



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th July 2023 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby.

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

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

Members of the Public.

One member of the public present

23.775 Chairmans welcome

Cllr: Rye welcomed those present and the member of the public.

23.776 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr: S Boocock (Approved) Cllr: C Pharoah (Approved) Cllr: S Wegerif (Approved)

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

Cllr: M Howkins – Registerable interest as a member of the Cosby Heritage Society.

Cllr: M Howkins – Registerable interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee but requested to remain to confirm key matters as no resolution will be required.

23.778 To receive and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 15th June 2023

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 15th June 2023 be signed as a true record.

a) Matters arising from these Minutes

- i. 23.771 (II) See Saw beam has been replaced although problems persist with handles coming loose.

23.779 To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 30th June 2023 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the month ending 30th June 2023 including income and expenditure, budget year to date and balance sheet be signed as an accurate record.

a) Matters arising from these minutes.

- i. Parish Manager explained the reasons for transferring money from General Reserves to the Establishment budget and then back again in order to cover VAT payments during the year.

23.780 To present the Garner Cup

- a) Caroline Russell is delighted to accept the Garner Cup but was unable to attend and hopes to attend the next Council meeting to receive it.

23.781 To consider any applications for Co-Option

- a) None

23.782 Clerks report

- a) Members to review the council statement of reserves and consider: -
 - i. £10,000 contribution previously resolved from Recreation Ground Charity. (Minute 708 (g) (v))
 - ii. Where monies are to be vired from to fund the current £20,000 un-funded playground replacement costs (£25,000 previously resolved for swings and matting)
 - iii. Consider the impacts of taking responsibility for the Village Hall on the forthcoming 2024/2025 and future budgets.

23.783 To consider and adopt a Safeguarding Policy for Cosby Parish Council

- a) **RESOLVED:** That the Safeguarding Policy as presented be adopted
- b) The Parish Manager will act as the Safeguarding Lead for Cosby Parish Council.

23.784 To consider and approve the Health and Safety consultancy proposal

- a) **RESOLVED:** That the proposal from WorkNest @ £1,250 pa for 3 years be commissioned.

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

- a) **RESOLVED:** That the memorial for Ann Denise Smith 1963 – 2021 to include a paw print be approved.

23.786 Correspondence Received

- a) Grant Application – Cosby Heritage Society.
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That a grant of £275 be approved.
- b) Blaby District Carbon Net Zero Pilot - Call for expressions of interest
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That Cosby Parish Council registers an expression of interest.
- c) Email - Grant application – Cosby Rainbows
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That a grant of up to £100 be offered.
- d) Email - Memorial bench – Pretty Corner
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That a memorial bench (All costs recovered) be approved for Pretty Corner
- e) Email - Junior Football Club
- f) Email - Cosby Rugby Club
 - Junior Football and Cosby Rugby Club emails be taken together*
 - i. Parish Manager to put forward suitable response for approval regarding pitch hire (Not received) Hiring Agreements (Not received) and priority over vacant Rugby pitch for 2023. The Rugby Club be assigned the Rugby Pitch for calendar years 2024 & 2025 as resolved @ 23.768 (h)

23.787 Public Participation

- a) No matters arising

23.788 To consider any planning applications listed and any notices received after the publication of the agenda.

- a) No observations made
 - i. Parish Manager suggests that the Croft Road, Jelson application is likely to be heard by the Planning Committee in September or October 2023.

23.789 To receive any updates from Working Parties to include: -

- a) **Update on Victory Park playground works**
 - i. All commissioned works (excluding fencing extension) complete
 - ii. Quotes being sourced for the replacement swings and matting
- b) **Report from the Road and Village Safety Working Party**
 - i. Parish Manager to seek advice from Highways on what projects have been successful in other similar sized villages.
 - ii. Parish Manager continues to source the LCC School Crossing Patrol advert.

23.790 To receive and updates on Village Projects

- a) Information for Next Parish newsletter required by 8th September 2023
- b) Christmas Event – Council Chair will advise of meeting dates.

23.791 To receive any reports from External meetings

- a) No reports

23.792 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

- a) Parish Manager as Blaby District Councillor advises of 6-month taxi licensing which will help support SEN school transport.

Member of the public left the room

23.793 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 and (Exempt information at Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 Act) the press and the public will be excluded from the following items by reason of the confidential nature of the business (**Personal, Commercial, Legal**) to be discussed and Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual/s and will be requested to withdraw.

- a) Future considerations relating to Cosby Village Hall
 - i. **RESOLVED:** Parish Manager to organise joint online meeting with stakeholders and lawyers with a view of Cosby Parish Council taking over all responsibility for the Village Hall.
 - ii. Parish Manager advises that this new responsibility will have a significant impact on the councils 2024/25 and future budgets and parishioners will need to be informed.

23.794 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 21st September 2023

Meeting closed @ 9.00pm