

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 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 C Pharoah

Cllr J Chapman Cllr M Howkins Cllr: J Wolfe

Cllr: K Scotton Cllr: S Boocock Cllr: M Hillmann (joined 7.11pm)

Two members of the public

**Also present:** Mr L Phillimore (Clerk & 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: -.

"Good evening

When thinking about the past year and what Cosby Parish Council has achieved, I realized that it has been a relatively quiet year! Quiet but successful.

I would like to that this opportunity to thanks Les and Sarah for all their hard work both behind the scenes and publicly. As a council we are very aware of the many hours they spend researching past resolutions and reading historical minutes to ensure that moving forwards the council is stronger.

12 months ago; saw the end of virtual council meetings and it was a relief to move back to face-to-face meetings – I like to look at people when talking, not stare into a camera. Careful protocols kept us safe.

Earlier this year, Ian Mullis and Lucy Wolfe both resigned from Cosby Parish Council and we welcomed Kristal Scotton onto the Council

Traffic, parking and speeding remain some of the most common issues that parishioners contact the council about. These remain an area of frustration for Councillors as well as residents but there have been some successes over the year.

- A larger bus stop designated area outside the Co-Op on Main Street to restrict parking and ease obstruction and visibility difficulties
- Funding has been awarded by Leicestershire County Council to purchase a speed activated sign for the village
- Funding has also been approved to install bollards on the pavements outside Cosby Primary School
- > Cosby Parish Council continues to engage in conversations with Highways Officers to explore further ways of solving the traffic issues within our village.

Victory Park continues to be the focal point of our village and has recently seen the installation of Remembrance Gates to the car park. The park will be the venue for Cosby's Platinum Jubilee celebration on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

A Sports Consultant is currently working with the village sports teams and Cosby Parish Council to ensure that Victory Park is used to its full advantage meeting the needs of the whole village.

In other news this year: -

- > The Moles living on Pretty Corner have been granted permission to remain there for now!
- > The Neighbourhood Plan continues to progress through the consultation process
- The Parish Council newsletter lands on village doorsteps every 3 to 4 months and allows the sharing of information and highlighting key issues.

Looking forward, we hope to fill the Councillor vacancies on Cosby Parish Council with the Jubilee event, Remembrance Parade and Christmas lights switch-on to look forward to.

Thank you everybody

## **Parishioner matters:**

- ➤ **Highway gutters** the amount of grass / weed growth along the roadside gutters within the village is raised as a concern.
  - o Cosby Parish Council will use the Parish newsletter to encourage residents to keep the roadside gutter weeds under control outside to their houses.
- > Cllr: Mike Howkins asks that compliments be recorded to the work of Cosby Library

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