

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 12th June 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillors G. Terry (Chairman), M. Dare, N. Downing, E. Ingram and J. Stradling with District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin.

Apology for absence received from Councillors J. Clasby, Mrs L. Woodward and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

22. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th and 31st May 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

23. Interests

Members had no interests to declare.

24. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon planning application 54/17/0003 (proposed site for Hinkley workers at Montana Scaffolding) see minute 28.

25. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare had no report in respect of the Village Hall Committee. There was no Neighbourhood Watch report in the absence of Councillor Clasby but Councillor Stradling reported upon instances involving arson at Cossington Level.

26. Maintenance Items

It was agreed to report highway defects at Bell Lane/Cossington Level and at Combe Lane. There were no new fly-tipping issues to report. Regarding Cossington Flood Group, the Chairman reported that a blocked highway drain on the northern side of the Triangle had been reported. The County Council would include the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to enable Avon and Somerset Police to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road in a comprehensive Traffic Regulation Order to be made later during 2017/18. The resident request for a village nameplate in Middle Road was agreed in principal along with replacement matching signs in Brent Road and Manor Road. Further details were awaited from the County Council regarding likely cost implications before approval could be finalised. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations. It was agreed to continue to monitor the matter. The Chairman had sprayed weeds at the Manor Road end of The Drain footpath. It was agreed to inspect a shrub in the vicinity of Manor Court which was obstructing visibility at the Manor Road/Brent Road corner.

27. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised: -

000911	GWB Services	grass cutting	£358.00
000912	Parish Clerk	expenses	£162.48

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No issues were raised by the public.

Open Meeting ended 7.57 p.m.

28. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered,

007 – Erection of an extension to the south elevation of an agricultural building, partly on site of existing to be demolished at Brookhays Farm, Bell Lane – M. Bell – recommend permission.

With regard to planning application 54/17/00003, Temporary change of use of land for 10 years as a caravan site for touring and static caravans and construction of a games room to be used by Hinkley Point workers only at Cossington Lane for

Montana Scaffolding, the Chairman reported that the District Council had now refused planning permission for the proposal.

With regard to 006 – Variation of conditions 2 and 8 of planning permission 22/11/00004 to substitute an approved plan and to allow for 5 no pitches, each with a mobile home, touring caravan and day room at Henshirl Paddocks, Cossington Lane for M. Isaacs, the Chairman reported that this application was now under consideration by the District Council.

29. Playing Field

It was agreed to accept the current finish for the path recently constructed from the car park pedestrian gate, subject to an appropriate adjustment being made to the cost. Councillors Clasby, Ingram and Stradling had adjusted the safer surfacing under the roundabout to achieve greater ground clearance under the platform. It was understood that an issue with the trim trail has been raised in the annual safety inspection but the full report was awaited. It was agreed to request Mr Bickers to trim vegetation affecting visibility in the vicinity of the car park entrance and to monitor a van being regularly parked in the car park.

It was also agreed to allow Woolavington Football Club to carry out improvements to the showers in the changing rooms and to refurbish the toilets at no cost to the Council. The Football Club would also be invited to submit a quote for repairs to the wooden fence around the car park.

30. Cossington Housing Needs Assessment

The Chairman reported that this was still on schedule for the end of October 2017.

31. Cossington in Bloom

Councillors Clasby and Ingram would compile a shortlist by the date of the next Meeting for the official finalist judging in mid/late July. The Chairman would meet the Head Teacher of the Bridge School to discuss detailed arrangements for judging their children's competition and subsequent public display of the work.

32. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 10th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman