

Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2018 in the Cosby Community Church Rooms, Croft Road, Cosby commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr M Hillmann - Chair, Cllr C Pharoah – Vice Chair, Cllr P Cave,
Cllr J Chapman, Cllr D Cooper, Cllr M Howkins, Cllr V Rye and Cllr P Suffield

Apologies: Cllr I Mullis, Cllr L Phillimore, Cllr A Tanner and County Cllr David Jennings

Also Present: Mrs E Wakelam and Mrs A Wood – Clerks
Two members of the public

1. The Chairman of Cosby Parish Council opens the Meeting

Councillor Miles Hillman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the two members of the public, Sam Peake and Andy Ingram.

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting, dated 16th March 2017, were approved and signed by the Chair of Cosby Parish Council.

3. To receive the Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Miles Hillmann, apologised to those present for a delay in providing the Annual Report which will be circulated in due course.

4. To receive the Charities Report

Mrs Elaine Wakelam (Clerk to Cosby Parish Council and Responsible Finance Officer) delivered the Annual Charities Report, advising members that all applicants to the Recreation Ground Charity had each received a grant of £150.

Mrs Alison Wood would update the relevant account details, further to her appointment as Parish Clerk.

There were no questions as a result of the report.

5. To receive the District and County Councillors Reports

In his absence, Mrs Wakelam delivered the Annual Report submitted by Mr David Jennings, County Councillor for Cosby and Countesthorpe Division:

“It has again been an eventful year. In May of last year I was very proud to have been re-elected as the County Councillor for the Cosby and Countesthorpe Division.

I have continued as the Chairman of the Local Government Pension Board. I am now a Scrutiny Commissioner and I serve on the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as well as the Scrutiny Commission.

I am also a member of the Development Control and Regulatory Board (Planning Committee) and the Employment Committee. I also represent the Countesthorpe Ward on Blaby District Council where I am the longest serving member; next year will be my 40th.

In this capacity I often get involved in matters affecting Cosby. I have been able to give Councillor's Phillimore and Tanner (your own excellent Blaby District Councillors) support on Cosby issues.

I serve on the Blaby District Council's Planning Committee. Despite a recommendation from Blaby District Council Planning Officers to approve a planning application for 200 houses, on Croft Road in Cosby by Jelson, it was I who stood out against it and argued that the application should be refused. It was, with not one member voting for approval.

Jelson lodged an appeal. Blaby District Council Planning Officers said that they could not defend the refusal as they had recommended approval. I took on the challenge and led the defence of the decision. We won, the appeal was dismissed.

At both councils I serve on a number of minor Committees and Boards. I spend much time outside of council meetings dealing with problems which concern my constituents. In addition to this, I am a member of Countesthorpe Parish Council.

Please remember, if it concerns you, then it concerns me. Contact me at any reasonable time to discuss any issues. It has been a great privilege and a pleasure to have been connected with Cosby for another year.

My best wishes to you all."

There were no questions as a result of his report. There were no reports from District Councillors.

6. Presentation of the Garner Cup

The Garner Cup was presented to the Parish Council many years ago; to be awarded to a parishioner, who in the opinion of the Council or the village had merited being the recipient of the Cup for work done that had benefitted the village as a whole.

Councillor Paul Suffield spoke, on behalf of the Parish Council, in awarding the Garner Cup to Sam Peake:

"Sam has been very helpful and has put a lot of hard work into the village this year and in previous years. The Christmas Illuminations was a particularly exciting time!"

Councillor Hillman presented the Garner Cup to Sam, with Councillor Jean Chapman leading the thanks from all.

Andy Ingram advised that Sam had been recommended as a Community Pioneer at the Co-op, a new initiative which would allow her to volunteer for 16 hours per month.

7. Parishioner Time

There were no issues raised under this item.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

I confirm that this is a True and Correct Record of the meeting held on 15th March 2018.

..... Chairman of Cosby Parish Council

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