

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor G. Terry (Chairman), Councillors J. Clasby, M.F. Dare, G.F. Gardner, J. Stradling and Mrs L. Woodward with District Councillor B. Crow.

Apology for absence received from Councillor E. Ingram and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

## **18. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

## **19. Interests**

Members had no interests to declare.

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

District Councillor Crow reported that he had been appointed to serve on three District Council Committees.

## **21. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare reported upon arrangements for the Parish Council to hire the Village Hall for the Cossington in Bloom Presentation Event. It was agreed that Councillor Dare should continue as the representative of the Parish Council to serve on the Village Hall Committee for 2019/20. Councillor Clasby reported upon meetings with the PCSOs and it was hoped that reports would be made available for distribution via E-Watch.

## **22. Maintenance Items**

A number of highway defects recently reported had been repaired. It was agreed to seek clarification of who would be responsible for repairing a damaged post at Cossington Level which it was understood to be in public ownership. A tyre fly-tipped at Middle Road would be again reported, as would further garden waste which had been fly-tipped onto Sustrans' land from the bridge at Broderip. There was nothing new to report regarding the Flood Group. Avon and Somerset Police had undertaken to provide statistics on drivers reported for intended prosecution arising from their mobile speed camera monitoring of traffic in Middle Road. It was agreed to follow up an offer from the PCSO to provide speed monitoring equipment with as part of the proposed formation of a village Roads and Transport working group – with a view to improving local road safety. Dog fouling was still occurring in certain locations and it was agreed to continue to monitor the matter. Councillor Clasby undertook to fit a sheet of polycarbonate which had been purchased to replace a broken window in the bus shelter. The PCSO had undertaken to visit the village centre to investigate visibility issues caused by parents parking too close to junctions when waiting for school transport. It was agreed to request feedback on the issue. Councillor Dare was thanked for recent work on the floral tubs in the village.

It was understood that County Highways were to repair a broken drainage pipe near the business units at Brent Road on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Work had commenced to provide a long-term solution to pollution and unpleasant odours in ditches in Brent Road/Cossington Lane and should be complete by 30<sup>th</sup> June. The District Council would then discharge the relevant planning condition provided it was in accordance with the previously submitted plans, or otherwise could take enforcement action for breach of condition. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation and to request the District Council to also check compliance with the other site-related planning conditions.

## **23. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised: -

000954 SDC	uncontested election fee	£100.00
000955 GWB Services	grass cutting	£402.00
000956 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£300.53

Open Meeting 8.00 p.m.

No members of the public were present

Open Meeting closed at 8.01 p.m.

#### **24. Planning Applications**

There were no new planning applications and no new planning enforcement issues to consider.

#### **25. Playing Field**

It was reported that the annual safety inspection of the playing field and equipment had recently taken place. A report on the outcome was awaited. The Archery club had offered to tidy the area around their container and it was agreed to make suitable arrangements to facilitate this and other improvements to the facilities. Sustrans would be installing a full-size container for maintenance equipment, to be located adjacent to the Archery Club container, in due course. It was agreed to charge the Woolavington Football Club rent of £325 to hire the pitch and changing rooms during the 2019/20 season.

#### **26. Cossington in Bloom**

Councillors Clasby and Ingram agreed to compile a shortlist for each of the 2019 Gardens Competition categories, by 30<sup>th</sup> June. The categories would be the same as last year – i.e. Best Small Garden, Most Colourful Garden, Best Kept Garden, Best Hanging Basket / Tub Display. It was agreed to hold, in conjunction, a children's competition with the entries being brought to the presentation event on the day for judging. The categories would be "A Vegetable Monster" and "My Favourite Location". It was also agreed to hold the presentation event in the Village Hall on a Saturday afternoon in the second half of September. Final Arrangements would be discussed at the next Meeting – along with the necessary publicity.

#### **27. Village Newsletter**

Details of the next newsletter were finalised with a view to it being printed and distributed by the end of the month.

#### **28. Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman