

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 17th 2016 in the Cosby Community Church Rooms, Croft Road, Cosby commencing at 7.30pm.

1. Attendance & Apologies

Present:

Mrs J Chapman (JC) - Chair,	Mr M Howkins (MHo)
Ms C Pharoah (CP) - Vice Chair,	Mrs E Hutton (EH)
Mr L Phillimore (LP),	Mr A Tanner (AT)
Mr P Suffield (PS),	Mrs D Cooper (DC),
Mr I Mullis (IM)	Mr M Hillmann (MHi)

Mrs E Wakelam (EW) – Clerk.

Apologies:

None received.

Also Present:

Mr B Pursglove (resident of Brooklands Road, Cosby), Cllr D Jennings (County Councillor), Mr & Mrs Warren (resident of The Vineries, Cosby), Veronica Rye (resident of Lady Leys, Cosby) & Mr R Bradley (resident of The Nook, Cosby).

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Tanner and Mr Phillimore made their usual Declarations of Interest with regard to the planning applications on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was proposed by CP, seconded by EH, 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.

4. Matters Arising

- a) CCTV upgrade – This has been re-arranged for 25/11/16.
- b) Correspondence relating to the Dudley & Pope Charity is now all in hand.
- c) A summary of the meeting held between Parish, District & County Councillors, Highways & Arriva Bus was given. Local Highways have agreed to compile a list of the options available to the Parish Council so that a Community Consultation can then take place to find the best solution to the parking and congestion issues around the Co-op on Main Street, Cosby.
- d) The ivy overhanging the pavement on Countesthorpe Road – this has been arranged to be cut back.
- e) The dangerous lamppost on Victory Park – This is to be disconnected on 19/11/16. The Clerk is to ascertain who actually owns the floodlights to arrange removal.

ACTION: EW

- f) Permission has now been received for the pollarding of the willow tree in The Nook. This will be done on 25/11/16 so that the Festive Lights can be installed the following week.
- g) The following maintenance requirements have been reported to the appropriate agencies:
 - Missing/damaged drain cover outside the Bulls Head, Countesthorpe Road
 - Damaged road name sign on Main Street
 - Blocked drains on Countesthorpe Road
 - Condition of footpath between Countesthorpe Road & Tudor Drive
 - A hole in the footpath outside 1 Brooklands Road
 - Request for the brook to be cleared.
- h) We are awaiting quotes for raising the crowns of trees on Pretty Corner.
- i) DC reported that the tree on Linley Green was due to be replaced by Leics County Council.
- j) The Chair highlighted that the field on Countesthorpe Road where the road scrapings were being left was not the field listed on the planning applications for the 2 Gypsy Caravans.

5. Correspondence

- a) James Whailing, LCC Highways – summary of meeting.
- b) Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd – Quotes for remedial works.
- c) Environment Agency – acknowledgement of reported remedial works required in the stretch of brook outside 2-14 Main Street.
- d) Expression of Interest for Co-option vacancy. Candidate gave a short presentation.
- e) LRALC – details of next Branch meeting.
- f) Resident - Concerns re parking issues and safety on Cambridge Road.
- g) Cllr Christine Merrill - Invitation to Blaby DC Carol Service.
- h) Citizens Advice Leicestershire – Application for funding. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would make further enquiries before making a decision. **ACTION: EW**
- i) Blaby District Council – Annual Report 2016
- j) Blaby District Council – Change to siting of dog waste bins. The Clerk has requested a quotation for the work to be completed.
- k) Leicestershire County Council – National Highways & Transport Public Satisfaction Survey
- l) Blaby District Council – Additional Grass Cutting Arrangements – MHo proposed that Cosby Parish Council pay for an additional grass cut at a cost of £312. This was seconded by AT and unanimously agreed.
- m) BlackRock – Statement for Charity of Dudley & Pope.
- n) Blaby District Council – Suggested name for the Ridges development. The name put forward by BDC is COSFORD. This was discussed and unanimously objected to. The Clerk will respond to BDC asking for an alternative of “RIDGE CLOSE” to be considered. **ACTION: EW**
- o) Village Hall Committee – request for S106 funding for toilet refurbishment in the main hall. This was discussed under agenda item 11.

At this point, in consideration for members of the public attending the meeting, the Chair decided to bring forward agenda items 9 & 10.

9. Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received:

- a) Land off Countesthorpe Road, Whetstone – Change of use of land for siting of 2 gypsy caravans.

This was discussed at length and local residents attending the meeting also contributed to the discussion. A recommendation to OPPOSE this application was proposed by CP and seconded by EH and this was unanimously carried. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly. **ACTION: EW**

- b) Pear Tree Cottage, Lutterworth Rd, Cosby – Side extension forming boot room and 4 car dormer garage with living space above. There were no observations.
- c) 3 Cambrian Close, Cosby – Single storey rear extension. There were no observations.
- d) Tithe Barn, Main St, Cosby – Removal of 1 Beech, 1 Flowering Cherry & 5 Cypress Trees. This property is within the Conservation Area and whilst Councillors thought it was acceptable to remove the 5 Cypress trees, they would not want to see the Beech or Flowering Cherry removed as it was felt that these complement the area. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly. **ACTION: EW**
- e) The Nook, Cosby – Re-pollard one Willow Tree. There were no observations.

Decisions received:

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| a) 11 Armston Road, Cosby | - | Refusal |
| b) Brooke House, Croft Rd, Cosby | - | Refusal |
| c) The Nook, Cosby | - | Approval |
| d) 12 White Barn Drive, Cosby | - | Approval |
| e) 9 Elm Tree Rd, Cosby | - | Approval |
| f) Land off Croft Rd, Cosby | - | Refusal |

Cllr David Jennings explained the next possible actions with regards to the Jelsons development and we now wait to hear if they intend to appeal the decision.

LP & DC expressed their thanks to all parties who spoke at the Planning Committee Meeting. Local resident, Mr Bradley, also spoke of his appreciation to those concerned.

CARD member, Veronica Rye, asked that it be noted that residents are fully aware that this is only the start of the battle.

10. Parishioners' Time

Mrs Warren highlighted an issue with Leylandi trees on the boundary between her land and the new development on The Ridges. Advice was given and it was also suggested that she write to Mr Andrew Etherington, Chief Planning Enforcement Officer at Blaby District Council.

There were no further requests to speak.

6. Financial Report

A list of invoices received was presented to the Parish Council and all financial statements were made available for viewing.

The cost of £450 for room hire for the purpose of meetings was proposed by CP and seconded by MHo. This was agreed unanimously.

The financial report was signed as correct record.

7. Playground Working Group Report – (PS)

Reids Playground Maintenance has just completed their bi-monthly risk assessment report. The Working Group highlighted that historically we have only dealt with Risk Level 1 items and thought it would be beneficial to start looking ahead at Risk Level 2 items before they become Level 1. PS requested that it be accepted that all Level 1 items be attended to as a matter of urgency and highlighted a selection of Level 2 items to be repaired. CP proposed this motion; it was seconded by DC and carried as approved. **ACTION: EW**

It has been highlighted that two of the four sets of swings need replacing. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with RPM to look at costs and alternative replacement equipment. **ACTION: EW**

8. Memorials

One memorial request has been received from Fishers in memorial for Gillian Irene Potter. No issues were raised. **ACTION: EW**

11. S106 Ideas

Further to the item of correspondence from the Village Hall Committee to ask if the Parish Council would back their application for S106 for refurbishing the main toilets in the hall. When the hall is open, these toilets are often used by members of the public visiting Victory Park.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that we would back their application should they wish to submit it.

Other S106 funded ideas included planters at the entrances to the village similar to those that have been purchased by Countesthorpe Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this and present the information to the S106 Working Party. **ACTION: EW**

A resident on the Tudor Drive estate had commented to the Clerk about the possibility of looking into having a small amount of Baby/Toddler play equipment sited on the open space on Brierfield Road as there were no facilities at that end of the village. A discussion took place and it was agreed that this is something that the S106 Working Group & Playground Working Group would look at this in more detail in the New Year.

12. Structure of Future Meetings

The Clerk highlighted some small changes that would be taking place with immediate effect including audio recording all meetings (except those held 'In Committee').

The Clerk also asked the Parish Council to consider moving the date of the monthly meeting to either the first or second Thursday of the month as it currently clashed with most school Half Term holidays when many people are away with family. PS agreed stating that he had encountered similar difficulties in attending some meetings for the same reason. It was discussed and the council decided to keep the current structure but assess any individual meeting dates as necessary.

The Clerk requested that any future issues of maintenance be brought to her attention as soon as they are raised in order that they can be reported straight away.

It was requested that The Clerk make a list of 'methods of contact' for displaying on the notice boards so that the public are aware of how issues can be reported.
ACTION: EW

13. Any Other Business

CP Intends to research a suitable sign for the Pinfold and have an official opening ceremony. **ACTION: CP**

MHi Questioned whether there was any enforcement options to ensure that trees with TPOs are pollarded and maintained. The Clerk agreed to look into this further. **ACTION: EW**

PS Festive lights – looking at switching on the lights on 1st December (the same day as the Bulls Head).

PS The water pipe in the cemetery needs to be tidied up. He is happy to undertake this task. **ACTION: PS**

- IM Asked who was responsible for maintaining the new defibrillator which has been placed on the wall of the Co-op on Croft Road. It is believed that this is a Co-op initiative as other Co-op stores have also had them install. They will therefore be responsible for them.
- IM Asked if the 'Meet your Council' advertised on the new website would be a regular occurrence at the library. The Clerk confirmed that it was her intention to publish two dates every month (one daytime and one evening) and any parish councillors are welcome to join her. **ACTION: EW**
- IM Asked if Arriva were considering installing the tracker systems similar to ones recently installed in Countesthorpe. It was not known at this time.
- DC The flower containers have now been replenished.
- EH Requested that we schedule the issue of overweight vehicles on to the next agenda. It was agreed that this would be looked at by the new Working Group to be established at December's meeting.

The meeting was closed at 10.05pm.

I confirm that this is a True and Correct Record of the meeting held on 17 November 2016.

----- Dated: 15th December 2016
Cllr J Chapman
Chair of Cosby Parish Council