

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 21st 2016 in the Cosby Community Church Rooms, Croft Road, Cosby.

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Present:

**Mrs. J. Chapman, Chairman.
Mrs. E. Hutton, Mrs. N. Ashby,
Ms. C. Pharoah.
Mr. M. Howkins, Mr. P. Cave, Mr. I. Mullis
Mr. P. Suffield, Mr. S. Pepper,
Mr. A. Tanner.**

Apologies:

**Mrs. D. Cooper.
Mr. L. Phillimore.**

Also Present:

**Mr. D. Jennings. County Councillor.
Mrs. Angela Salmen. Cosby Library Group.**

Declarations of Interest:

Mr. Tanner made his usual Declaration of Interest with regard to the Planning applications that had been received.

Mr. Pepper made a Personal and Prejudicial Declaration of Interest with regard to the item (c) under Replies Received, and would when this was discussed leave the room and take no part in any discussion on this matter.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was proposed by Mrs. Hutton, seconded by Ms. Pharoah, that the Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, be signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

Matters Arising:

The Clerk outlined several matters arising from the previous minutes.

A date for the defibrillator training would be fixed, said the Clerk, for the first week in February and would be notified to members as soon as the precise date had been arranged with the trainer and the Golf Club who would be sharing the training session with the Council and villagers.

The Clerk said that the Invoice had been received for the work done on the preparation of the Plans for the changes at the Village Hall and that he had now paid this Invoice as would be seen in the authorisation of the accounts.

The Clerk reported that he had received no response to his letters to the two owners of property along the jitty way between Countesthorpe Road and Tudor Drive.

He would therefore be asking Mr. Forty to look at the clearance of the overhanging vegetation.

The Clerk said that a response had been received to his letter to the County Council on the state of the road markings at the junction of the Nook and the Broughton Road.

This matter would be attended to as soon as possible, said the Clerk.

This was also the situation appertaining to the railings in Main Street said the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that a working group of Councillors and himself had met to discuss the way the Council might proceed in relation to the points made by Mrs. Salmen on behalf of the Cosby Library Working Group.

The views of this group had been communicated to Mrs. Salmen said the Clerk and her response was available for the meeting.

Replies received.

The Clerk reported that the following replies had been received.

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| a) L.C.C. | Ref: Footpath V30. |
| b) L.C.C. | Ref: Feedback on Reported issues. |
| c) Cosby Tree Care. | Ref: Quotation for Tree works at the cemetery. |
| d) Totally Trees Ltd. | Ref: Quotation for Tree works at the cemetery. |

At this point, Mr. Pepper left the meeting whilst the two quotes for the work required at the cemetery were discussed.

The Clerk said that there were some minor differences between the two quotes received.

It was proposed by Ms. Pharoah, seconded by Mr. Howkins that the quote received from Totally Trees Ltd should be the one that was accepted.

This was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman informed Mr. Pepper upon his return to the room of the Council's decision.

Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that the following items of correspondence had been received.

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| a) B.D.C. | Ref: Open Space Contribution. |
| b) NS&I. | Ref: Investment Account Statement. |
| c) L.& R.A.L.C. | Ref: Update on Audit Arrangements. |
| d) L.& R.A.L.C. | Ref: External Audit Changes. Briefing. |

The Clerk said that it would be necessary to have this item voted upon at the meeting with a resolution.

It was proposed by Mr. Howkins, seconded by Mr. Tanner that the following resolution be made "to confirm that the Council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit"

This was agreed unanimously.

- e) B.D.C. Ref: Consultation on planning applications.
- f) Pensions Regulator. Ref: Staging Date.
- g) Barton Willmore. Ref: Land off Cambridge Road.
- h) Barton Willmore. Ref: Application Masterplan.
- i) Reids Playground Ltd. Ref: Playground report.

The Clerk said that he would circulate the details of the Playground Report to members of the Playground Working Group and would also initiate the remedial works required as soon as possible.

- j) CCLA. Ref: Charities Investment Fund report.
- k) Blackrock. Ref: Charity of Dudley & Pope.
- l) ROSPA. Ref: Playground Inspections & Training.
- m) B.D.C. Ref: Register of Electors Changes.
- n) B.D.C. Ref; Litter Collections Invoice. £ 1199.18
- o) L.C.C. Ref: County Council Draft Finance Plan.
- p) Mr. B. Sampson. Ref: Recreation Ground Charity request.

This request would be dealt with in February said the Clerk.

- q) Clerks Direct. Ref: Magazine.
- r) SLCC The Clerk. Ref: Magazine.
- s) Graham Anderson. Ref: Invoice for Village Hall Plans £ 4,271.10
- t) David Jennings Ref: Virgin Medial installations.
- u) Angela Salmen. Ref: Response to Clerks Letter Library issues.
- v) B.D.C. Ref: Increases in Cleaning charges.
- w) Mrs. J. Jones. Ref: Cemetery reservation.
- x) Mr. Phillimore. Ref: Apologies.

County Councillor Mr. Jennings spoke about the problems being experienced in Countesthorpe from the installations being put in by Virgin Media. He explained that no permissions were required to make such installations as Virgin Media were a utility.

In answer to Mr. Suffield's question as to whether there were any such installations as yet in Cosby Mr. Jennings replied that there were not but that in due course they would be arriving in the village and for the Council to be well prepared.

Ms. Pharoah enquired as to whether the road surfaces were being properly re-instated to which Mr. Jennings replied that they were not, the situation was very messy he said.

The Garner Trophy.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting.

Report from the Budget/Precept Working Group.

