



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

Members of the Public: None present

24.1033 Chairmans welcome

Chairman welcomed those present and advised that due to the length of agenda, time management will be critical.

24.1034 To receive apologies for absence

All Members present

24.1035 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 as a Member of the Village Hall Committee.

24.1036 To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 17th October 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 17th October 2024 be signed as a true record by the Chair.

Cllr: V Rye noted that the request for Matters Arising had not been listed on the agenda.

Cllr: J Wolfe identified an error in the sub referencing at 24.1029.6, 24.1029.7 & 24.1029.8. Parish Manager advised that they were still unique referenceable bullet points.

24.1037 To receive and approve the financial reports for the months ending 31st October 2024 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period.

Cllr V Rye queried: -

- a) Overspends in 120 Administration, 4210 Audit Fees, 4211 RBS Rialtas Fees, 4260 Website

Parish Manager confirmed that new External Auditor Fees were more expensive than budgeted, RBS Fees increased after RBS were acquired. Website relates to a missed budget item for a two-yearly .GOV domain charge.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the months ending 31st October 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.

Cllr: J Chapman will review invoices and payments file.

24.1038 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.

None

24.1039 To note and consider a written report from the Parish Manager and Responsible Finance Officer in relation to 2 resolutions recorded at minute 24.1022.4 made on 17th October 2024 and to consider the Motions listed below and tabled by Cllr V Rye.

The report be noted but not welcomed by Members of the Parish Council

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Motions to be heard as the 7-day timeframe was not fulfilled.

24.1039.1 To consider two Motions (No1 & No2 2024) to overturn and remake the resolution for the value of the Charity Bank re-investment.

24.1039.1.1 Motion 1 (2024) To overturn resolution 24.1022.4 and to resolve that “All funds held in the Charity Bank be re-invested in the Charity Bank in a one-year fixed rate savings account” or: -

Motion 1 withdrawn by Cllr V Rye

24.1039.1.2 Motion 2 (2004) To overturn resolution 24.1022.4 and to resolve that “£85,000 be re-invested in the Charity Bank in a one-year fixed rate savings account with excess funds deposited in a new account in a new financial institution once opened.

RESOLVED: That £85,000 from the Charity Bank investment be re-invested in a one-year fixed rate account with the Charity Bank with the residual Charity Bank maturity value to be deposited in a new account in a new financial institution, once opened.

Parish Manager as RFO advises Council that as the residual funds will need to be temporarily deposited in the Councils Lloyds accounts whilst a new account is opened, this has the effect of increasing the council’s exposure to risk within the £85,000 FSCS in the short-term with over £200,000 already deposited with Lloyds Bank.

24.1039.1.3 Motion 3 (2004) To retract the second resolution at Minute 24.1022.4 “That any account is kept to a balance of £85,000 and a new deposit account be opened to invest the excess from accounts above £85,000” being an invalid and unmanageable resolution.

RESOLVED: That the second resolution recorded at minute 24.1022.4 be retracted as an invalid and unmanageable resolution.

24.1040 To note the Redwood Bank maturity statement and to consider the depositing or re-investment of the Redwood Bank account funds. The RFO suggests re-investing the maturity value in a new Redwood Bank 35-day access investment account.

RESOLVED: That the full maturity value be re-invested in the 35-day access investment account at est: 4.10%.

24.1041 To consider and approve the meeting date for the calendar year 2025.

RESOLVED: That the dates be approved with a full council meeting be added to the schedule for 21st August 2024.

24.1042 Correspondence received.

24.1042.1 Email – request for gates to be installed on the Narborough Road access to Cosby Victory Park.

The person be advised that the entrance is not wide enough for a fully DDA compliant gate.

24.1042.2 Email – Village Defibrillators – Cllr: M Howkins verbal update

RESOLVED: That the existing defibrillators be retained and maintained.

24.1042.3 Email – Edwards - Planting of bulbs around the changing rooms.

RESOLVED: That £30 be provided for new bulbs.

24.1042.4 Email – Road Safety Unit. Cambridge Road and Narborough Road. (Not in pack)

Verbal update provided by Parish Manager to include a requirement to pay the County Council for speed data and that the Road Safety Unit are investigating Cambridge Road and 10 drivers stopped on Narborough Road.

24.1042.5 Email – Memorial Plaque on Cosby Victory Park

The email be noted

24.1042.6 Email – Condition of Heritage notice board on Victory Park car park.

Prices for a replacement notice board be sought.

24.1042.7 Email – Parish Council provision of sand bags. Cllr: S Wegerif

Sand bags resolved at the October 19th Council meeting.

24.1042.8 Email – Church Farm Close car parking (1)

24.1042.9 Email – Church Farm Close car parking (2)

Parish Manager is leasing with the County Highway Authority on both emails and will request a No Through Road sign.

24.1042.10 Email – Saffron Dynamo – Parish Council support for Football Association grant application to upgrade car park. (Not in pack)

Parish Manager to provide a letter of support.

24.1042.11 Leicestershire County Council – approval of Consent to install 2 memorial benches on Pretty Corner. (To be tabled at the meeting – signatures required)

The permission be noted and license agreement signed.

24.1042.12 Email – Leicestershire Police – traffic speed on Cambridge Road, Cosby (Verbal update)

As per 24.1042.9 above.

24.1042.13 Email – Road Safety Unit – Narborough Road speeding (Verbal update)

As per 24.1042.9 above.

24.1042.14 Email – Veale Wasborough Vizards LLP - Projected costs for legal work in relation to Village Hall transfer.

RESOLVED: That Veale Washborough Vizards LLP be advised that the Parish Councils accepts the “fixed cost” option.

24.1043 To consider communications with residents for the implications of the transfer of Cosby Village Hall to the Recreation Ground Charity.

RESOLVED: That a dedicated newsletter be delivered with Cosby News with additional publicity placed on the parish council website and social media.

24.1044 To consider matters relating to sports teams parking. Cllr: V Rye

Parish Manager to refer Sports Teams to the Hiring Agreement and the requirement to manage responsible parking, including no parking on dropped kerbs.

24.1045 To consider matters relating to St Michael and All Angels Christmas Tree event. Cllr V Rye

RESOLVED: That a fund of up to £200 be made available from the Recreation Ground Charity for the Parish Council to enter the St Michael and All Angels Christmas Tree event.

24.1046 To review Minute 24.1023 – waste bins on Cosby Victory Park as the resolution cannot be enacted in full.

Parish Manager advises that the waste bins within the village are already the largest available so cannot be increased in size. Bins scheduled for relocation will take place.

24.1047 To consider and approve the updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations – “Memorial Benches”

RESOLVED: That the updated rules be adopted with the addition of “fragile” ornaments on page 7.

24.1048 Clerks report to include: -

24.1048.1 Update on works to Christmas lights and likely exceedance of approved £3,500.

Parish Manager advises that all works have now been completed but the expenditure may exceed the initial £3,500 provision.

24.1048.2 Oil in Cosby Brook.

Parish Manager updated Council on recent events and investigations.

24.1048.3 Preliminary budget and Precept for 2025/26 (Verbal report)

Parish Manager advised of the potential for a Precept increase in excess of 20% due to the Village Hall transfer and other increasing costs.

24.1048.4 Alternative MVAS

Parish Manager advises of the opportunity to purchase an Evolis MVAS at a likely cheaper price. Capital funding resolution already in place. Parish Manager to progress a Evolis MVAS.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders are suspended at 9.00pm to allow the meeting to continue.

24.1049 To consider and note the Council Resolution List

No matters raised.

24.1050 To consider the purchase of Linley Green Public Open Space, (Re-tabled from September 2024) (Map enclosed)

RESOLVED: That Linley Green Public Open Space is **NOT** purchased by Cosby Parish Council.

24.1051 To consider any Memorial applications not in compliance with the published cemetery Rules & Regulations.

None to consider

24.1052 To consider any planning applications listed and any notices received after the publication of the agenda.

No observations made

24.1053 To receive any updates from Working Parties to include: -

24.1053.1 Children's playground upgrade.

No update

24.1053.2 Cemetery Working Party – update from Tenders

No update

24.1053.3 Cosby Village Hall Working Party

Extraordinary Meeting of Cosby Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 4th December 2024

24.1053.4 Flood Risk Working Party

Working Party report tabled. With a difference of opinion between the Parish Manager and some Members over the role and remit of a Working Party. Parish Manager will seek additional clarity from LRALC.

Members authorise the Working Party to continue with their external investigations but do not support implementing a committee structure in place of Working Parties.

Parish Manager as County Councillor will introduce Cllr: M Hillmann to their LLFA Flood Manager contact at the County Council.

24.1054 To receive any updates on Village Projects

24.1054.1 Remembrance Day Parade – review

Noted as successful

24.1054.2 Christmas Lights and Street Market 30th November 2024

Council updated and all Members help on the day welcome.

24.1054.3 Considerations for the 2025 summer community event / VE Day

No plans to date. Cllr V Rye will email Members with initial ideas.

24.1055 To receive any reports from External meetings

None attended

24.1056 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

Parish Manager as District Ward Councillor notes the quantity of planning applications being submitted.

Parish Manager as County Councillor outlines the Government's commitment to introducing Combined Authorities in place of the existing three-tier local government structure.

24.1057 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 item by reason of the confidential nature of the business (Personal,

Financial) to be discussed and Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual/s and will be requested to withdraw.

24.1057.1 To note the award of CiLCA to Mr L M Phillimore and to award the contractual Spinal Point increase w/e/f 1st October 2024.

RESOLVED: That a single Spinal Point increase be awarded w/e/f and backdated to 1st October 2024.

24.1057.2 To note and approve the 2024/25 NJC pay awards to be backdated and payable from 1st April 2024.

RESOLVED: That the 2024/25 NJC pay awards be approved and backdated to 1st April 2024.

24.1057.3 To note the appointment of the new Cemetery Operative

Members advised of the appointment of Mr Marc Fox on 25th November 2024 as the new Cemetery Operative with the inclusion of additional duties around the village.

Council advised of an onboarding cost of c: £200 for new PPE for the Operative.

24.1057.4 To consider the retirement of the current Cemetery Operative

RESOLVED: That a £50 garden voucher be gifted in recognition of the time served and the standard of work delivered.

To confirm the date of the next meeting as 7.00pm Thursday 19th December 2024 with an open public invitation at 6.30pm

Meeting closed @ 21.48 hrs.