

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Councillors E. Ingram and J. Stradling together with District/County Councillor M. Healey and Suria Aujla.

77. Interests

Members had no interests to disclose.

78. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

79. Reports of the County and District Councillors

Neither of the Members were in attendance.

80. Report from Organisations

Councillor Dare had no report in respect of the Village Hall. In respect of Neighbourhood Watch, Councillor Clasby referred to reports of a number of incidents in nearby villages.

81. Maintenance Items

A number of road defects had recently been reported and subsequently repaired. It was agreed to report a need for the refurbishment of road markings at the Combe Lane/Bell Lane junction. Fly-tipping deposits at Bell Lane and Manor Road had been reported. An uprooted 30 mph repeater sign at Middle Road had been reported and County Highways would be requested to straighten other speed limit signs where necessary. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly, and the monitoring of dog fouling was continuing.

County Highways would carry out the further work previously agreed to rectify the drainage issues in Brent Road and also consider the request for the provision of cattle warning signs at Bell Lane in the new financial year.

There was no update regarding the condition of the former railway bridge at Broderip. The field gate just past the footpath sign at the junction of footpath BW11/6 and Combe Lane was being left open near to allow walkers to access the path while the landowner was carrying out work at this location which was understood would be completed soon and the footpath route restored. However, the gate access was shared with heavy vehicles and machinery carrying out the work. It was determined that the required official public path diversion order had not been applied for. It was also noted that a new field access was being constructed at Bell Lane and the owner was reminded of the need for a Highways 171 Order and the potential repercussions otherwise.

82. Finance

The following payments were authorised:-

001035	GWB Services	grass cutting	£262.20
001036	Parish Clerk	expenses and sundry payment reimbursement	£583.96

Members also approved a Risk Management Report and a Statement of Internal Control for 2022/23.

Open Meeting 7.50 p.m.

A Member of the public reported a number of potholes at Hurst (Landshire) Lane.

Open Meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

83. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered.

54/23/00002 – Change of use of land to enable the formation of a seven-pitch site for gypsies and travellers at Green Paddock, Cossington Lane (revised scheme) – A. Smith – recommend refusal, contrary to Local Plan Policy D8 and the Government’s National Planning Policy for traveller sites.

The matter of a lack of response to the latest reminder for the promised follow up meeting with planning officers regarding the impact of the traveller sites in the vicinity of the playing field upon the village had been referred to the District Council’s Chief Executive but to date there had been no response. It was agreed to further escalate the matter if necessary.

84. Playing Field

In the absence of Councillor Stradling, there was no update on the proposal to provide some new play equipment for younger children nor upon the situation regarding the community wood.

85. Village Survey

The Chairman reported that 51 completed survey forms had been received to date. Additional publicity would be arranged and, if necessary, the special temporary post boxes erected in Middle Road and Brent Road for the collection of completed questionnaires could remain in place for a few days after the scheduled deadline of 20th March.

86. Cossington in Bloom

It was agreed that the prize giving event be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 7th October 2023. The plans would be firmed up at future meetings.

87. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 11th April 2023.

The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Chairman