

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 10th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Councillor Mrs L. Woodward.

33. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34. Interests

Members had no interests to declare.

35. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon the proposed Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Scheme and changes to Recycling Centre Regulations.

36. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare reported upon the 2017 AGM the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Clasby had no report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman also outlined matters discussed at a recent Meeting of the Parish Cluster Group.

37. Maintenance Items

There were no new highway defects or fly-tipping issues to report. Regarding Cossington Flood Group, the Chairman reported that the blocked highway drain on the northern side of the Triangle had been cleared along with several drains in Middle Road. The Traffic Regulation Order to enable Avon and Somerset Police to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road is expected from County Highways as part of a comprehensive Traffic Regulation Order to be made later during 2017/18. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations. It was agreed to continue to monitor the matter. A shrub in the vicinity of Manor Court had been trimmed to improve visibility at the Manor Road/Brent Road corner. Councillor Dare undertook to secure the seat in the bus shelter to the back wall. It was agreed to seek a progress report from the District Council into their investigation of the problem of foul water entering a ditch at Cossington Lane.

38. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised: -

000913 N.A. Haggett	playing field path	£3,840.00
000914 SALC	affiliation fee	£135.71
000915 GWB Services	grass cutting	£375.00

A bank reconciliation for the period 1st April to 30th June 2016 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who do not sign cheques as part of the Parish Council's Internal Controls.

Open Meeting 7.50 p.m.

Issues raised by the public related to an update on planning application 006 see minute 39.

Open Meeting ended 7.53 p.m.

39. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider.

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 still under consideration by the District Council.

40. Playing Field

It was noted that all issues regarding the path constructed from the car park pedestrian gate had been satisfactorily resolved.

Woolavington Football Club had been invited to carry out repairs to the wooden fence around the car park and it was understood that some work had already taken place.

The full report arising from annual safety inspection of the play equipment had been circulated and various issues were discussed. It was agreed to investigate provision of new hinges for the car park pedestrian gate. Councillors Clasby, Ingram and Stradling undertook to further adjust the safer surfacing under the roundabout to achieve greater ground clearance under the platform and to investigate possible replacement of a post on the trim trail climbing wall.

41. Village Nameplates

With regard to the provision of a village nameplate in Middle Road along with replacement matching nameplates in Brent Road and Manor Road, the Chairman reported that the County Council had confirmed that licences would not be required if they produced and installed the signs. Costs were estimated to be £300 for the Middle Road nameplate and £100 each for the replacement nameplates utilising existing posts.

After discussion, it was agreed that an image of the former Big Tree should be incorporated in the design of the nameplates and Councillor Downing undertook to produce some artwork for approval by Members, prior to further consideration at the next Meeting.

42. Cossington in Bloom

Councillors Clasby and Ingram had compiled a shortlist which would be forwarded to the official judges. The Chairman and Councillor Downing would judge the Bridge School children's competition during week commencing 17th July.

43. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 11th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman