COSHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall**

**at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 February 2023**

**Present:** Cllr. N. James (Chairman) Cllr T Wilson (VC) Cllr S Gibson

Cllr. S. Myatt Cllr. M. Fielding

In attendance: Jacob Taylor (Clerk)

**2366** **Apologies**

Cllr N Gullam sent apologies, which were accepted.

**2367 Acknowledgement of the passing of Cllr B James**

January’s meeting was postponed in respect to the death of the council’s Chairman, Cllr B James.

Cllr N James led tributes to the work of Cllr B James, and councillors each paid their respects in turn. Cllr M Fielding suggested the funeral cart be available for use by all in the village for a nominal charge.

**2368 Election of Interim Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Vice Chair Cllr N James was unanimously elected to serve as interim Chairman and Cllr T Wilson as interim Vice Chairman.

**2369 Declarations of Interest**

None

**2370** **Acceptance of** **Minutes**

 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022 were edited to note that Cllr N James had sent apologies, and were then proposed, seconded, and agreed as a true record.

**2371 Matters Arising**

**2370a** 2364d PCC will provide a replacement fence post for the community council to fit. Cllr N James liaising with PCC. The potential return of the bin at the Pill was discussed for the summer months.

**2372 Planning Applications**

**None**

**2373 Financial report**

 **2373a Debits**

 Swalec £27

 Cheque (PDTC) £20

Halstead £117.6

 Dwr Cymru £15

**2373b Credit**

Ecotricity £1073.65

 Current Account £15003.14

 Deposit Account £20145.50

**2374 Playing Field**

Representatives from one of the football clubs leasing the playing field attended the meeting at the council's request, to discuss arrears of the licence fee.

The club questioned the increase in the fee this year but committed to clearing the arrears. They raised a number of issues regarding their use of the playing field and pavilion, such as playing for only 2.5 hours per week and the goal posts being non-regulation size according to the league.

**2375 Council Vacancies**

Three candidates had expressed interest in the positions via submission of CV and were interviewed in turn by the council.

After the interviews councillors discussed the merits of each candidate and shared their thoughts and opinions. They considered factors such as experience, qualifications, community involvement, and suitability for the role. Councillors noted that all three were strong candidates, but ultimately decided to co-opt Nigel Burgess and Gareth Mills to fill the vacancies.

The clerk noted the decision and will contact all candidates.

**2376 Correspondence**

**2376a** Clerk noted general correspondence

**2377 Matters for information and discussion at the Chairman’s discretion**

**2377a** Cllr M Fielding suggested restricting all traffic on Eastern Croft Lane. Will discuss with County Cllr T Hodgson at next meeting

**2377b** Cllr N James noted the upcoming King’s coronation and associated celebrations. To discuss at next meeting.

**2377c** Cllr N James raised the possibility of placing a bench at the creek in honour of the late Cllr B James. A letter is forthcoming from Mrs James< which the council will await.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**

