

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor J. Stradling (Vice-Chairman in the chair), Councillors J. Clasby, M.F. Dare and E. Ingram.

Apology for absence received from Councillors P. Blundell, G. Terry (Chairman), Mrs L. Woodward and District Councillor B. Crow.

## **68. Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

## **69. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman as a correct record.

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

Neither Member was present.

## **71. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare had no report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Clasby had no incidents to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch but it was noted that cards were being delivered to each household to further publicise the E-Watch Scheme.

## **72. Maintenance Items**

It was agreed to report a pothole at the Bell Lane/Walnut Lane junction and further road defects near Brookhayes Farm. Two further large bags containing dog waste dumped at Manor Road South would be reported. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly. Monitoring of dog fouling was continuing. The District Council had agreed to relocate the litter bin in the village centre to the site of the former telephone kiosk to alleviate the possibility of odours being experienced by those using the seat.

County Highways had indicated that they hoped to complete the work to rectify the drainage issues in Brent Road/Cossington Lane by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. They had been requested to carry out the work prior to the winter to prevent ice forming on the carriageway but no response had been received. Letters had been sent the relevant landowners to request them to clear their sections of ditches in Cossington Lane to prevent water unable to access the highway ditches flowing eastwards along the carriageway during heavy rainfall before entering the Sustrans track causing a risk of flooding to low-lying properties downstream.

Councillor Dare had cleared the alternative site identified for the village nameplate in Middle Road. A date was still awaited from the County Highways for installation. Councillor Stradling submitted options for the possible provision of a barrier near the Manor Road end of the Drain footpath following a safety issue raised by a resident. Members expressed a preference for a fully opening metal gate being installed one metre from the edge of the carriageway and the County Council would be informed accordingly. Further defects in the surface of the path would also be reported. County Highways had removed a damaged "Slow" sign at Brent Road and had added a pedestrian warning sign to the adjacent cyclist warning sign post on the approach to the Sustrans Track/Playing Field. A leaning 30 mph sign at Cossington Lane would also be reported.

Councillor Clasby reported upon statistics supplied by the police following the deployment of the temporary Speed Indicator Devices to monitor speed at Brent Road and Middle Road. The police had carried out speed checks at Middle Road on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers were being sought to form a Roads and Traffic Working Group via the recent Parish Newsletter and just one person had come forward to date.

There was no update relating to the full structural survey of the parapet walls and foundations to be carried out on behalf of Sustrans on the former railway bridge at Broderip.

### **73. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

001002	GWB Services	grass cutting	£412.00
001003	Parish Clerk	expenses and reimbursement of sundry payments	£452.11
001004	Village Hall Committee	grant	£400.00
001005	Cossington PCC	grant	£50.00
001006	Neighbourhood Watch	grant	£50.00

### **74. Estimates 2022/23**

The Council considered the draft estimates for 2022/23. It was agreed that the Estimates be approved, the precept for 2022/23 be £11,000.

Open Meeting 8.00 p.m.

A Member of the public addressed the meeting in connection with speeding vehicles in Brent Road and street lighting.

Open Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

### **75. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered

015 - Erection of two-storey extensions and wrap around balcony, Hill Furlong, Bath Road, Chilton Polden – P. Hayward – confirm decision to raise no objection.

016 – Loft Conversion and extension of roof to form additional living accommodation, The Haven, Manor Road – Mr & Mrs C. Tinsley – recommend refusal – design not in keeping with the local street scene and lack of off-street parking facilities sufficient to serve a four bedroomed dwelling.

54/21/020 – Formation of 105 additional storage containers for self-storage use, Cossington Lane, Woolavington – Montana Scaffolding Ltd – recommend permission subject to implementation of an extensive landscape planting scheme and arrangements continuing to encourage access to the site from the west.

Members received a report on a Site Meeting with Sedgemoor District Council Planning Officers to discuss planning policy relating to a specified type of development.

### **76. Playing Field**

Councillor Stradling reported that he had applied for grant aid towards the cost of new play equipment and the prospective grant provider was likely to visit the site on 15<sup>th</sup> December. A possible additional opportunity for grant aid was being followed up. 75 young whips with stakes and guards had been received from the District Council and further young trees would be received from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Dare offered to assist with planting. No objection was raised to the Picnic Group undertaking a charity fund raising project.

### **77. Cossington in Bloom**

Councillor Stradling submitted suggestions for a review of the Cossington in Bloom Competitions. It was agreed that the categories for 2022 be Best Garden, Most Colourful Garden, Best Hanging Basket/Tub and Hidden Gem. Consideration of a prize giving event/show and a scarecrow competition next year was deferred and a possible event/activity to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee would be considered at the next Meeting.

### **78. Date of Next Meeting**

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

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman