

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Apology for absence received from Councillors N. Downing and Mrs L. Woodward.

67. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

68. Interests

Members had no interests to declare.

69. Reports of the County and District Councillors

District Councillor Mrs Hamlin reported that she had attended a meeting of the District Council's Corporate Scrutiny Committee County/District Councillor Healey reported upon plans for the development of the Huntspill Energy Park site, accommodation for Hinkley C workers and possible alternative plans for land at Montana Scaffolding for storage.

70. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare reported that the Village Hall Committee had received quotations for redecoration work. He also outlined financial issues. Councillor Clasby referred to incidents regarding egg throwing in the village and also reported that cards were being delivered to each household to further publicise the E Watch scheme.

71. Maintenance Items

There were no new highway defects to report in Cossington. It was agreed to again report a number of fly-tipped items along Cossington Level. There was nothing new to report regarding the Flood Group and the main water course was currently running smoothly. The Avon and Somerset Police had been requested to commence mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in the village now that vegetation obscuring the 30 mph signs had been cleared. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations and it was agreed to continue to monitor the matter and place information notices on the noticeboard. The District Council's Arboricultural Officer would be again requested to check the health of a mountain ash tree in the Village Centre.

There had been no recurrence of sewerage discharging into the roadside ditch in Brent Road. The village nameplate at Brent Road had been damaged beyond repair and County Highways had been reminded to submit a quotation for its replacement. County Highways have requested the owners, British Telecom, to replace a damaged inspection cover at Park Crescent. It was agreed to collate recently collected evidence of a long-standing blocked drainage pipe under the carriageway near the business units at Brent Road and pass the evidence to County Highways with a request for remedial action to be carried out.

72. Financial Matters

The following payments were authorised: -

000941 Cossington Village Hall	grant	£400.00
000942 Cossington PCC	poppy wreath etc grant	£225.00
000943 Cossington Neighbourhood Watch	grant	£50.00
000945 GWB Services	grass cutting	£185.00
000946 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£262.41

73. Budget 2019/20

The Council considered the draft estimates for 2019/20. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved and the precept for 2019/20 be £11,000.

Open Meeting 8.00 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

Open Meeting ended 8.01 p.m.

74. Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications to consider. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's agreed comments in respect of 010 – Erection of dwelling at Grange Cottage, Middle Road – P. Jasinski and 011 - Erection of dwelling and parking, Hayesbrook House, Millmoot Lane – P. Heyward had been submitted to the District Council's Planning Officers.

The Chairman also reported upon his attendance at a Development Management Seminar held by the District Council. Copies of the slides had been circulated to Members for their information.

75. Playing Field

Quotations were being obtained for ganging mowing during the 2019 season

The Football Club had not yet paid their invoice for use of the pitch during the 2018/19 season. It was agreed to take this matter up with the Club together with other issues relating to their use of the facilities. It was noted that the lock had not yet been changed on the playing field hut and a keyholder register had also not yet been implemented.

It was agreed to accept a quotation from Mr Bickers in a sum of approximately £350 for repairs to the playing field fence and a defective gate post near the playing field hut. It was noted that grants might be available should it be necessary to renew the fence at a future date. Mr Clasby had cleared a fallen tree in the playing field.

Use of the field for archery was further discussed together with possible fees. It was noted that on-site storage facilities would be required. The matter would be pursued.

76. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 11th February 2019.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman