

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 15th 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.
Mr. M. Howkins, Mr. P. Cave, Mr. I. D. Mullis,
Mr. P. Suffield, Mr. M. Hillman, Mr. A. Tanner,
Mr. L. Phillimore.

Apologies:

Mr. D. Jennings. County Councillor.

Also Present:

Mrs. E. Wakelam.	Wavertree Close,
Mr. G. Anderson.	Cosby Village Hall.
Mr. B. Pursglove.	Brooklands Road.
Mrs. Ann Green.	Linley Green.
Mr. K. Martin.	Linley Green.
Mrs. C. Martin.	Linley Green.
Mr. D. Hewins.	Orchard Close.
Mr. R. Garrish.	Orchard Close.
Mrs. R. Garrish.	Orchard Close.
Mrs. C. Knight.	Severn Close.
Mrs. J. Beardsall.	Severn Close.
Mrs. A. Morawski.	Severn Close.
Mr. M. Watson.	Harland Close.
Mrs. L. Proffitt.	Harland Close.
Mrs. A. Wilson.	Ashtree Road.
Mr. D. Wilson.	Ashtree Road.
Mrs. P. Heanaghan.	Malvern Crescent.
Mr. C. Hudson.	Countesthorpe Road.

Declarations of Interest:

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

It was proposed by Ms. Pharoah, seconded by Mrs. Cooper 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 work had been completed said the Clerk, to the Cemetery Chapel roof and the outbuilding also and the invoice had been paid.

The Pinfold Lectern had arrived reported the Clerk and in addition he was able to report that the District Council had made a Grant under S.106 contributions of £ 19,292 towards the project at the Pinfold.

The Clerk said that the second person who had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Council had now withdrawn her interest, the consequence of which, said the Clerk, was that there was still one vacancy for the Council to fill.

The Clerk said that he still required the Register of Members Interest Forms from Mr. Hillman who had recently been co-opted.

The Clerk said that he had sent a letter of objection to the District Council on the subject of the proposed signage in Main Street outside the Tithe Barn.

Replies received.

The Clerk reported that the following replies had been received.

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| a) L.C.C. | Ref: Highways Feedback. Footpath issue Main St. |
| b) L.C.C. | Ref: Overgrown hedge Cambridge Road. |
| c) L.C.C. | Ref: Blocked Gullies on Countesthorpe Road. |
| d) ADT Fire & Security. | Ref: Village Hall CCTV Upgrade. |
| e) Councillor D. Jennings. | Ref: Cosby Post Office re-location. |
| f) Royal British Legion. | Ref: Official Receipt. Poppy Wreath Donation. |
| g) Reid's Playground Ltd. | Ref: Quote for remedial works. |
| h) Richard Prettyjohns. | Ref: Trip hazard Virgin Media Works. |
| i) Shelley Signs. | Ref: Pinfold Interpretation Panel Delivery. |
| j) Blaby D .C. | Ref: Planning determinations. Jelson & Hewitt sites. |
| k) B.D.C. | Ref: The Old Vicarage Main Street. |
| l) D.T.M. Gardens. | Ref: Works required. |

The Clerk said that the CCTV upgrade contract at the Village Hall had been signed and that the work would be undertaken within the next few weeks.

In anticipation of the need for the Council to have the usual Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath he had ordered it and had handed it to the Chairman. The usual donation had been made to the Royal British Legion said the Clerk.

The work at the Playground had been completed but there were extra repairs still required which had been reported said the Clerk.

The Clerk said that he had circulated his email to County Councillor David Jennings on the news that the Planning determinations for the two major planning applications in the village were not to be dealt with at the September meeting of the Development Control Committee.

Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that the following items of correspondence had been received. In view of the number of parishioners present, who had come to the meeting, said the Clerk, in response to a planning application on the agenda (item 10n) for the demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and the erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor and two storey extensions to provide 4No self- contained flats with associated parking and bin storage area at 13, 15 and 17 Ashtree Road.

The Clerk said that the Chairman had agreed to discuss the Planning application for this development at this point in the meeting so that parishioners would not have to wait until the point in the meeting when planning applications were discussed in the usual format of the meetings.

The Clerk pointed out that the response date for this application was September 23rd and advised parishioners present who may wish to make comments on the application that this date was important and also that it was preferable for individual letters to be sent to the planning department.

Mrs. A. Green, who written to the Clerk, outlined her concerns regarding this application. She stressed a number of issues which would impact on the neighbourhood adjacent to the proposed development all of which were equally of concern to other parishioners present she said.

Mrs. Wilson, a resident of Ashtree Road and a near neighbour, said she would be seriously affected by the loss of visual amenity if this development took place. Mrs L. Proffitt said she was concerned at the possibility of an increase in anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Hudson, a member of a committee called “Keep Cosby Safe” said he was concerned about the issue of traffic.

A resident of Orchard Close commented on the possible disappearance of a separation hedge if this scheme went ahead.

Ms. Pharoah said that she was extremely sympathetic to the case made by parishioners and was worried about traffic issues and the safety of children in the area from the increase in vehicles using the site on a right angled bend on Ashtree Road.

Mr. Hillman said that Mrs Green and the other parishioners had made a very persuasive case and that there were very strong feelings surrounding possible development in the village.

Ms. Pharoah proposed, Mrs. Hutton seconded that the Council ask the Clerk to write a letter of objection to this planning application, setting out the concerns as expressed by parishioners and members.

This was largely carried with one abstention.

The Clerk said that he would send a copy of his letter to the District Council to all the parishioners who had attended the meeting and urged them to write their objections as well.

At this point a large number of the attendees left the meeting.

The Chairman said that she was remiss in not mentioning that Mrs. Elaine Wakelam, who was present, was the successful candidate to replace the present Clerk when he retired at the end of October.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Brian Pursglove, who was present, had an issue which he wished to bring to the attention of the Council as a result of parking in the layby opposite the Cemetery on Narborough Road on the Sunday of the Cosby Victory Show.

Mr. Pursglove said that what he wanted to say would possibly take about seven minutes and proceeded to explain the events that surrounded the issuing of a parking ticket to his elderly father in law when they had visited the Cemetery on the Sunday of the Air Show.

Mr. Pursglove expressed his annoyance at the arrangements for parking restrictions being put in place and the amount of notice that had been given to this matter.

He indicated that he intended to put his feelings into the next edition of the Cosby News and wondered what the Parish Council could do to assist him to ensure that such an occurrence didn't happen in the future and cause the same distress as this had done to his elderly relative and himself.

Ms. Pharoah said that it did appear that there had been a degree of tardiness in the removal of the signs after the event and suggested that the Cemetery Working Group should look at the placement of such signage next year well in advance of the event.

Mr. Phillimore suggested that the Clerk should seek to ascertain the precise nature of the status of the layby at the Cemetery, saying that he completely understood the frustrations of Mr. Pursglove in this regard.

The Clerk proceeded to outline some of the other items of correspondence that had been received.

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| a) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Section 106 payment Cosby Pinfold. £ 19,292.00 |
| b) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Register of Electors Monthly Update. |
| c) Blaby D.C. | Ref: Fosse Jobs & Skills Fair. Posters. |
| d) Lloyds Bank. | Ref: Certificate of Interest paid. £ 48.33 |
| e) Mr. M. Howkins. | Ref: Defibrillator in The Nook. |
| f) Mr. M. Howkins. | Ref: Defibrillator Check. |
| g) Mr. M. Howkins. | Ref: Parking issues on Narborough Road. |
| h) Mrs. J. Chapman. | Ref: Playground Remedial Works. |
| i) Mr. P. Suffield. | Ref: Playground Remedial Works. |
| j) Mr. P. Suffield. | Ref: Playground Remedial Works. |
| k) Anila Patel. | Ref: Duck Safety. |
| l) Roger Kelly. | Ref: Bramble Walk. |
| m) Karen Davies. | Ref: Use of the park for a Rounders' Pitch. |
| n) David Forty. | Ref: Countesthorpe Road Jitty. |
| o) David Forty. | Ref: Decision to terminate employment. |
| p) Louise Howarth. | Ref: Decision not to proceed with possible co-option. |
| q) Ian Mullis. | Ref: Recycling Bins on the Village Hall Car Park. |
| r) The Pensions Regulator. | Ref: Staging date reminder. |
| s) L. & R A. L.C. | Ref: 2016 Newsletter " Planning & Reserved Matters" |

t) L. & R A. L. C.	Ref: Pensions Enrolment Fines.
u) R.C.C.	Ref: Vacancies for Trustees.
v) Lloyds Bank.	Ref: Statements.
w) Santander.	Ref: Changes to Interest rates.
x) Santander.	Ref: Terms and Conditions Business Bonds.
y) Santander.	Ref: Interest 02.09.2016. £ 86.30p
z) E-oN Electricity.	Ref: Street Lighting Maintenance charges.
aa) E-oN Electricity.	Ref: Cemetery Electricity.
bb) D.T.M. Gardens.	Ref: Maintenance Works August. £738.00
cc) S.L.C.C.	Ref: Notice of A.G.M.
dd) Blackrock.	Ref: Charity of Dudley & Pope.
ee) Blackrock.	Ref: Charinco Investment Fund Interim Report.
ff) The Clerk.	Ref: Magazine.
gg) Clerk & Councils Direct.	Ref: Magazine.
hh) Reid's Playground Ltd.	Ref: August Inspection report.
ii) Totally Trees.	Ref: Victory Park hedge flailing.
jj) Gail Randle.	Ref: Loros Lottery Collector posters.
kk) Tina Britt.	Ref: Cosby Web Site transfer.
ll) David Jennings.	Ref: Cosby Rd Countesthorpe Appeal Decision.
mm) David Jennings.	Ref: Planning Committee August.
nn) L.C.C. Highways.	Ref: Response to planning application Cambridge Rd.
oo) L.C.C. Highways.	Ref: Response to planning application Croft Road.
pp) Mrs. Ann Green.	Ref: Planning Application 13, 15, 17 Ashtree Rd.
qq) Mrs Mary Freer.	Ref: Planning Application (agenda item 10c)
rr) Blaby D.C.	Ref: Cancellation of Planning Committee Meeting.
ss) Blaby D.C.	Ref: Precept payment.
tt) Blaby D.C.	Ref: Parish Liaison Meeting Minutes.
uu) R.C.C.	Ref: A.G.M. Notice.
vv) L. & R. A. L. C.	Ref: Display of Audited Accounts.
ww) Peter Sullivan.	Ref: Cosby Cricket Club S106 request.

In response to the request for Duck safety signs to be placed in the village, the Clerk said that these were now in place.

There had been no follow up to the request to use the park for a Rounders' Club said the Clerk.

The most recent information from the Pensions Regulator had been handed to the Chairman. The Clerk said that a response was required to the letter from Blackrock on the status of the Dudley & Popes Charity but that this could be perhaps the first issue to be dealt with by the new Clerk as it would be her signature that needed to be on the documentation.

The August inspection of the Playground equipment had raised issues of a category one repairs requirement which had been put in place said the Clerk.

It was agreed that the suggestion made by Totally Trees for the hedges at the park to be flailed should take place and would be set in motion.

The Clerk said that Mr. Anderson had agreed to assist with the Cosby Web Site transfer and would liaise with Tina Britt on this issue.

The Clerk read out the letter from David Jennings on the successful appeal regarding the planning application submitted for development on the Cosby Road in Countesthorpe.

The correspondence received from the County Council Highways department on the two planning applications in Cosby had been distributed said the Clerk and may seek to explain why the Planning Department had cancelled the September meeting of the Development Control Committee when these applications might have been determined.

Mr. Phillimore said that this might be an interpretation of the reason but said that the Planning authority had received significant observations which had caused them to pause in the determination of the schemes.

Mr. Phillimore proposed and Mr. Cave seconded the request for support from the Council to the Cosby Cricket Club in their quest for S106 grants for the building of a new artificial cricket strip on the Park.

This was agreed unanimously.

Report from the Chairman: Pension arrangements.

It was agreed to defer discussion on this item until the end of the meeting when the Council would “Go into Committee”

Replacement Street Orderly;

It was decided to defer discussion on this matter until the next meeting by which time the Working Group would have in place the method of making a new appointment.

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 & Mrs. Knowles. 9, Tudor Drive. Single Storey rear extension.
- b) EMH Homes. Forryan Close. Creation of additional car parking Spaces and associated works.
n.b Details of this application were circulated to members. August 16th.
- c) Mrs. Joy Parker. 58, Main St. Proposed works to various trees Including tree felling, crown lift/reduction, stump and branch removal.
- d) Mrs. Joy Parker. Brook House School Proposed felling of 5 Lime trees.

n.b. Details of these two applications were circulated to members. August 16th.

- e) Mr. Andrew Tillsley. 36, Cambridge Rd.
Single storey rear extension, first floor Side extension and detached carport.
- f) H. W. Coates Ltd. The Ridges Main St.
Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 14/0482/1/PX.
- g) Mr. J. Wood. 58A, Cambridge Rd.
Alterations to side and rear garden area to include changes in ground levels.
- h) Mr. M. Hatch. 48, Croft Road.
Creation of dropped kerb for vehicular access and hard standing area.
- i) Mr & Mrs Hall. 39, Park Road.
First floor side extension, loft conversion with front dormer windows, pitched roof to existing single storey rear extension and other external alterations including new window front canopy and removal of chimneys.
- j) Mr & Mrs. Matthews Shuttleworth Grange
Erection of two detached dwellings (Revised)
- k) Mrs Lesley Clarke. 25, Ashtree Road.
Single storey attached granny annexe.
- l) Mr & Mrs Tebbutt. 1, Richmond Close.
Alterations and single storey glazed rear extension.
- m) Mr & Mrs Williams. 1, Ashtree Road.
Single storey front extension.
- n) Mr. Hitesh Pujara. 17, Windrush Dr. Oadby
Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions. Erection of single storey rear extension, First floor and two storey extensions to provide 4No, self- contained flats with associated parkin and bin storage area.
13, 15 & 17 Ashtree Road.

With the exception of application (n) which had been dealt with earlier in the meeting there were no observations made on any of the other planning applications on the agenda.

Planning Approvals etc:

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

- a) Mr & Mrs Deacon 47, Chiltern Avenue. Dated 20.06.2016
- b) Mr & Mrs. Knowles. 9, Tudor Drive. Dated 25.07.2016
- c) EMH Homes. Forryan Close. Dated 29.06.2016
- d) Mr. Andrew Tillsley. 36, Cambridge Road. Dated 22.07.2016

e) Mr. J. Wood.	58A Cambridge Road.	Dated 06.07.2016
f) Mr. M. Hatch.	48, Croft Road.	Dated 22.07.2016
g) Mrs. Lesley Clarke.	25, Ashtree Road.	Dated 01.08.2016
h) Mr & Ms. Tebbutt.	1, Richmond Close.	Dated 19.07.2016

Authorisation of the Accounts.

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

Street Orderly (1) July.	£ 364.43
Street Orderly (2) June & July.	£ 437.32
Cemetery Operative. July.	£ 414.52
Clerk's salary £ 1053.80 + £ 12.43 Phone + £13.94 Postage + £ 31.99 Computer Update.	£ 1,112.16
H. M. Revenue & Customs. PAYE/NI Payments July.	£ 447.79
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath Appeal. Donation.	£ 75.00
L.C.C. Energy Supply.	£ 95.96
D.T.M. Gardens & Landscapes Ltd. Invoice No 6527	£ 738.00
I.C.N. Computer Services. Printer repairs.	£ 44.00
K.C. Roofing & Building Cemetery roof repairs.	£ 420.00
Street Orderly (1) August.	£ 364.43
Street Orderly (2) August.	£ 218.66
Cemetery Operative. August.	£ 472.32
Clerk's salary £ 1053.80 + £ 12.43 Phone + £ 2.00 Postage.	£ 1,068.23
H. M. Revenue & Customs. PAYE/NI Payments August	£ 389.99
Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd Playground Inspection.	£ 114.00
Reid's Playground Maintenance Ltd. Remedial Works. Invoice 1966.	£ 354.00
D.T.M. Gardens & Landscapes Ltd. Invoice No 6563	£ 738.00
E-oN Electricity Cemetery Electricity.	£ 35.73
E-oN Electricity Street Lighting Maintenance.	£ 68.77

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

This was agreed unanimously.

Other Business:

Ms. Pharoah extended her thanks to the Clerk for having secured the substantial Grant from the District Council for the work done at the Pinfold.

With regard to the erection of the Pinfold Lectern it was suggested that this be kept in store by the Clerk until such time as arrangements could be made for it to be placed in the Pinfold Garden.

Mr. Phillimore complimented the family concerned with the transformation of the Tithe Barn into the Bistro that it had now become.

Mr. Hillman reported on the recent meeting he had attended on the subject of the Consultation being promoted by the County Council on the maintenance of roads and verges in villages.

Mr. Suffield said that the Working Group on the subject of Christmas Lights was making progress.

Mr. Mullis said that he had been approached by a parishioner on how it might be possible to extend the 30mph signs on the Broughton Road.

It was suggested that this be a matter which the Council seek advice from the County Highways Department.

The Clerk said that there was a degree of Deja- vue for him in this issue as the same matter had been discussed when he first became Clerk 27 years ago and that it had taken years for the signs on the Narborough Road to be moved a few yards further out of the village.

Mr. Mullis said that heavy plant and machinery was still using the entrance into the Ridges site from the Countesthorpe Road.

The Clerk said that he would ask the District Council for an explanation as to why this was still happening after he had been told it was previously a one off occurrence.

Mr. Mullis reported that there was a large hole in the road outside the Butchers shop in The Nook.

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

Mr. Mullis expressed his concerns about the parking issues at the Tithe Barn.

Mr. Mullis raised the question of a Notice that had appeared on the railings in the village advertising an event that had nothing to do with Cosby.

It was suggested that this should be removed.

Mr. Mullis queried why there was an item on Facebook about the alternative Village Committee mentioned by Mr. Hudson earlier in the meeting. He said that this seemed to be in competition to the work being undertaken by the Parish Council.

Mr. Hudson said that he was happy to work in unison with the Parish Council to ensure traffic safety in the village and was keen to come along to the October meeting to discuss how this might be achieved.

Mrs. Hutton mentioned the Dog bin on Bramble Walk was falling to pieces.

She said that there had been discussions some time ago on the parking issue and the Bus stop outside the new Co-op in Main Street.

Mrs. Hutton said that in her opinion the 7.5 tonne signs were not clear enough. Page 9

Mrs. Hutton said that there was still a problem with the overhanging vegetation outside No 7. Countesthorpe Road.

At this point the Chairman said that the Council should discuss "In Committee" the staffing matters surrounding the pension provision for the Council's employees.
The parishioners left the meeting at this point.

Mrs. Chapman presented a paper to the meeting which outlined the suggestions being made by the Wages and Salaries Working Group.

This detailed the possible figures involved in setting up a Pension Scheme based on the premise that the Council joined what is called "The Peoples Pension Scheme"

Mr. Hillman proposed, Mr. Phillimore seconded that:

The recommendation from the Wages and Salaries Working Group is that the Council join "The Peoples Pension Scheme"

This was largely carried with Mr. Howkins requesting that his vote against be formally recorded.

On the subject of the employment of a new Street Orderly, it was agreed that the Clerk should talk to Theresa Nicholson to see, if in the interim period until a replacement for Mr. Forty could be found, she did two extra hours per week, specifically to cover the litter picking on the park.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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Mrs. J. Chapman. Chairman

