

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 11th June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor G. Terry (Chairman), Councillors 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.

16. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. Interests

Members had no interests to declare.

18. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin had nothing to report

19. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare reported that the Village Hall Committee were to consider redecorating the building. It was agreed to reappoint Councillor Dare as the representative of the Parish Council to serve on the Village Hall Committee during 2018/19. Councillor Clasby had nothing new to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

20. Maintenance Items

It was agreed to report a pothole at Cossington Level. Councillor Dare reported upon a substantial quantity of food-related litter dumped in a gateway at Manor Road and it was agreed to publicise the matter through the usual channels as a deterrent. Damaged nameplates at Mowground Lane, Park Close and Walnut Lane had not yet been replaced/repared although it is understood the District Council had ordered them. There was nothing new to report regarding the Flood Group. Information was still awaited from the County Council regarding completion of the new Traffic Regulation Order required to enable Avon and Somerset Police to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road. The land drainage issue at the southern approach to Cossington Level was being addressed by local Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group but no timescale had been set for completion of works. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations and it was agreed to continue to monitor the matter. The County Council had now finalised the positioning of a new village nameplate in Middle Road and had instructed contractors to install it by 30th June. In the circumstances, payment for the two recently installed replacement nameplates at Brent Road and Manor Road had been released. It was noted that the redundant telephone kiosk in the village centre had been removed. It was agreed to check the adjacent milestone for possible damage. Councillor Clasby had secured the seat in the bus shelter and Councillor Dare undertook to spray the weeds in the Drain footpath.

21. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised: -

000934	GWB Services	grass cutting	£607.50
000935	Parish Clerk	expenses	£157.66

Open Meeting 7.50 p.m.

Members of the public made observations on planning applications (see minute 22) and on trees at Maple Tree Court.

Open Meeting ended 7.55 p.m.

22. Planning Applications

The following new planning applications were considered.

002 – Change of use of land to site a caravan for employees, The Red Tile, Middle Road – P. McKenzie – recommend refusal;

005 - Variation of condition 2 of 22/12/008, erection of garage and formation of access, Landshire Cottage, Middle Road – Dr M.J. & Mrs D.J. Bizon – recommend refusal

54/18/008 – Outline planning application with some matters reserved for the erection of up to 145 dwellings and formation of vehicular access at Cossington Lane, Woolavington – Gladman Developments Ltd – Members were requested to view the documents on line with a view to agreeing the observations of this Council at the next Meeting.

It was noted that planning permission had been granted in respect of 004 (extensions at The Woollands, Brent Road) subject to a condition relating to submission of acceptable plans relating to surface water drainage disposal.

It was noted that the work recently carried out to the Grade II Listed Building at Cossington Park had previously been granted permission under application 22/00/00008 for which work had commenced within the required three years from approval – but which still had some works outstanding.

Regarding application 22/17/00006 (Henshirl Paddock) - work to comply with the landscaping condition was yet to start. The District Council were still awaiting satisfactory plans for the land surface water condition and implementation of the plans approved for sewerage had yet to commence. It was agreed to urge the District Council to act in enforcing the related planning conditions and to request the Environment Agency to take urgent action regarding reported sewerage discharging into drainage ditches from this and other nearby sites.

23. Playing Field

Following the annual safety inspection on 5th June, the inspector had advised of suspected defect in an item in the trim trail which, he felt, had come to the end of its life. He recommended the item be removed urgently. A full written report from the inspection would be forwarded in due course. It was agreed to arrange for the defective item to be removed and to request the Playing Field Committee to consider possible replacements. It was also agreed to trim the greenery at the western side of the playing field entrance which was obscuring traffic visibility.

24. Former Co-op Premises, Windmill Crescent, Woolavington

The District Council had agreed to grant the lease of the former Co-op premises at Windmill Crescent, Woolavington to Magna Healthcare to operate a pharmacy, rather than the locally favoured proposal for a Community Hub. A formal letter, prepared in conjunction with Bawdrip and Woolavington Parish Councils and the Patients Participation Group, had been submitted to the District Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services raising detailed questions regarding the way the community proposal had been handled. The response from the District Council failed to provide adequate answers and a further letter had been sent on behalf of this Council and the Patients Participation Group for the public record.

25. Cossington in Bloom

The Village People Group would be meeting on 12th June to discuss arrangements for an event to include the Cossington in Bloom prizegiving in September. It was agreed to include an additional Best Show Garden prize category (for non-domestic gardens and large domestic gardens subjected to a major professional landscaping work) and to again award Garden Centre vouchers for the overall Best In Show and runner up. Councillors Clasby and Ingram agreed to compile a shortlist for each of the Competition categories, by 9th July – with the final independent judging planned for the following weekend.

26. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 9th July 2018 following an inspection of the Playing Field at 6.45 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman