



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 15th December 2022 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby.

Present: Cllr: V Rye (Chair) Cllr: J Chapman Cllr: M Howkins
Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: J Wolfe Cllr: C Pharoah
Cllr: M Hillmann Cllr: H Stevenson

Also present Mr L Phillimore (Parish Manager)
Mrs S Chapman (Assistant Parish Manager)

655. Chairman's welcome.

- a) Chairman thanks everyone for attending
- b) Chairman welcomes Cllr: H Stevenson to her first full council meeting

656. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr: S Wegerif (Approved)

657. To receive disclosures of members' interests

None declared

658. To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

a) Matters arising from these Minutes

- i. Council to note the thanks from Toc H for the grant for a new Santa Suit
- ii. Council to note the thanks from the Village Hall Committee for the grant for the annual pantomime
- iii. Council to note the thanks from P Hodges for the Cherry Picker grant for Cosby Christmas lights around The Nook
- iv. Minute 645 g – Parish Manager as District Councillor has asked Civil Enforcement and the Police to monitor the parking on Cambridge Road outside Saffron Dynamo
- v. Minute 641 a – Recreation Ground Charity meeting rescheduled to Thursday 19th January 2022
- vi. Minute 641 c – Meeting with housing developer rescheduled to 26th January 2022

659. To receive and approve the financial reports for the months ending 30th November 2022 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period.

- a) No questions raised and new internal auditing regime working well

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the months ending 30th November 2022 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

660. Clerks report

- a) **Tarmac pathway repairs** – Contractors have inspected and confirmed that the repairs undertaken are the correct and most appropriate repair possible.
- b) **Grave Spaces** – Research indicates that a maximum of 4 named persons can be interred; being a maximum of two coffins plus ashes interments with a maximum of 4 cremation caskets and no coffin interments.

RESOLVED: That the Cosby Cemetery Rules and Regulations to be updated accordingly

- c) Parish Manager reports complications with the Councils Microsoft accounts.

RESOLVED: Parish Manager to commission professional support.

- d) Parish Manager advises that following LRALC revised advice, the post-election meeting of Cosby Parish Council can now take place on Thursday 18th May 2023 and the new date will be published.
- e) **RESOLVED:** Following the resignation of K Scotton, Parish Manager to instigate the Health & Safety review.
- f) Cllr: H Stevenson will attend the Blaby District Council Youth Conference on 28th February 2023 on behalf of Cosby Parish Council.
- g) Council letter to DTM will be amended as per Council requirements and tenders for future works.

661. To consider any Memorial applications not in compliance with the published cemetery Rules & Regulations

None to consider

662. Correspondence received.

- a) **Email – Councillor Resignation** – K Scotton. Council to consider Exit Interviews for departing Councillors.
- b) **Email – Cosby Cottages Association** and any late correspondence (Not in pack)
- i. Council to note the formal acceptance by email from Peter Orpin (Chair of the CCA) dated Wed, 14 Dec, 2022 at 9:52 pm of the proposal held at (Minute 653 b - Motion 3 (2022), by the Cosby Cottages Association.
- Parish Manager to progress accordingly.
- c) **Email – Resident enquiry** – Whetstone Pastures Garden Village
- i. The email be noted
- d) **Email – Remembrance Day parade**
- i. The email be noted and Council be advised that the Chair and Parish Manager are meeting with Rev' Stewart Betts to discuss options for future parades
- e) **Email – Accidents on Narborough Road** – the correspondence and actions of the County Councillor be noted
- f) **Email – Cosby Post Office** – The correspondence be noted

663. Public Participation – No public speaking requested

- a) Cllr: H Stevenson raised the matter of the public gallery not always being able to hear the Councils discussion – Members to take note

664. To consider any planning applications listed and any notices received after the publication of the Agenda.

- a) None discussed

665. To receive any updates from Working Parties

- a) To consider and note the minutes of the Staff & Finance Working Party held on Monday 21st November 2022

RESOLVED:

- i. That the three budget and Precept options having been considered, **a budget of £154,769** be approved to include a 5% 2023/24 pay review provision and the single year removal of the £10,000 annual playground accrual
- ii. That a **Precept of £147,759** be approved for the financial year ending 31st March 2024 resulting in a 10.70% Precept increase.
- iii. That delegated authority be awarded to the Parish Manager as Responsible Finance Officer to submit the 2023/24 Precept Demand to Blaby District Council.
- iv. That Council be minded that the responsibility for the Village Hall is likely to transfer to Cosby Parish Council with known repairs pending and future budgets will need to provide for the additional expenditure
- v. That the £10,000 playground accrual will be re-instated for the 2024/25 budget and £10,000 vire'd across from General Reserves for the 2023/24 financial year.
- vi. That Council is conscious of the impact on local tax-payers. A weblink will be set up on the Parish Council linking to Blaby District and Leicestershire County Council support services when available.

666. To receive any updates on Village Projects

- a) Members to agree a date for the Council Development meeting

RESOLVED: That Council meet to review the village development projects on 2nd February 2022 @ 7.00pm subject to room availability

- b) **Christmas Event** – Feedback and review and to note: -

- i. That the event be noted as a great success on a Saturday
- ii. That thanks be recorded for Cllr: V Rye and Mrs Sarah Chapman for their hard work in organizing the event.
- iii. That the road closure needed to be 3 hours ahead of the event opening.
- iv. That the “Form of Statement” (Audit of Cosby Recreation Ground Charity Street Collection 3rd December 2022) collecting £41.35 be signed by the Chairman.

- c) **RPT Consulting** (Council feedback) – To be rescheduled to January 2023 meeting of Cosby Parish Council

667. To receive any reports from External meetings

None attended

668. To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

No reports tabled

669. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:

No requirement for a confidential session

670. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 19th January 2023

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.00.