



# COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby.**

**Present:** Cllr: V Rye (Chair) Cllr: J Wolfe Cllr: M Howkins Cllr: J Chapman  
Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: H Stevenson Cllr: C Pharoah  
Cllr: M Hillmann (Arrived at 19.30) Cllr: G Lee (Left at 21.00)

**Also present** Mrs S Chapman (Assistant Parish Manager)

**Members of the Public:** None

## 24.860 Chairmans welcome

Chairman welcomed those present and thanked everyone from the village who helped during the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 village flood.

## 24.861 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr: S Wegerif (Approved)

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

Cllr G Lee non-pecuniary interest in planning application 23/1073/HH being a neighbour

Parish Manager advised all Members that they are exempt from declaring a pecuniary interest in setting the Precept.

## 24.863 To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 21st December 2023.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 21st December 2023 be signed as an accurate record.

### Matters arising from the minutes: -

Cllr S Boocock sought updates on: -

#### Minute 23.849

- (f) No update regarding licensing for a Burlesque dance class

#### Minute 23.850

- (e) Information is awaited from the Planning Officer
- (f) Parish Manager confirmed that there is no easy solution to the faults with the Christmas lights but lighting column and "octopus box" connections will be replaced during 2024 to eliminate them from water ingress

## 24.864 To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 31st December 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 with no questions asked the financial reports for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period be approved and signed by the Chair.

- a) Parish Manager advises Council that Santander have still not provided a closing bank statement in relation the £193,303.67 investment bond and will continue to chase and / or report or the Financial Conduct Authority and that internal reports account for the £193,303.67 closing balance received and re-investment.

**24.865 To receive any updates or recommendations from Working Parties**

- a) **To receive and consider the recommendations from the meeting of the Finance and Staff Resources Working Party** held on Monday 8th January 2024 to approve the budget **£169,993** and Council Tax Precept **£155,093** for the parish of Cosby for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

**RESOLVED:** That the budget and Precept for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 be approved at £169,993 and £155,093 respectively and the Parish Manager submits the Precept demand to Blaby District Council.

- b) **Creation of the Cosby Parish Carbon Reduction Working Party?**

To be re-tabled in February 2024

- c) **To receive and consider any recommendations from the meeting of the Cemetery, Chapel and Pinfold Working Party held on Tuesday 16th January 2024**

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendations of the Working Party be noted with **no burials** to be permitted in the top left hand cemetery area and being reserved for cremation and memorial plots only.

That recommendations 2 to 7 of the report are taken forward as work-in-progress.

**RESOLVED:** That agenda item 13 “Updates on village projects” and Agenda item 14 Reports from external meetings be moved up to agenda.

**24.866 To receive any updates on village projects**

- a) 6th June 2024 D-Day celebrations. “Fish & Chips themed” Preferred date Saturday 8th June 2024 but conflicts with scheduled cricket match. Alternative dates being explored
- b) Christmas lights and street market. Saturday 30th November 2024
- c) Articles for newsletter. 2 weeks’ notice required for 1st March, 26th May, 13th September, 22nd November deadlines.

**24.867 To receive any reports from External meetings**

- a) Cllr: G Lee provided a brief verbal report on the Blaby District Council LCWIP consultation where 16 attendees were present.
- b) Parish Manager provided a short overview of the LCWIP programme and the need to have on-the-shelf ready to go projects as government funding became available.

**24.868 Clerks report.**

- a) Parish Manager advises of a £20 donation request for the distribution of the Female Football Public Statement

**RESOLVED:** That a donation of £50.00 be made to Cosby News.

- b) Council advised that the Parish Councils website, email and domain will now be administered by Cuttlefish when transferred from 2Commune with no change to the current charges.
- c) Proposed Community Spirit Awards in response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> January flooding.

**RESOLVED:** That a one-off Newsletter be produced with pictures to thank all volunteers who helped on the day instead of individual awards.

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

None to consider

**24.870 To consider providing a community resilience / response service in light of the village flooding on 2nd January 2024.**

Council Chair will refer to Cllr: S Wegerif as the Flood Warden

**RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended at 21.00hrs to allow the meeting to continue.**

**24.871 Correspondence received.**

**a) Email – Football parking on Narborough Rd, Hunters Way, Portland Street**

**RESOLVED:** That the resident be advised that the Parish Council has no authority over the Highway or obstruction of the highway and obstruction or verbal abuse should be reported to the Police

Parish Manager to update Lease Agreements to include a requirement for lessees to be responsible for responsible and considerate parking by attendees.

**b) Email – BDC / LRALC / Cosby Carbon Literacy**

To be re-tabled at the February meeting of Cosby Parish Council.

**c) Late correspondence. Cosby Cricket Club proposed works to the village hall changing rooms.**

Chairman updates Members on a meeting with the Cricket Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Parish Manager advises that clarity is being sought with the Councils lawyers regarding any impact on the proposed transfer of village hall ownership to the Parish Council

**24.872 Public Participation – a) Public Speaking Protocol – Requests received by the protocol deadline to be reported by the Clerk to the Parish Council with detail of the agenda item to which they relate. b) 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**

No requests received

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

**a) Application No: 23/0182/OUT**

**Residential development of up to 200 dwellings including provision of public open space, associated infrastructure all matters reserved except for access.**

**Location: Land Off Croft Road Cosby Leicestershire**

No observations made regarding inclusion of additional green open space on the illustrative master plan.

**24.874 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors**

County Councillor Les Phillimore provided an overview of the over 700 flood impacted properties across the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area and including Whetstone, Countesthorpe and Braunstone.

**24.875 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm**