

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Councillor N. Downing and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

## **44. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## **45. Interests**

Members had no interests to declare.

## **46. Reports of the County and District Councillors**

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported upon the District Council's Standards Committee.

## **47. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare reported that Mr R. Taylor had been appointed as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. The rest of the officers remained the same. With regard to Neighbourhood Watch, Councillor Clasby reported upon a barn fire near Gold Corner.

## **48. Maintenance Items**

It was noted that numerous highway defects had recently been repaired. It was agreed to report a defect at the edge of the carriageway in Manor Road. There were no new fly-tipping issues to report. Regarding Cossington Flood Group, the Chairman reported that a six-monthly inspection of the water course would take place during October. There had been no further information on the Traffic Regulation Order required to enable Avon and Somerset Police to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road, which had now been going on for over a year. It had been expected to form part of a comprehensive Traffic Regulation Order to be made by the County Council during late 2017 and County Councillor Healey had been requested to investigate the matter. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations but had slightly reduced. It was agreed to continue to monitor the matter. Councillor Dare had secured the seat in the bus shelter. It was agreed to pursue initial investigations for an extension of the 30 mph speed limit in Middle Road eastwards to a position near Mendip View. Councillor Ingram agreed to lead on this matter. An issue of HGVs using Bell Lane had been taken up with the haulage company and County Highways had been requested to remove graffiti from a sign at Bell Lane. It was also agreed to request landowners and/or County Highways to resolve an issue of blocked ditches at the southern approach to Cossington Level.

## **49. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised: -

000916	GWB Services	grass cutting	£586.00
000917	Parish Clerk	expenses	£476.86

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A member of the public raised a question relating to a highway matter.

Open Meeting ended 8.00 p.m.

## **50. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered:-

008 Variation of conditions to allow additional windows, annexe building, 6 Manor Close – Mrs E. Lawson – confirm recommendation of permission.

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 had been approved by the District Council's Development Committee but with stringent conditions requiring rectification of planning contraventions relating to inter-alia visibility splays, reinstatement of the grassed children's play area, foul and surface drainage and a prohibition of caravan storage by December 2017.

The Chairman also reported that the Local Plan Review had been submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration and Members were encouraged to attend a Planning Seminar organised by the District Council on 12<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### **51. Playing Field**

It was noted that the wooden fence around the car park had recently been damaged. After discussion, Councillor Clasby undertook to organise the necessary repairs. Anti-social behaviour in the playing field was also discussed.

Arising from the annual play equipment safety inspection, it was agreed to investigate provision of new hinges for the car park pedestrian gate and 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.

It was agreed to accept a quotation in the sum of £190 + VAT from AJP Electrics to fit a new 10 way fully loaded power board in the playing field hut.

### **52. 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, Members considered artwork showing an image of the former Big Tree produced by Councillor Downing. It was agreed to approve the basic design subject to minor modifications including a reduction of shading around the base and lifting of the lower branches to make the trunk and plinth more prominent. Firm estimates would be obtained following completion of the artwork.

### **53. Cossington Housing Needs Assessment**

The Chairman undertook to circulate a draft questionnaire to Members for final approval. It was planned to distribute the questionnaire with the autumn newsletter in early November with a public drop in session in the Village Hall to coincide with the Christmas Fayre on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### **54. Cossington Parish Council Autumn Newsletter**

Members agreed topics for the autumn newsletter. The Chairman agreed to circulate a draft of the newsletter for approval.

### **55. Cossington in Bloom**

The Chairman outlined the results of the 2017 Cossington in Bloom Competitions and reported upon the successful Presentation Event at the Village Show on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Full results will be included in the November newsletter. It was agreed to provide a Garden Centre voucher for Councillor Dare in connection with the provision of plants for the village tubs.

### **56. Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman