

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 10th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

37. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

38. Interests

Members had no interests to declare.

39. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin referred to accommodation for Hinkley C workers.

40. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare reported that the Village Hall Committee had not met since the last Parish Council Meeting. Councillor Clasby had not advised of any issues in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

41. Maintenance Items

There were no new highway defects to report. It was agreed to report further fly-tipping at Bell Lane/Hirst Lane and it was noted that a container fly-tipped at Manor Road had recently been reported. The District Council had recently replaced three damaged street nameplates. There was nothing new to report regarding the Flood Group, although a quick inspection of the water course revealed that it was running smoothly. 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. However, the police first required vegetation obscuring the 30 mph signs on approaching the village at Middle Road and Manor Road to be cleared. Such work was thought to be the responsibility of the landowners although it is understood County Highways had been made aware of the issue by the police. 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. It was noted that dog waste bags were being deposited in the ditch at Manor Road. A further incident had occurred regarding sewerage discharging into the roadside ditch in Brent Road. An Environmental Health Officer had been in contact with the adjacent site owner or his representative ordering the ditch to be cleared and tanks to be emptied every two weeks to prevent this discharge pending implementation of a more permanent solution. It was agreed to also seek clearance of the ditch downstream on the opposite side of the highway, which had also suffered from pollution, and to additionally request County Highways to clear a blocked culvert under the road.

42. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised: -

000937	GWB Services	grass cutting	£405.00
000938	Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payments	£555.32

Open Meeting 7.50 p.m.

Members of the public made observations on a planning application (see minute 43) and on public rights of way.

Open Meeting ended 7.55 p.m.

43. Planning Applications

The following new planning applications were considered.

008 – Erection of dwelling and formation of parking bay, Hayesbrook House, Millmoot Lane – P. Heyward – recommend refusal as the off-street parking provision proposed did not meet the requirements of the Somerset Parking Strategy;

009 – Crown lift and thin crown, beech tree, Grange Cottage, Middle Road – P. Jasinski – recommend permission.

An objection had been made to an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of Gardners Business Units, Brent Road for mixed business use, storage of caravans and residential use (007) as, if granted, it would appear to authorise residential use for the whole site.

With regard to 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, no update had been received.

It was agreed to consider a response to a consultation on proposed amendments to the draft Sedgemoor Local Plan, following examination by an Inspector, at the next Meeting.

44. Playing Field

Councillor Stradling undertook to complete a maintenance issue on the trim trail and cut the hedges during the autumn. Councillor Clasby had agreed to repair a defective gate post near the playing field hut. A supply of top soil had been purchased to enable the Football Club fill in surface cracks on the pitch.

45. Cossington in Bloom

The Council considered feedback on the event organised by The Village People Group on 2nd September which included the 2018 Cossington in Bloom prizegiving. Councillors Dare agreed to raise an issue with the Village Hall Committee and it was also agreed to consider extending formal invitations to prize-giving to all those on the original short list at next year's event.

46. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 8th October 2018.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman