



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st March 2024 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby.

Present: Cllr: V Rye (Chair) Cllr: M Howkins Cllr: J Chapman
Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: C Pharoah Cllr: M Hillmann
Cllr: G Lee Cllr: S Wegerif

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

Members of the Public: Three (1 public speaking)

24.895 Chairmans welcome

Chairman welcomed those present and confirmed that agenda item 10 Public Participation will be brought up agenda to follow agenda item 6 Clerks report.

Plea from the Chairman that were an email says "please only respond if you disagree", can Members only respond if they disagree to minimise unnecessary emails.

24.896 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr: H Stevenson (Approved) Cllr: J Wolfe (Belated)

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

Cllr: V Rye declares a non-pecuniary interest in the Jelson's Croft Road application (23/0182/OUT) having set-up a local residents group.

24.898 To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 15th February 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 15th February 2024 be signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising: -

- a) **Minute 24.886 (b)** Parish Manager advises that details of the quantity and specification of the lighting columns on The Settlement have been emailed to National Grid. A financial refund should follow in due course.

24.899 To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 29th February 2024 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 29th February 2024 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) Cllr: V Rye asks that invoices for payments to Roger Cook (Electrician) be annotated to record the work carried out.

- b) Cllr: S Wegrif Page 3 Council Detailed report - Movement to/from General Reserves £48,639 should read £48,640. Parish Manager advises that the software system will round up or down and there is no intervention possible by the users.
- c) Cllr: V Rye raises a concern that there is no date on the Redwood Bank statement. Parish Manager advises that there is no on-line access to the One-Year Bond and three payment authorities are required to make any payments.

24.900 Clerks report

- a) Tender document for the Playground upgrade is live on Contracts Finder. A lottery grant will be explored once the project has been firmed-up.
- b) Roadside verge damage on Main Street
 - a. Overriding of the kerb has been reported to Neighbourhood Services at Blaby District Council.
 - b. Parish Manager has met with the Yarn Bomb – Cllr: M Hillman has liaised with Hewitts Sports Turf with a quote pending for “reinforced turf” with any work likely to take place in the Autumn.
 - c. Council are advised of ongoing problems in securing a company for the external play equipment inspections. Members are assured that the playground is inspected on a weekly basis by council staff.
 - d. Sports Holiday Club grant application for three-weeks in August has been submitted.
 - e. Three quotes for local repairs received.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the Heritage Sign legs be repaired with leg boots to be fitted to protect the wooden leg bases.
- ii. That the bench adjacent to Tudor Drive be re-slatted and treated.

RESOLVED: That agenda item 10 Public Participation be moved up the agenda

- a) Resident (RB) raises concerns over the clearance and blocking of the water channel adjacent to Brierfield POS.
 - a. Parish Manager to liaise with Blaby District Council regarding the recent works.
 - b. Cllr: M Hillmann will liaise with the resident on flood prevention measures and local land owners.

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24.901 To consider the installation of 2 memorial benches on Pretty Corner

RESOLVED: That two new memorial benches be installed on Pretty Corner at zero cost to the parish council.

24.902 To consider any Memorial applications not in compliance with the published cemetery Rules and Regulations.

None to consider

24.903 Correspondence received.

- a) **Email** – Blaby District Council – variation to Grounds Maintenance Contract following extension of children’s playground – additional £87 per cut. *(Verbal update)*

RESOLVED: That the variation be approved.

- b) **Email** – BDC / LRALC / Cosby Carbon Literacy (Re-tabled from February 2024) (Not in agenda pack) Certificate of Carbon Literacy awarded to Cllr: Steve Wegerif

- c) **Email** – Late correspondence – Police will keep an eye on parking within 10 metres of a junction or blocking dropped kerb access, especially Main Street and Park Road.
- d) **Vehicle Weight restrictions** – Members provided with a dedicated email address to report breaches to.

e) **Blaby District Parish Council Group**

RESOLVED: That Cosby Parish Council continues to support the local group.

f) **Email – Leicesterhsire NHS Partnership Trust – The Beacon donation request.**

RESOLVED: That Cosby Parish Council is unable to support the NHS facility as there is no guarantee that a Cosby resident does or may benefit from the unit.

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

a) **Application 24/0074/FUL Land off Croft Road, Cosby.**

To consider the Parish Councils position and response relating to: -

Change of use to public open space and ecology enhancement area to support planning application 23/0182/OUT (Land off Croft Road) for residential development to the west.

RESOLVED: Parish Manager to comment back to the Planning Officer requesting more information again from the developers such as site setting-out and potential commuted sum from the developers.

b) **Tabled by Cllr: S Wegerif - County Highways response to planning application 23/0182/OUT (2023/0182/01/H/R5)**

No further comments or action to be taken by the Parish Council at this time.

24.905 To receive any updates on village projects

a) **D-Day Event** – Sunday 2nd June 2024 – request for additional funds.

RESOLVED: That the allocated fund be increased to £2,500 with all opportunities for generating income be explored.

Confirmation be sought regarding any license requirement for a one-off lottery.

b) **Purchase of pop-up gazebos for community events** c: £200 upwards per 3 x 3 metre gazebo from Recreation Ground Charity funds.

RESOLVED: That new gazebos be purchased out of Cosby Recreation Ground Charity funds. Parish Manager to confirm costings and specification.

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

a) **Cemetery works for new cremation and memorial area**

Cllr: C Pharoah and Assistant Parish Manager advised that the Tender document will be publicised on Contracts Finder.

24.907 To receive any reports from External meetings

a) **Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner meeting with Parish Councils.**

Assistant Parish Manager noted that the main concerns raised for Cosby related to speeding and parking and the lack of police visibility in the village.

b) **Blaby District Council Parish Liaison meeting**

Cllr: V Rye attended and advises of a new Parish Charter in development, LRALC survey regarding the newsletter and a review of Environmental Crime penalties.

24.908 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

- a) District and County Councillor L Phillimore updated members of the ongoing work post Storm Henk which included the cleaning and jetting of the drains and gulley's on Countesthorpe Rd to The Nook.
- b) Meeting to be arranged with the Resilience Forum.
- c) Notable success of the dedicated school transport licence for children with SEND which has been picked up nationally as a very beneficial programme.

24.909 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 18th April 2024

Meeting closed at 8.57pm