

## COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: - Councillor G. Terry (Chairman), Councillors J. Clasby, M. Dare, J. Stradling and Mrs L. Woodward.

Apology for absence received from Councillors N. Downing and E. Ingram and District Councillor Mrs A. Hamlin.

### **27. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **28. Interests**

Members had no interests to declare.

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

Neither Member was present.

### **30. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare reported that had attended the recent Village Hall Committee A.G.M. Councillor Clasby had nothing new to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

### **31. Maintenance Items**

It was noted that all reported potholes had been filled. It was agreed to report further fly-tipping at Cossington Level. Damaged nameplates at Mowground Lane, Park Close and Walnut Lane had not yet been replaced/repared although it was understood the District Council had ordered them. There was nothing new to report regarding the Flood Group, although consideration would be given to the removal of certain boulders from the stream while the water level was low. The County Council had completed the new Traffic Regulation Order required to enable Avon and Somerset Police to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road and information was awaited from the police as to when the speed checks would commence. 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 installed the new village nameplate in Middle Road. The milestone in the village centre had been checked but no damage had occurred to it during removal of the telephone kiosk. Complaints had been received regarding sewerage discharging into the roadside ditch in Brent Road and it was understood that an Environmental Health Officer had met with an adjacent site owner or his representative and an undertaking had been given to prevent this discharge pending implementation of a more permanent solution.

### **32. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payment was authorised: -

000936	GWB Services	grass cutting	£225.00
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A bank reconciliation for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 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 8.00 p.m.

Members of the public made observations on planning applications (see minute 33) and on drainage issues.

Open Meeting ended 8.10 p.m.

### **33. Planning Applications**

The following new planning applications were considered.

006 – Demolition of shed and erection of replacement outbuilding for storage, The Woollands, Brent Road – Polden Hills Veterinary Centre – recommend permission subject to conditions relating to submission of acceptable plans relating to surface water drainage disposal and prohibition of any residential usage;

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 – recommend refusal.

It was agreed to raise no objection to amended plans relating to the detail of soffits and fascia on the proposed flat roof at The Bungalow, Brent Road (application 003). It was noted that planning permission had been granted in respect of 005 - Variation of condition 2 of 22/12/008, erection of garage and formation of access at Landshire, Middle Road by the District Council's Development Committee and in respect of 002 – Change of use of land to site a caravan for employees at The Red Tile, Middle Road – P. McKenzie. The Parish Council's objections in respect of 002 had been withdrawn following details of justification for the need for the caravan, not included in the original application, being contained in the Development Committee report

Regarding application 22/17/00006 (Henshirl Paddock) – clarification had been received from the District Council that work to comply with the landscaping condition had to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. 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 due to a delay in obtaining an easement to cross the former railway bridge. The Environment Agency had been requested to take urgent action regarding reported sewerage discharging into drainage ditches from this and other nearby sites and a detailed response was awaited.

### **34. Playing Field**

The full written report from the annual safety inspection held on 5<sup>th</sup> June was considered. The number of issues raised had continue to decrease year on year. Action would be taken to address the more urgent items. Councillor Clasby also agreed to repair a defective gate post near the playing field hut.

### **35. Cossington in Bloom**

Details were discussed of an event being organised by The Village People Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> September which would include the 2018 Cossington in Bloom prizegiving. Councillors Clasby and Ingram had compiled a shortlist for each of the Competition categories and the final independent judging would take place during the next 10 days. It was agreed to provide appropriate recompense for the person maintaining the floral tubs in the village centre in line with earlier discussions.

### **36. Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman