



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Registered Electors of the Parish of Cosby held at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th May 2024 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby under the chairmanship of Cllr: V Rye

Present: Cllr V Rye (Chair) Cllr S Wegerif (Vice Chair) Cllr M Howkins
Cllr: J Wolfe Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: Gail Lee
Cllr: H Stevenson

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

1. Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr: V Rye welcomed those present and presented the Chairman's Annual Report as follows:
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Report from Cllr: V Rye – Chairman of Cosby Parish Council: -

The last 12 months have again been busy for Cosby Parish Council and we were pleased to welcome Gail Lee who joined the council in September.

The council has remained stable and no councillors have left in the past 12 months, there are still two vacancies on Cosby Parish Council.

In November the Village Remembrance Parade took place and we organised another enjoyable, successful and popular Christmas event at the beginning of December.

The Children's Playground on Victory Park has been updated with exciting new pieces of play equipment and with the support of the grant from Baby District Council, the fence had been extended to create one large area that includes the swings and the painted floor markings.

As ever, work continues to raise the profile of Cosby Parish Council in the village, and the council newsletter plays an important part in this.

The next 12 months will see the continuing development of the playground with new swings and activity boards planned soon and the council is also exploring ways to develop the top left corner of the cemetery to create an area for memorials, scattering of ashes and reflection.

Cosby Parish Council will continue to work with the Village Hall Committee over the future of the Village Hall and the third picnic in the park takes place in just over 2 weeks and promises to be fun for all the family.

Questions from Parishioners: -

M Howkins – what do you think the Parish Councils three best achievements this year are?

Response: -

- I think the playground development was a very big achievement.
- I think our response to the flooding earlier this year was another big achievement
- I think the resolution of the issues of the lighting on The Settlement a major achievement for this council.

S Boocock – what could we have done better?

Response: -

- Helen Stevenson – I think we need to some times to move faster on things, resolve things faster and be a bit more proactive. The response to the flooding shows that we can work together really well and do things in a more appropriate manner.
- Sandra Boocock – I think we could do more with our communication, we've done lots since I joined including the newsletter, perhaps make more use of Facebook and I don't see much activity there, I just think we could do more and up our game and I would be more than happy to put a bit more into that.
- Parish Manager advises that as a Local Government Authority, it is never going to get much traction and we can only really put information out there. The village has Spotted Cosby which is vibrant with many followers and we can consider "tagging" Spotted Cosby into anything that the Parish Council puts out.

M Howkins – could we, should we do anything to improve this meeting?

- S Boocock commented that Cllr: V Rye had done extremely well in ensuring that meetings concluded in a more timely manner over the recent months.
- M Howkins – some Parish Councils try to make the Parish Meetings more of an event.
- V Rye notes that anyone can post information that this meeting is taking place and Helen Stevenson has some good ideas which I will raise in the next meeting.

With no other requests to speak or matters to consider, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.11pm

Cllr: V Rye. Chairman