

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 11th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Councillor P. Blundell.

102. Interests

Members had no interests to disclose.

103. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

104. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Neither Member was present.

105. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare reported that he would be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee when a new Committee chairman would be elected. Councillor Clasby had nothing to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

106. Maintenance Items

It was noted that the defective reinstatement at the Bell Lane/Walnut Lane junction had been refilled but further large road defects at Cossington Level were still outstanding. It was agreed to send a reminder to County Highways and to monitor the surface of the Drain footpath and the condition of an area surrounding a drain cover in the triangle. Patio slabs fly-tipped at Manor Road South would be reported. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly although there were fallen twigs and branches building up in some areas which would need clearing at a suitable opportunity. Monitoring of dog fouling was continuing.

County Highways had indicated that they hoped to complete the work to rectify the drainage issues in Brent Road/Cossington Lane during the current new financial year. They had advised that vehicle damage to lane verges was a national issue due to the increasing size of vehicles and that courses of action to remedy and prevent such occurrences were limited. A letter has been sent to all farms in the Parish reminding farmers and their contractors of their social responsibilities. A response was still awaited from County Highways regarding clarification as to whether the agreed new location for installation of the village nameplate at Middle Road was owned by the County Council. On consideration, it was agreed that a possible alternative site at the on privately-owned land at the Red Tile Inn would not be pursued further.

It was understood that some further stones had fallen from the parapet of the former railway bridge at Broderip. There were no new developments relating to the full structural survey of the parapet walls and foundations that Sustrans were due to commission.

107. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments was authorised:-

001010 GWB Services	grass cutting	£412.00
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108. 2021/22 Financial Statement

The financial statement for 2021/22 was formally approved.

109. Annual Governance Statement

The Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 as required by the External Auditors.

110. 2021/22 Accounting Statement

The 2021/22 Accounting Statement required by the External Auditors was formally approved.

111. Exempt Authority

It was agreed to declare that Cossington Parish Council is an exempt authority within the definition contained in the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

112. Review of Insurance Cover

The Council reviewed their insurance cover and deemed that no changes were required at the present time.

Open Meeting 7.50 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

Open Meeting closed at 7.51 p.m.

113. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered

003 - Erection of replacement detached garage with first floor studio, 12 Bell Lane – M. Dodson – no objection, subject to normal occupancy conditions.

004 – Erection of single storey extensions, conversion of loft space to living accommodation and erection of detached garage and garden room, Rhiwbina, Brent Road – A. Denman – no objection to the proposed alterations to the dwelling and erection of the garden room but concerns were raised regarding the combined impact of the size of the garage and its proximity to the highway.

A reminder had been sent to Sedgemoor Planning Officers to request a response to issues raised at a site meeting with Members of the Parish Council and a Ward / County Council Member in December.

114. Playing Field

It was understood that Sutcliffe Play South West would install the new play equipment in late June. Councillor Stradling reported upon arrangements for tree planting and it was noted that a number of young trees had been planted in pots to grow on prior to planting in the playing field or other locations next year.

115. Cossington in Bloom/Parish Newsletter

It was agreed that initial publicity for the proposed Cossington in Bloom Garden Show on 17th September and the Cossington in Bloom Competition itself (judging in July) should be included in the Spring Parish Council Newsletter. Other topics suggested included the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events (including the Community Orchard), the Playing Field (new equipment), Roads and Traffic update and a Village Survey for later in the year. The Chairman would circulate a draft newsletter to Members for approval with a view to it being issued later in May.

116. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th May 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman