

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor G. Terry (Chairman), Councillors P. Blundell, M.F. Dare and J. Stradling.

Apology for absence received from Councillors J. Clasby, E. Ingram, Mrs L. Woodward, County/District Councillor M. Healey and Suria Aujla.

## **35. Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

## **36. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Neither of the Members were in attendance.

## **38. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare had no report in respect of the Village Hall Committee and Councillor Clasby had indicated that there was nothing new to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

## **39. Maintenance Items**

There were no new road defects or fly-tipping deposits to report. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly and the monitoring of dog fouling was continuing.

County Highways had commenced work on the culverts in Cossington Lane and they had undertaken to complete the work to rectify the drainage issues in Brent Road during November. The Area Highways Engineer had reminded their contractor of the need to relocate the village nameplate at Middle Road to a permanent position near the flower tub as soon as possible.

There was no update regarding the condition of the former railway bridge at Broderip.

## **40. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments made since the last Meeting were confirmed:-

DD Sedgemoor DC	payroll	£537.50
DD SALC	affiliation fee	£39.00
001021 SALC	affiliation fee	£144.72
001022 GWB Services	grass and hedge cutting	£526.80
001023 Sedgemoor DC	gang mowing	£288.00
001024 Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payment reimbursement	£491.44

The following payments were authorised:-

001025 GWB Services	hedge cutting	£73.80
001027 Sutcliffe Play	new play equipment	£11,624.60*
001028 GB Sport & Leisure	safety surfacing repair work	£1,296.00

\*£544 to be met from CIL income.

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was checked with the original bank statements and signed by the Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's financial controls.

Open Meeting 7.40 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

Open Meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

#### **41. Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered

012 – Formation of earth lined manure store, Brookhayes Farm, Bell Lane – IJ & SA Bell and son – recommend permission subject to all environmental concerns being satisfied.

The Chairman reported that planning permission had been granted by the District Council's Development Committee in respect of 22/20/00008 for an additional mobile home and dayroom at Henshirl Paddock. He had made representations on behalf of the Parish Council at the Meeting and Councillor Stradling had also spoken against as a resident of Cossington. The Chairman would follow up specified issues including drainage from the site with the relevant director and also pursue the promised follow up meeting regarding the impact of the traveller sites upon the village.

Reference was also made to a fence recently erected in Station Road which might be on highway land. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance pending clarification.

#### **42. Playing Field**

It was reported that Sutcliffe Play South West had completed the installation of the new play equipment but specified remedial work needed to be completed prior to release of the final payment. The repair work to the safety surfacing under the basket swing had also been completed. It was noted that a post on the vehicular gate required replacement and it was agreed to replace it with a metal post. Councillor Stradling agreed to prepare a further grant application to provide for the replacement of the wooden fence around the car park and for some new play equipment for younger children to replace the see-saw and spring riders.

It was noted that the daily standing charge for the electricity supply to the buildings had not increased on 28<sup>th</sup> September but that the unit charge had risen from 50p per kWh to 109.69p per kWh. Councillor Stradling would forward a copy of the charges to the local MP at his request. It was agreed that the Council would be happy for the community wood to be situated in the playing field if required.

#### **43. Local Community Networks**

Members considered a consultation document on behalf of the new Somerset Council. It was agreed to support proposal C for 10 LCNs which contained more parish councils of a similar size to Cossington than other options. The Chairman undertook to complete the consultation questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council, Members having agreed a response to each point.

#### **44. Village Survey**

The Chairman had circulated a copy of a draft newsletter for publication in November. The content was approved subject to minor amendment and updating. It was also agreed that the proposed new village survey should now be launched in February 2023. The possibility for the questionnaire to be completed and returned electronically would be explored.

#### **45. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman