



COSBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Cosby Parish Council held at 7.15pm on Thursday 18th May 2023 in the Heritage Room, Cosby Village Hall, Park Road, Cosby.

Present: Cllr: M Howkins Cllr: J Wolfe Cllr: C Pharoah
 Cllr: V Rye (Chair) Cllr: J Chapman Cllr: H Stevenson

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

Members of the Public. One

23.737 To Elect a Chairman of the Parish Council and to record their Declaration of Office.

RESOLVED: With one nomination, that Cllr: V Rye be elected by unanimous decision.

23.738 To receive apologies for absence

a. Mr S Wegerif Mrs S Boocock Cllr: M Hillmann (Approved)

23.739 To elect a Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and to record their Declaration of Office

RESOLVED: With one nomination - Mr S Wegerif and being absent and with no signed Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor, the election of a Vice Chairman be postponed until the June 15th meeting of the Parish Council.

23.740 To receive disclosures of members' interests (i.e., the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda

a. Cllr: V Rye declares a non-registerable interest in the Croft Road, Cosby housing application 23/0182/OUT.

23.741 Chairmans Welcome

Cllr V Rye welcomed Members to the meeting and thanked Members for their support and that we look forward to another successful year.

23.742 To receive and sign the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April 2023

RESOLVED: That the the minutes of the meeting of Cosby Parish Council held on Thursday 20th April 2023 be signed as an accurate record.

a) Matters arising from these Minutes

a. Minute 23.729 a. Formal written objection to 23/0182/OUT is RESOLVED and will be submitted to Blaby District Council on Friday 19th May 2023.

Parish Manager will submit a secondary document to the Planning Authority alone setting out the Parish Councils "wish list" of village projects.

b. Jelson's have been advised of the Parish Councils decision to object to the application – no response has been received.

- c. Minute 23.731 a. Playground works.

Replacement equipment works commenced Tuesday 16th May 2023. All going to plan with new surfacing scheduled for 1st week of June.

S Chapman advises of the necessary but unplanned recommendation by the Playground Inspection Company to take one set of swings out of commission which has been completed.

An urgent Working Party meeting will be arranged to explore options and costs.

23.743 To receive and approve the financial reports for the month ending 30th April 2023 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet and to record the signing of the bank reconciliation for the same period.

RESOLVED: That the financial reports for the month ending 30th April 2023 including income and expenditure, budget year to date, balance sheet be signed as an accurate record with six expenditure questions asked.

- a) No questions raised.
- b) Members advised of a successful RBS (Accounting software) year-end close-down on 16th April 2023 with no issues identified.
- c) All documentation for year-end internal audit handed to Internal Auditor 18th April 2023.

23.744 To receive the Clerks general report and update

- a. Meeting with County Highways – Members to submit suggested discussion items to the Parish Manager to collate prior to a meeting being arranged.
- b. Cosby Primary School – Members advised of the pending additional classroom expansion.
- c. DTM Gardens. Members advised that no response to re-establish working relationship received.
- d. Hinckley National Railfreight Interchange. Members are encouraged to comment on any consultation opportunities.
- e. Cllr: J Chapman to advise Community Speed Watch be scheduled for spring 2024. Notice to be placed in the Parish Newsletter calling for volunteers.
- f. Parish Manager to investigate availability of speedwatch signage.

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

- a. **RESOLVED:** That the revised memorial headstone for Brian John Smith D.o.D 11/4/2023 be approved.

23.746 Correspondence received – including Late Correspondence received after the agenda was published.

- a. Email – David Harper – King Charles III Commemorative Armillary
 - i. **RESOLVED:** Item to be relisted on the June meeting agenda
- b. Email – Cosby Scouts – Fir Tree in The Nook
 - i. The Scouts representative be advised that the fir tree was not planted by or on behalf of the Scouts and that the Christmas lights will not be expanded.
- c. Email - Leicestershire County Highways – response to planning application 23/01/EIASCRC (Land off Croft Road, Cosby) (Jelson Homes)
 - i. The response be noted.

23.747 Public Participation

- a. No matters arising

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

- a. None

23.749 To consider the award of the Garner Cup

- a. **RESOLVED:** That the agenda item be relisted on the June agenda.

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

- a. Update on Victory Park playground works
 - i. Covered in minute 23.742 (c) above

23.751 To receive any updates on Village Projects to include: -

- a. Coronation Event Monday 8th May 2023
 - i. Generally good responses and attendance from visitors.
 - ii. Consider provision of the licensed bar for future events and evening entertainment.
 - iii. No charges incurred for the cancelled bouncy castles
 - iv. Face painting was well received
 - v. The Corps of Drums was excellent
 - 1. **RESOLVED:** That a donation of £300 be provided to the F Corps of Drums.
 - vi. Next edition of the Parish Council newsletter will be September 2023 and an article updating the village on village projects will be placed in Cosby News.

23.752 To receive any reports from External meetings

- a. No reports

23.753 To receive any reports from County / District Councillors

- a. District Ward Councillor Jane Wolfe confirmed hers and Les Phillimore's re-election.
- b. District Ward Councillor Les Phillimore expressed his dismay at the negativity and personal attacks undertaken by some candidates and parties in the Blaby District area.
- c. County Councillor Les Phillimore updated Members on his village tour with Highways engineers with the following
 - i. Speed Activated Signs cannot be within 100 meters of the speed limit change due to Police guidance.
 - ii. The Highways engineers will look at all the gateway entrances to the village having identified that the Shuttleworth Lane junction signage needs improving prior to the installation of the new MVAS posts.
 - iii. Highways engineers also noted that the existing speed signs in Cosby are due for renewal.
 - iv. The Highways engineers will consider the removal of the Cambridge Road 40mph zone

- v. An elderly crossing sign with dropped kerb is being investigated for Main Street opposite the Co-Op.
- vi. Concerns raised over the current lack of a Cambridge Road School Crossing patrol and the now lack of safe and assisted crossing for pedestrians and school children.
- vii. Parish Manager to source a job vacancy advert from LCC.

23.754 Annual Review

- a. To appoint Members to Working Parties for the ensuing year
- b. To nominate representatives to outside bodies
 - i. **RESOLVED:** That Cllr: V Rye is appointed to represent Cosby Parish Council at LRALC and Blaby District Council.
- c. To approve membership of bodies, clubs and societies (NALC, LRALC, SLCC, CPRE)
- d. To confirm key holders for the Parish Council (LP, SC)
- e. To confirm cheque and BACS signatories (VR, CP, JC, MGH, LP)
- f. To approve the car mileage allowances for 2022/23 (£0.45 & £0.25)
- g. To confirm the status of Trustees for Parish Council administered Charitable Trusts, "Cosby Recreation Ground Charity" (513289)
 - i. Members are advised that due to the constitution, ALL Parish Councillors are de-facto Trustees with no opt-out available without updating the constitution. The Parish Manager advises against any opt-out option.

23.755 To confirm the date of the next meeting of Cosby Parish Council as Thursday 15th June 2023

Meeting closed @ 8.53pm