

COSHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2023**

Present: Cllr N James (Chair) Cllr T Wilson (VC) Cllr G Mills Cllr S. Gibson
Cllr S Myatt Cllr M Fielding

In attendance County Cllr T Hodgson Village resident

2419 Apologies

Cllr N Burgess; Cllr N Gullam;

2420 Declarations of Interest

None

2421 Meeting with Cosheston AFC representatives

Cllr N James informed the meeting that Cosheston AFC representatives were unable to attend so the meeting will be rescheduled.

2422 Update on Council Matters

Cllr N James read a prepared statement. The main points were:

2422a The Clerk is absent as he has been suspended from his post as of 25th August 2023 pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation.

Some items of business will not be able to be completed in tonight's meeting as a result of the Clerks absence.

2422b Cllr N James has received numerous e-mails from one resident since April 2023 questioning the validity of the current Council membership; challenging the election process for recent new members and accusing the Council of malpractice. Further the resident has threatened to report the council to the County Council.

Following discussion with Ms. Rhian Young (Acting Monitoring Officer for the Council) Cllr James is confident that the Community Council has acted entirely appropriately. Subsequently, he has written to the resident informing them of the Community Councils position.

2423 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councillors unanimously agreed to reappoint Cllr N James as Chair and Cllr T Wilson as Vice Chair.

2424 Approval of Minutes 4th July 2023

Due to the suspension of the Clerk the July minutes have not been prepared. Cllr G Mills (acting as minute taker) proposed that minutes for the July meeting be drafted by him for circulation and approval at the next meeting. **Agreed.**

2425 Matters Arising

Due to the absence of minutes there were no matters arising

2426 Planning Applications**2426a 23/0394/NM**

Proposal

Extensions to existing property

Location

Carpenters Arms, Cosheston, Pembroke Dock SA72 4UH

Comment

None

2427 Financial report**2427a Debits**

Unavailable due to absence of Clerk

2427b Credit

Precept	Unavailable due to absence of Clerk
Current Account	Unavailable due to absence of Clerk
Deposit Account	Unavailable due to absence of Clerk

2427c Invoices Approved

Invoice received from Daniel Davies regarding repair of showers in changing rooms. **APPROVED**

2428 Correspondence

2428a The Chair had received correspondence from Pembrokeshire tourism regarding panel members. **FOR INFORMATION.**

2429 Discussion on Council's news/media outlets

Cllr N James reported that he had received some criticism about the way the Community Council communicates with the public. After a good discussion the following was agreed:

2429a Cllr T Wilson agreed to create a Facebook page for the Community Council where minutes, agendas and information could be shared with the public - **APPROVED**.

2429b Cllr T Wilson to look into creating The Community Council's own website. **AGREED**

2430 Matters for information and discussion at the Chairman's discretion

2430a Cllr T Hodgson reported that she had received responses from Welsh Government regarding safety at the Fingerpost junction. Matter is still under review and they will be monitoring effect of improved signage and new lining.

2430b Cllr T Hodgson alerted councillors to work being undertaken in the field at the bottom of Myletts Hill. An Enforcement Officer is monitoring the situation but if further work is started it should be reported to the County Council.

2430c Cllr T Hodgson reported that the new Cosheston sign to replace the existing disappeared sign at the east end of the village would be addressed with the new 20mph signage.

2430d Cllr G Mills asked for an update on the reopening of the permissive path at Woodfield woods. Due to the absence of Cllr N Gibson there was no available update. **Cllr T Hodgson said she would make enquiries.**

2430e Cllr G Mills asked for confirmation that the new gate into the car park could be purchased and fitted. **Cllr N James to action.**

2430f Cllr G Mills raised the issue of litter bins around the village, particularly at the Pill. The chair had spoken with the LA Officer, Neil Mc Carthy who said there would be a cost for emptying a bin there. **Councillors agreed to approach the Officer again to discuss the matter.**

2430g Cllr N James reported that the Council will have to set the licence and costs for the Football Club. **Agreed**

2430h Cllr N James reported that the LA had agreed to send out contractors for grass cutting at the Pill, but this had not happened – **Cllr T Hodgson to chase up**

2430i Cllr N James reported he had planted the Queens Jubilee tree at the Cross. Councillors thanked him for this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.06pm