

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 17th 2016 in the Cosby Community Church Rooms, Croft Road, Cosby.

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Present:

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

Apologies:

Mr. L. Phillimore.
Mr. D. Jennings County Councillor.

Also Present:

Mr. G. Anderson. Cosby Village Hall.
Mr. R. Thornhill. Blaby District Council.

Declarations of Interest:

Mr. Tanner made his usual Declaration of Interest with regard to the Planning applications on the agenda.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was proposed by Mrs. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Mullis, 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.

The Clerk said that he had received a quote from Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd for the remedial works required at the children's playground.

The Clerk reported that the site meeting had taken place with representatives of the County Council regarding the parking issues outside the new Co-op store in Main Street and that the reply was part of the meeting agenda.

The Clerk said that he had responded to the letter from the Clerk at Broughton Astley regarding the possibility of extending the disused railway line through from Broughton and had asked to be kept informed on this matter.

The Payroll administrators had been informed about the Wages and Salaries Working Groups recommendations said the Clerk, which would be implemented from the April payments.

The Clerk said that in the absence of replies from residents adjacent to the jitty on Countesthorpe Road Mr. Forty had dealt with the overhanging vegetation.

The Clerk reported that the blue pipe in the Cemetery had been put in when the pathways were done but that it had not been connected.

Replies Received:

The Clerk reported that the following replies had been received.

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| a) Mrs. J. M. Franklin. | Ref: Recreation Ground Charity Award. |
| b) James Whailing. L.C.C. | Ref: Site Meeting Main Street. |
| c) Broxap. | Ref: Litter Bins. |
| d) Reid's Playground Ltd. | Ref: Quote for playground work. |
| e) Shelley Signs. | Ref: Pinfold Lectern Quote. |
| f) D.T.M. Gardens. | Ref: Blue Pipework in the Cemetery. |
| g) Natalie Smith. | Ref: Footpaths around the park. |
| h) Mr. Andrew Strang. | Ref: Recreation Ground Charity Award. |
| i) Mrs. Ruth Jacob. | Ref: Recreation Ground Charity Award. |
| j) Karl Barowski. | Ref: Pinfold Benches. |
| k) Rob Thornhill. | Ref: Section 106 payments. |

Mrs. Chapman said that it was difficult to get alternative quotes for the required works at the children's playground and that the one received from Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd seemed to be a very reasonable quote.

It was proposed by Ms. Pharoah, seconded by Mrs. Cooper that the quote received be accepted.

This was agreed unanimously.

Correspondence:

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

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| a) Mrs. E. Hutton. | Ref: Apologies from February meeting. |
| b) Mr. R. Bradley. | Ref: January minutes & Nook Notice board. |
| c) Ms. C. Pharoah. | Ref: Car parked at the Pinfold area. |
| d) Mr. D. Forty. | Ref: Cemetery Work completed. |
| e) Mr. G. Anderson. | Ref: Village Hall rent cheque. |
| f) Mr. G. Anderson. | Ref: Village celebration. |
| g) Mr. G. Anderson. | Ref: CCTV System at the Village Hall. |
| h) Mr. N. Henson. | Ref: Cemetery Enquiry. |
| i) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Parish Liaison Meeting. |
| j) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Register of Electors Update. |
| k) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Highways Grass Cutting. |
| l) L.C.C. | Ref: Flowering Baskets on Lighting Columns. |
| m) L.& R. P.F.A. | Ref: Annual Subscription. |
| n) R.C.C. | Ref: Annual Membership Renewal. |
| o) The Courier. | Ref: Magazine. |
| p) S.L.C.C. | Ref: The Clerk Magazine. |

- q) Clerk & Councils Direct. Ref: Magazine.
- r) D.T.M. Gardens Ltd. Ref: Village Maintenance Charges 2016.
- s) Reid's Playground Maintenance. Ref: Continuing Inspections.

It was proposed by Ms. Pharoah, seconded by Mrs. Cooper that the Council continues with both D.T.M. Gardens Ltd for village maintenance works and with Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd for the bi-monthly inspection of the children's playground. This was agreed unanimously.

- t) E.oN Electricity. Ref: Electricity charges.
- u) E.oN Electricity. Ref: Invoice.
- v) Blaby District Council. Ref: NNDR Cemetery rates demand notice £0
- w) Blaby District Council. Ref: Recycling Site changes.
- x) Mr. S. Pepper. Ref: Cemetery Pollarding Invoice.

Visit by Blaby District Council Officers S.106 payments.

Mr. Rob Thornhill from the Blaby District Council had been invited to give a detailed explanation of the S.106 monies that had accrued for the village from recent developments that had taken place.

Mr. Thornhill thanked the Council for the invitation.

Mr. Thornhill explained that S.106 money was for "Open Space" enhancement and that what had been allocated was ring fenced for that purpose within Cosby. He stated that if the Council had a project or projects in mind it would be beneficial to contact the District Council with details of those projects which would then be looked at to ensure that they fell within the designated criteria.

Ms. Pharoah said that both she and the Chairman Mrs. Chapman had visited the District Council on this issue and had been informed that it was not possible to apply retrospectively. Ms. Pharoah said that Cosby had a project that was not yet complete and wondered whether this could qualify under the terms of the criteria.

Ms. Pharoah asked for details of the sort of things that might qualify and which might have been granted for other places in the district.

Mr. Thornhill gave examples of a footpath through a park in Glenfield and for low level lighting in another parish.

Other projects he mentioned were additional playground equipment and the building of a playground in one parish.

Mrs. Chapman mentioned that the Village Hall Committee was intending to provide female changing facilities and wondered whether this would qualify.

Mr. Anderson said that plans for this were already lodged with the District Council.

Mr. Thornhill said that he would look into whether this might come within the criteria.

Mr. Cave said that it was clear that S.106 money was for Open Space enhancement and went on to say that with the distinct possibility of somewhere in the region of 380 new houses likely to be built in Cosby there was an urgent need for such Open Space enhancement, but that this was for future S.106 monies.

There was, said the Clerk, in connection with this point, very little remaining Open Space in the village for such enhancement, other than for the present monies to be used, if allowed, on the new changing facilities at the Village Hall, which was on what was the only remaining Open Space in Cosby.

Mr. Suffield asked whether the Allotments in Cosby might come within the permitted criteria.

Mr. Thornhill said that they would be eligible for open space funding.

Mrs. Chapman posed the question whether it might be possible for the Council to negotiate for extra land adjacent to Victory Park.

Mr. Mullis asked whether, if a developer left sufficient Open Space on any new development, would the S.106 contribution be commensurately lower.

Mr. Thornhill confirmed that this was the case.

Ms. Pharoah said that the one project that the Council had yet to complete was the Pinfold. She asked whether this might qualify as it would not be a retrospective application.

Mr. Thornhill said that the S.106 Monitoring Group would have to look into this.

Mrs. Chapman thanked Mr. Thornhill for his attendance and for the information that he had been able to give to the Council.

At this point Mr. Thornhill left the meeting.

The Garner Cup.

It was agreed to defer further discussion on this issue until a further meeting.

Memorials:

The Clerk reported that to date none had been received.

Planning Applications.

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

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| a) 43, Brooklands Road. | Single storey side and rear extension. |
| b) Cosby Village Hall. | Alterations to rear of Village Hall including Internal changes, first floor extension and External steps and staircase. |
| c) Land South of Cambridge Rd. | Proposed residential development of up to 180 dwellings. |

There were no observations made on application (a) or (b).

The Clerk was asked to make an observation on planning application (c)

Planning Approvals etc:

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

- a) Mr. Spatcher. 3-5 Narborough Road. Dated. 14.12.2015.
- b) Cosby Pharmacy 67, Main Street. Dated. 07.09.2015.

Authorisation of the Accounts:

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

I.C.N Computer Services: Printer issues.	£ 33.00
Totally Trees Ltd. Invoice No 6119 Cemetery Trees.	£ 3,480.00
EoN Electricity. Cemetery Electricity.	£ 26.99
Mr. D. Forty. Cemetery Work 6hrs @ £8.33p	£ 49.98
H.M.R.C. PAYE /NI Payments February.	£ 437.65
Cosby Heritage Society.	£ 200.00
Broxap Ltd. Standard Litter Bins. x 3	£ 745.20
Broxap Ltd. Dog Litter Bins x 6	£ 813.60
Mr. D. Forty. Cemetery Work 6 hrs @ £ 8.33p	£ 49.98
L. & R.P.F.A. Annual Subscription.	£ 30.00
R.C.C. Annual Subscription.	£ 50.00
Mr. D. Forty. Extra works. 2.5hrs @ £8.33p hr.	£ 20.83
H.M.R.C. PAYE/NI Payments March.	£ 335.45
Street Orderly (1) March.	£ 360.96
Street Orderly (2) March.	£ 212.98
Clerk's Salary March £1,023.93 + £ 12.43 Phone + £ 22.70 Post.	£ 1,059.06
E.o.N. Electricity Street Lighting Charges.	£ 68.77

The Clerk said that these figures closed the year end accounts.

It was proposed by Ms. Pharoah, seconded by Mrs. Cooper that the foregoing accounts be adopted.

This was agreed unanimously.

Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils. Blaby Branch Meeting Report:

A report was tabled from Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Howkins who had attended the above meeting held on Wednesday March 2nd.

The Clerk asked for an amendment to be made to the paragraph relating to Cosby in this report where it stated that the Clerk was "resigning".

The Clerk said that he was in fact "retiring" from his position and not resigning.

Other Business:

Mrs. Chapman said that a Working Group had met to discuss the appointment of a new Clerk to the Council and asked that a small budget be made available for the continuation of this process.

Ms. Pharoah suggested that a figure of £500 would be appropriate to cover needed expenses of advertising and possible other costs.

It was proposed by Mr. Cave, seconded by Mrs. Cooper that this figure be made available to the Working Group on the provision of receipts.

This was agreed unanimously.

Ms. Pharoah said that it was necessary for the Cemetery Working Group to look to the appointment of a Cemetery Maintenance Operative following the retirement of Mr. Barber. It was agreed a date would be set to look into this requirement.

It was agreed, at Ms. Pharaohs' suggestion to put onto the next meeting's agenda, the subject of parking at the entrance to the new Co-op store in Main Street.

Mr. Tanner said that he had asked for a letter to go into the next edition of the Cosby News on the subject of general parking in the village. This was done he said, in his own name. In answer to the question from Mr. Howkins, as to how people could respond to the letter, Mr. Tanner said that parishioners could get in touch with him directly.

Mr. Mullis said that a neighbour of his had recently had a near miss from being run down on Shuttleworth Lane by an HGV from the JCB fleet.

Mrs. Hutton said that she had mentioned previously the problems of flooding in the village which had been highlighted, she said, by the recent heavy flooding in the Nook and Main Street and along the Broughton Road.

Mrs. Hutton said that the drains between Tudor Drive and the Nook were still blocked.

Mr. Anderson mentioned his two letters to the Council, the first one being on the subject of Village celebrations which he said would be postponed until 2017 and might well involve a return to a Village Fete.

The other letter, said Mr. Anderson was connected with the CCTV provision at the Village Hall, a copy of which said the Clerk had been circulated to members.

The Clerk would contact ADT, the providers of the Alarm system to discuss this issue.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.28pm.

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Mrs. J. Chapman. Chairman.

