



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th July 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 (Left @9.16pm) Cllr: C Pharoah
Cllr: J Chapman Cllr: S Wegerif Cllr: J Frisby (Post Co-Option)

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

Members of the Public: Three

24.962 Chairmans welcome

Chairman welcomed those present, Ms Jayne Frisby who is standing for Co-Option and reminded all present that the meeting is recorded.

Chairman addressed Council to note that following a number of comments from Councillors, it has to be recognised that some things have to be done in a specific order and that some things can take a long time to resolve. It does not mean that progress is not being made and Councillors can raise questions under Matters Arising about previous resolutions.

Chairman has asked for a standing agenda item to review the Resolutions List and for the document to be distributed.

24.963 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr: M Hillmann (Approved)

24.964 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 declares a non-pecuniary interest being a member of Leicester Lions Rugby Football Club, being a Member of Cosby Heritage Society (Agenda item 16 a) and a Trustee of Cosby Village Hall Committee.

24.965 To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 20th June 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 20th June 2024 be signed as a true record by the Chair.

Matters arising from these minutes

24.965.1 Cllr: V Rye (Minute 24.951.2.2) Parish Manger advises that the valuation surveys have not been arranged to date.

24.965.2 Cllr: Rye (Minute 24.951.2.3) Parish Manager has not yet confirmed the Code of Conduct version.

24.965.3 Cllr V Rye (Minute 24.952.1.1) Parish Manager advises that an update has been received from the lawyers advising that the Village Hall Committee are aiming for a resolution by either 30th September 2024 or March 31st 2025. The two parties' lawyers are scheduled a meeting w/c 22.7.2024. An update will follow with 3 dates put forward for a virtual meeting with the Councils lawyers.

Members are also advised that the disposal of assets for the Village Hall Charity must be agreed with the Charities Commission. There is no guarantee that the funds will be donated to the Cosby Recreation Ground Charity.

Parish Manager will provide a written summary of information and future decisions to all Members.

24.965.4 Village Hall Working Party - (Minute 24.952.1.1) Chairman and Parish Manager advise Council that with more than 50% of the Council Members putting their names forward to sit on this Working Party, this is not good governance or transparent when the recommendations of a Working Party that has no visibility in law, cannot be overturned by Full Council. Members should aim for; ideally 4 Members on the Working Party.

24.965.5 Cllr: V Rye (Minute 24.952.2) Parish Manager confirms that the BACS refund has been raised and will be paid at the end of July.

24.965.6 Cllr: V Rye (Minute 24.958.2) advises that due to the lack of volunteers, there will be no Parish Council stand at the 28th July 2024 Community Day. Cllr: H Stevenson has offered a stall at the Cosby Indoor Market.

24.966 To receive and approve the financial reports for the months ending 30th June 2024 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period.

24.966.1 Cllr: H Stevenson queries 140.4990 Cemetery Sundries. Expenditure relates to tape and weedkiller.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the month ending 30th June 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: C Pharoah will review invoices and payments file.

24.967 To consider any applications for Co-Option

RESOLVED: That Ms. Jayne Frisby be Co-Opted onto Cosby Parish Council and sign her Declaration of Office.

24.968 Clerks General Report

24.968.1 Members advised that there is evidence of moles in the children's playground. Discussion will be tabled for the September 2024 meeting.

24.968.2 Purchase of Linley Green. Parish Manager advises that Blaby District Council will consider a formal offer. Members are asked to consider the long-term implications to the Parish Council of acquiring a Public Open Space.

To be re-tabled for the September 2024 meeting

24.968.3 Assistant Parish Manager advises Members of the emerging requirements for arboreal tree work to include the potential removal of a large tree to the rear of the village hall, a diseased tree to the front of the village hall and 54 Lime Trees in the cemetery that need pollarding.

Recommendations and quotes will be tabled for the September 2024 meeting.

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

None to consider

24.969.1 Request to fit a memorial plaque to an existing bench – re-tabled (Minute 21.953.1) from June 2024.

RESOLVED: That due to the precedent of the use of Parish Council owned assets for family memorials and the difficulty in administering such a precedent, the request is declined.

Parish Manager to liaise with the family to explore alternative options.

24.969.2 To consider a form of memorial for those who have made a considerable contribution to the community of Cosby.

Members to consider. To be re-tabled in September 2024 meeting

24.970 Correspondence received.

24.970.1 Email – Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters

RESOLVED: That Cosby Parish Council support the Bill.

24.970.2 Email - Letter from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (Community Action Fund)

RESOLVED: That Cosby Parish Council express an interest in the project.

24.970.3 Email - Late correspondence from Cllr: M Hillmann regarding Cosby Village Hall.

24.970.3.1 Activate the Working Group of the Village Hall.

This is a minuted action from the June 2024 meeting and requires Members to activate.

24.970.3.2 Establish who pays the lawyers – PC or VHC

The standing resolution is that Cosby Parish Council covers all legal costs and recovers from the Cosby Recreation Ground Charity when full costs are established.

24.970.3.3 Direct contact with the Lawyers.

The Parish Manager has direct contact with the councils lawyers.

24.970.3.4 Direct Contact with the Village Hall Management group.

The Parish Council has direct contact with both the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and Cllr: M Howkins as a Trustee of the Village Hall Committee.

24.970.3.5 Direct Contact with the Charities Commission.

Parish Manager advises that all matters related to the Charities Commission are being handled by the lawyers.

RESOLVED: That Standing Orders be suspended @ 21.01hrs to allow the meeting to continue.

24.971 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

No requests received.

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

None to consider

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

24.973.1 Children’s playground update

Members advised that this is Work-in-progress at this time

24.973.2 Cemetery Working Party

Cemetery Working Party meeting scheduled for Wednesday 24th July 2024 @ 4.30pm.

24.974 To receive any updates on village projects

24.974.1 Cosby Community Day minuted above

24.974.2 Remembrance Day Parade – parade and service details yet to be finalised due to shortage of church representatives.

24.974.3 Christmas Lights and Street Market 30th November 2024 – ongoing project.

24.975 To receive any reports from external meetings.

None attended

24.976 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

24.976.1 Cllr: J Wolfe advises of nothing to report

24.976.2 Mr L Phillimore as County Councillor advised of the stepping back of the Leader of the County Council until an anticipated September 2024 on health grounds.

24.977 As Trustees of Cosby Recreation Ground Charity to consider grant applications: -

To be deferred to a meeting of the Recreation Ground Charity to be held at 6.30pm on 22nd August 2024.

24.978 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 19th September 2024

Meeting closed at 21.22 hrs.