The Clerk reported that the Budget/Precept Working Group had met recently and had agreed the recommendations to be made to the full Council, details of which, said the Clerk had been placed on the table for the meeting.

The Clerk outlined the Budget figures he had prepared for 2016/2017 and explained the Precept Figure that was being proposed.

It was proposed by Mrs. Hutton, seconded by Ms. Pharoah that the recommendations being made by the Budget/Precept Working group with regard to these matters for 2016/2017 be accepted.

This was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the work he had done in the preparation of the details for the Budget and the Precept.

The Clerk said that he would be checking to see what the situation was in regard to the payment of the New Homes Bonus by the District Council. This was an issue that had been highlighted by Mr. Phillimore, as to date it appeared that Cosby had received no such payments.

Memorials.

The Clerk reported that to date none had been received.

Planning Applications.

The Clerk reported that the following Planning applications had been received.

- a) Mr.N.Spink. Oak Tree Cottage. Countesthorpe Rd. Work to one oak tree.
- b) H.W.Coates Ltd. The Ridges. Main Street. Application to discharge Condition 16 (landscaping) Attached to planning Permission 14/0482/1/PX
- c) Mr. Spatcher. 3-5 Narborough Rd. Demolition of existing porch and detached garage and erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings with associated amenity space. Land to the rear of 3-5 Narborough Road.
- d) Mr & Mrs. J. A. Magnor. Retention of 1.8m palisade Metal fence Land to the rear of 1, Starmer Close.
- e) Barton Willmore. Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion. Land off Cambridge Rd. Cosby.

There were no observations made on any of these applications.

Planning Approvals etc.

The Clerk reported that the following information had been received.

9, Portland Street. Cosby. The erection of a single storey rear extension.
Prior approval not required.

Authorisation of the Accounts.

The Clerk reported that the following accounts had all been paid.

Street Orderly (1) December.	£ 360.96
Street Orderly (2) December.	£ 213.18
Cemetery Work December.	£ 410.32
H.M.R.C. December.	£ 437.45
Clerk's Salary. December.	£ 1,024.13 + £ 12.43 Phone.
	+ £ 8.56 Postage. + £ 8.99 Office.
	+ £ 41.50 Gifts.
	£ 1,095.61
Keith Nixon Electrician.	£ 45.96
Post Office. Stamps.	£ 117.00
Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd. Playground Inspection.	£ 114.00
E oN Electricity.	£ 64.07
Blaby D.C. Litter Collections Oct-Dec.	£ 1,199.18
Bailey Punshon Payroll Administration Oct-Dec.	£ 126.00
Fields In Trust Annual Renewal.	£ 50.00
The Art of Building Ltd. Village Hall Plans.	£ 4,271.10

It was proposed by Mr. Cave, seconded by Mr. Mullis that the foregoing accounts be adopted.

This was agreed unanimously.

Other Business:

Mr. Howkins said that he was sure that the Council was wishing the Cosby Community Library Group all the best in their endeavours to keep a Library provision in the village.

Ms. Pharoah wondered whether the Group had been able to reach a conclusion as to the state of asbestos in the building.

Mrs. Salmen replied that whilst she was not an expert in this regard there did not seem to be anything for the Group to worry about.

Mrs. Chapman re-iterated Mr. Howkins good wishes.

Some discussion ensued on the subject of the poor condition of the white lining in the Nook.

Mr. Suffield suggested that it would be appropriate to form a Working Group to look into the provision of Christmas Lights for 2016

He and Mr. Pepper said they were prepared to be a part of such a Group.

Mr. Suffield mentioned the large puddle that was evident at the entrance to the former Coates Yard site on Main Street.

The Clerk said that he would report this problem to the County Council Highways department.

Mr. Howkins asked whether it was the appropriate time to re-visit the question of whether to hold Councillor's Surgeries, which had been discontinued in the middle of 2015.

Ms. Pharoah said that she had not had anyone question whether they should be re-instated, whereas Mr. Howkins said that several people had spoken to him on this subject.

Mrs. Hutton mentioned the problem for elderly residents of the village whereby the Arriva 84 bus now did not stop in the Nook as it had done previously and therefore those elderly residents living in Bakery Close or Forryan Close had a long walk from the new Co-op in Main Street or from the stop in Broughton Road.

It was agreed that the Clerk should attempt to convene another site meeting with the County Council, the Bus company and the Manager of the new Co-op to see what solution might be found for the associated issues concerning the Bus stop outside the Co-op.

Mr. Howkins mentioned that Mr. Anderson from the Village Hall had commented on the condition of the CCTV monitor and wondered whether this required changing.

The Clerk replied that the system had only recently been looked at by ADT Fire & Security and that they had made no comment on the state of the monitor which when he had been at the inspection, said the Clerk, was working perfectly.

The Clerk said that Mrs. Cooper had asked him to mention that the Queens 90th birthday was fast approaching and wondered whether the Council intended to mark this in any way.

There was no indication that this would happen.

Mrs. Cooper had also mentioned that she would support the formation of a Working Group to look at the provision of Christmas Lights, which had been covered previously.

The Chairman then read a letter she had been handed by the Clerk which indicated it was his intention to retire from the position of Clerk to the Council.

Ms. Pharoah said that discussions had already taken place to start the process of seeking a replacement and that the Clerk had indicated that he would hope to stay in post, with the Council's agreement, until the October meeting, when he would have been in post for 27 years.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for giving the Council the time to undertake the process of finding a new Clerk.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.pm.

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Mrs. J. Chapman.
Chairman.

