provide irrefutable evidence should there be a need to defend the council.

RESOLVED: That all future meetings of Cosby Parish Council will be recorded.

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

No declarations of interest were declared

137. To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th December 2019 were signed as being a true and correct record by the Chairman.

The Clerk via the Chairman informed the meeting that a date error on the January 2020 agenda, recorded as 2019, had been identified. The Clerk confirmed that updated agendas were available and the website agenda had been amended.

138. To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 31st December 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 December 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.

139. To Consider and approve any requests for Memorials.

RESOLVED: That the request for Kathleen Sylvia Pemberton being in excess of the permitted size for Cosby Cemetery be declined and the Stone Mason be advised.

It is recoded that the deceased is a neighbour of Cllr: P Suffield

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

- a. 19/1454/FUL | Change of use of part of rear garden to art and handicrafts studio (D1) with surrounding landscaping and car parking | Springfield House 53 Croft Road Cosby Leicestershire LE9 1SF

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submit comments relating to noise and car parking arrangements.

At the discretion of the Chairman, agenda item 9 be moved up the agenda pending the arrival of a representative of the Junior Football Team.

141. To receive any correspondence.

- a. Beaver Bus Ltd. **RESOLVED**, That the Parish Manager request a meeting with the Commercial Director of Beaver Bus (3 persons to attend) and that the Parish Manager as County Councillor liaise with the appropriate Senior Officers at the County Council.
- b. Email, Code of Conduct Complaint. **RESOLVED**, That the correspondence be received and that the determination of the Deputy Monitoring Officer at Blaby District Council dismissing the complaint be received and the content therein noted.

The Parish Manager informed Members that the advice from the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Council (LRALC) as the councils' advisory body was in keeping with the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

The second part of the complaint related to the councils use of S106 funding.

1. The complaint has not been upheld as the Deputy Monitoring Officer is confident that the Parish Manager understands the rules for S106 expenditure.

- c. Email – use of football pitch when saturated.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Manager inform the football teams to “rest” the pitches until the weather improves and that Council reviews the situation on a monthly basis.

142. To receive any written or verbal reports from Working Groups.

- a. Christmas Lights: **RESOLVED:** That the proposed works to complete the Christmas lights and c: £4,000 expenditure from reserves be approved. The Chairman extended her thanks to Cllr: Suffield and Cllr: Howkins for their work on this project.
- b. Village Presentation & Maintenance. **RESOLVED:** That the offer of a donated Hornbeam tree be accepted and that the council fund the required works to complete the planting in Victory Park, estimated cost to council c: £200.
- c. Shuttleworth Lane, **RESOLVED**, that the Parish Manager report the condition of Shuttleworth Lane to the Highways Authority.

The council is returned to Agenda item 8, To receive and discuss a proposal from the Cosby Junior Football Team (Est: 8.00pm)

- 143.** The Chairman welcomed the representative from the junior football team to the meeting. (Arr 8.10pm, Dep 8.20pm)

RESOLVED: That the representative and the Parish Manager work up proposals to seek funding from the Football Association to undertake a pitch improvement programme and that funding also be sought to install a small “casual player” pitch with two goals.

144. Public Speaking

The Parish Manager advised of two requests to speak under agenda items 11b, Representations about items not on the agenda; being a member of public from Willougby Waterleys and a member of the public from Cosby, both in regards to a potential Garden Village at Whetstone Pastures Farm.

RESOLVED, that the two requests be accepted, the Chairman confirmed that the two requests would be heard through the Chairman with each having up to 5 minutes to speak and that either the Chairman or Parish Manager would respond.

The Chairman thanked both members of the public and advised that either the Chairman or the Parish Manager would respond in writing.

145. To receive the Clerk’s General Report and Updates

RESOLVED: That the Clerk general report be accepted noting specifically: -

- a. That the need to manage the December payroll through the Parish Managers personal bank account has been completed and the payments and bank balances verified.
- b. Cosby Brook restoration is awaiting the design work.
- c. A quote for a gravel footpath through Victory Park has been received c: £11,000 and likely to qualify for S106 funding.
- d. Arboreal work around the village is underway but a difference between County Highways and Cosby Parish owned trees has arisen. Investigations are ongoing.
- e. Recreation Ground Charitable Trust. All required paperwork has now been identified and secured. A quote is awaited.
- f. Grounds Maintenance Contract will be published on Contracts Finder. Members will be summoned to attend an EGM to review and award the Grounds Maintenance Contract.
- g. Under 16’s changing rooms. Members will be summoned to an EGM to review and award the architects contract.
- h. Victory Park floodlights. The Parish Manager to arrange removal of any “at-risk” floodlights and undertake an audit with the relevant sports teams.
- i. Garner Cup. Alderman Tanner has confirmed that he would be delighted to receive the cup.

146. To receive any updates on village projects.

Report from Cllr: Hillmann that the Neighbourhood Plan is nearing finalization for public consultation document.

147. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

The Parish Manager as Division County Councillor reported that he was in discussions with the County Highway Authority regarding traffic surveys within Cosby and will keep

Members informed as discussions progress which may negate the need for Cosby Parish Council to fund external traffic consultants.

148. Agenda Item 16, Confidential Items:

RESOLVED, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of matters to be discussed.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the proposed pay awards for 2020/21 be approved and subject to final confirmation of the Public Sector Pay Settlement.
- b) That the budget proposals for Cosby Parish Council be approved.
- c) That a Precept Demand of £111,688 be served upon the Parishioners of Cosby for the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.
- d) **Members Code of Conduct.** Members are reminded that the councils Code of Conduct should be adhered to, to avoid bringing the council into disrepute.

RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders be suspended @9.30pm to allow the meeting to continue.

149. To confirm the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 19th March 2020.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm

----- 20th February 2020

Cllr: Veronica Rye

Chairman