

COSHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th February 2024

Present: Cllr N James (Chair); Cllr T Wilson; Cllr S Myatt; Cllr G Mills; Cllr N Gullam,
Cllr N Burgess, Cllr S Gibson

In attendance: S Scourfield (Clerk), 1 resident

2467 Apologies

Cllr M Fielding, PCC Cllr T Hodgson

2468 Declarations of interest

None

2469 Approval of Minutes 2nd January 2024

Minutes of the meeting were approved – Proposed by Cllr T Wilson
Seconded by Cllr S Myatt

2470 Matters Arising from those minutes.

2470a (2459a) It was questioned if there should be a lid on the dog bin and the Chair confirmed it is better without a lid. Members commented that there had been some good feedback received but someone from the village was using the bin for nappies which was not its intended use. It was agreed a message would be put on social media to highlight this.

2470b (2459c) It was confirmed the bid was almost complete and the required information on Cosh Callout had been obtained.

2470c (2450d) The Salt bin had now been installed on the new slab and was ready for use.

2470d (2454e) The Village Hall Wi-Fi was now working using a SIM. It was confirmed that the usage would be monitored, and the contract adjusted as necessary.

2470e (2462) The Clerk informed members that they had been invited to make representation at the Pembrokeshire County Council Planning committee meeting where application 23/0701/PA would be determined. As members had not made any adverse comments in relation to the application, they declined to send representation.

2470f (2464) It was questioned if there had been any further communication from the Cosheston Strikers. The Clerk stated that since sending the initial email there had been no further communication so she would chase a response.

2470g (2465b) It was confirmed the bike shelter application would be reviewed and submitted once the funding session opens on 12th February 2024.

2470h (2466a) It was questioned if there was an update on the removal of the container from the playing field. It was confirmed that this was in hand and was expected to be completed soon when the dry weather allows.

2471 Finance Report

2471a Account Debits

Date	Description	Amount
15.01.2024	Welsh Water – Water for Pavilion	£17.00
19.01.2024	SSE Energy	£60.41

2471b Account Credits

Date	Description	Amount
	None	

2471c Account Balances

Date	Description	Amount
05.02.2024	Main Account	£5,384.15
05.02.2024	Deposit Account	£7,074.35
	Total	£12,458.50

2471c Invoices to be agreed for payment

The Clerk informed members the following invoices needed agreement to be paid.

Richard Mason- Grass cutting for 23/24 season – £3,045.00

Pembrokeshire County Council – supply of salt bin - £216.00

Cllr Tony Wilson reimbursement – SIM package for Village Hall Wi-Fi – £39.00

All invoices were agreed for payment.

Members confirmed the grass cutting tender would need to be advertised as soon as possible for quotes to be received.

2473 Planning Applications

Cllr T Wilson commented that there was an application for Plot 1 opposite Tinkers Fold which required members comments. The Clerk stated she had not been notified of this application but would obtain the details and send out to all members for comment.

2474 Correspondence

- 2474a The Chair raised that an email had been received regarding a broken stile. The Clerk confirmed this had been dealt with and passed to Pembrokeshire County Council.

2475 Matters for information and discussion at the Chairs discretion

- 2475a Cllr G Mills reported on items from the Village Hall Committee. He stated there had been a number of improvements made which included doors, ramps, fridge, and a projector. The item of outside lighting was raised as there was confusion over who is responsible for this. It was commented this had been raised at previous meetings and that the outside lighting is a fixture of the building and therefore the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr N James commented that the disabled parking signs would be completed in due course but dry weather was needed for the works to be completed. He commented that he was also going to try and address the flooding in the car park by clearing an area and making land drains, but again better weather was required for this to happen.

- 2475b Cllr N James commented that he had received correspondence from Cosheston AFC highlighting that the fascia on the changing rooms was damaged and needed repairing, the container was to be removed and funding for a new container was being sought. They have also got funding for new goals for the top field enabling it to be used as the current goals are not the correct size. It was also confirmed the Strikers will become part of Cosheston AFC next season.

With all the progress being made with the club it was questioned if CCTV could be installed on the Pavilion as it would protect the investments being made by the club with the mower and moveable goals being stored on site and it could also help with dog fouling. Members commented that they supported the CCTV as it helped to cover a number of issues. Cosheston AFC stated in the correspondence that they had also paid a local pest controller to manage the mole issue on the field and asked if the amount of £50 plus any repair charges for the fascia could be taken off the lease charge which they pay, to which members agreed. It was commented that Council are keen to support the club as much as possible.

- 2475c It was raised that Cllr James was trying to gain permissions for a memorial bench to be installed down at the creek in memory of Basil James. He commented that there had been a number of issues as a private individual cannot undertake the work and it has to be completed through Pembrokeshire County Council, but the cost was very expensive. The Clerk informed members that the Community Council can install the bench themselves as long as permissions are gained from the landowner and then

the family can make a donation if they wish to cover the costs. Members agreed this was the best way forward and would investigate this option further.

2475d It was commented that the repair of the village noticeboard was in hand and being dealt with.

2475e A question was raised from the public member present requesting meetings to be streamed via zoom or teams. The clerk commented that it was not a simple process and equipment could be costly. She also stated the cheap version could cause issues as the sound is not always suitable. Cllrs commented that funds needed to be prioritised, and this was not something on the priority list. It was therefore suggested the minutes are sent out in draft format earlier for everyone to see. Members raised concerns regarding this but agreed to trial it for a period of time to see how it worked.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm