COSHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

**at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

**Present:** Cllr N James (Chair) Cllr T Wilson (VC) Cllr N Gullam Cllr G Mills

Cllr S Myatt Cllr M Fielding Cllr N Burgess

In attendance: County Cllr T Hodgson Village residents

**2397** **Apologies**

Cllrs M. Fielding, Cllr S. Gibson and the Clerk J. Taylor sent apologies which were accepted.

**2398 Declarations of Interest**

None

**2399** **Acceptance of** **Minutes**

 The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2023 were proposed, seconded, and agreed as a true record.

**2400 Matters Arising**

**2400a** 2392a - Following email correspondence with Neil McCarthy, the materials for the replacement of the fence are due to be delivered to Cllr N. James’ home address ready for collection by the Installer. Cllr S. Myatt is waiting on 3x quotations whilst R. Mason has also been asked to quote by Cllr N. James.

**2400b** 2392b Cllr N. James has been in touch with West Wales Pest Control to re-visit the playing field r.e. Moles – They will notify him once they have visited.

**2400c** 2392c The Coronation Mug order has been placed and the mugs have been received and are being held by Cllr N. James. They will be distributed at the Coronation Afternoon Tea and by Cosheston V.C. School. Cllr T. Wilson is to be reimbursed after paying the initial pro-forma invoice.

**2400d** 2392d Cllr G. Mills recommended we regularly follow up with PCC regarding the removal of conifers at the Creek and the installation of a memorial bench for Cllr B. James due to his past experience working within PCC. Contact has been made by PCC with the James family regarding a memorial bench but to date no contact has been made regarding the Conifer trees.

**2400e** 2392g County Cllr T. Hodgson wished to clarify that planning permission for any bike shelter would generally not be required but could be dependent on size – advice would need to be sought prior to installation

**2392f** 2387a Cllr G Mills has liaised with Cosheston School and it has been agreed that he will attend Governors meetings.

**2400g** 2395b A copy of the Council’s Standing Orders have been provided to the resident.

**2401 Planning Applications**

**2401a** Plot 5, Land opposite Tinkers Fold – although this application already appears to have been decided, Cllrs could see no problems with anything for proposed dwelling and would support the application.

**2401b** Tree Surgery at Paskeston Lodge – Cllrs viewed this request as necessary due to the proximity of proposed trees to the Public Highway and as such support the application.

**2402 Financial report**

Not discussed as no information available

**2403 Correspondence**

**2403a** An email was received from a resident enquiring about a Defibrillator for Upper Nash.

**2404 Matters for information and discussion at the Chairman’s discretion**

**2403a** Cllr T. Hodgson informed all present that PCC Enforcement Officers have visited a site North of the A477 and West of Nash Rectory to monitor activity following a failed planning application.

**2403b** Cllr S. Myatt queried if there is anything that can be done to stop Dogs and their owners entering the fenced area within the playing field. It was noted that some time ago, there was a suggestion that a county court order/public space protection order could be sort to cover the field.

**2403c** Cllr G. Mills explained that as a new councillor he would like to try to understand the relationship the Council has with other organisations within the Community. As such, he sought the council’s permission to attend future Village Hall Trust meetings. All in attendance were in favour.

**2403d** Cllr N. James – following a spate of vandalism within the community, the Chaiman has asked a resident if he would be willing to fix the bench in place at the Cross to prevent movement and possible theft.

**2403e** Cllr N. James – After initially raising the issue of the lack of Defibrillator at the rapidly expanding hamlet of Upper Nash at the October 2022 meeting (point 2348d) and November 2022 meeting (point 2352d), together with the recent email from a Cosheston resident on the matter, Cllr N. James proposed that due to a reduction in Charitable Schemes for such installations, that the Council purchase a Defibrillator and Lockable Cabinet to be sited within Upper Nash. All councillors were in agreement. Cllr James will visit the area to make contact with residents to establish where specifically it could be sited. It would then be registered/monitored on ‘The Circuit’ together with the other Defibs within our community.

**2403f** Cllr N. James – A Coronation Afternoon Tea has been organised by a few of the parents from within the Village, to be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 8th May. Cllr James proposed that the Council cover the cost of the hire of a bouncy castle for the event. All councillors were in agreement. A reminder was given to all for the short service and Beacon lighting event which is to be held at the Cross at 8pm on Sunday 8th May.

**2403g** Cllr N. James – A new bench has been installed in the elevated corner of the Village Hall car park by the Village Hall Trust. A Facebook post on an Unofficial Cosheston Village Hall Facebook page has stated that steps will soon be made to make access easier. We will write to the Village Hall Trust to remind them that any installations/works within the grounds should get prior approval from the Community Council as none has been sought for this bench, and that any work undertaken by way of installing steps should be by a reputable tradesperson so to protect the Council and VH Trust from liability in the event of an accident using them once installed.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.08pm**

