

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

## **24. Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

## **25. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Neither of the Members were in attendance.

## **27. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare reported that he was unable to attend the recent Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee when a new Committee was elected, due to medical reasons. Councillor Clasby had nothing new to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

## **28. Maintenance Items**

It was noted that previously reported road defects in Bell Lane had been marked for remedial action. Fly-tipping deposits at Cossington Level and Mowground Lane would be reported. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly and the monitoring of dog fouling was continuing.

County Highways had been reminded of their promise to complete the work to rectify the drainage issues in Brent Road/Cossington Lane during the current financial year. County Highways had indicated that, following a recent inspection, they planned to relocate the village nameplate at Middle Road to a permanent position near the flower tub – the location they deemed most suitable.

Engineers acting for Sustrans had recently inspected the former railway bridge at Broderip and the outcome was awaited. Councillor Clasby had carried out checks and reported that there had not been any further movement since September. Councillor Stradling had fitted a commemorative plaque to a seat in the village centre in memory of Bob Bailey, a school minibus driver and Councillor Clasby had carried out repairs to a further seat.

It was agreed to request County Highways to cut back vegetation at the Manor Road/A39 junction to improve visibility and to request a property owner to cut back vegetation at the St Marys Close/Manor Road junction.

## **29. Authorisation for Payment**

The following payments were authorised:-

001019 Sedgemoor DC	Uncontested election fee and gang mowing	£272.80
001020 GWB Services	grass and hedge cutting	£309.00

A bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 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

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Open Meeting 7.46 p.m.

No members of the public were present.

Open Meeting closed at 7.47 p.m.

### **30. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered

006 – Conversion of detached garage to annexe with erection of side extension, Ellesmere, Brent Road – K. Symes – recommend permission subject to a condition to prevent future severance of the annexe from the main dwelling;

007 – Variation of condition to amend window and rooflight sizes and positions, new house, Station Road – Duncliffe Homes Ltd – no objection;

008 – Variation of conditions to amend approved drawings to include retention of earthworks with the use of gabion baskets, Station Road – Duncliffe Homes Ltd – recommend refusal – inadequate and misleading submission, potential adverse impact upon neighbouring properties and the character of the area.

### **31. Playing Field**

It was noted that Sutcliffe Play South West would commence installation of the new play equipment on 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was agreed that to dispose of some wooden benches which would need to be removed in view of their age. Details of the report arising from the annual inspection of the play equipment was discussed and it was agreed to look to replace the see-saw in the near future. Investigation would take place to ascertain if there would be a fee to disconnect the electricity supply to the buildings.

### **32. Cossington in Bloom/Parish Newsletter**

Councillors Clasby and Ingram had compiled a shortlist for each of the main 2022 Gardens Competition categories by 30<sup>th</sup> June and these had been passed to independent judges who would visit Cossington before the end of July. The Chairman would compile a shortlist for the “Hidden Gem” award which would be judged by Parish Council Members. The awards would be presented at the Garden Show on 17<sup>th</sup> September and the Chairman would produce a flyer for distribution by members to village households during August.

### **33. Village Survey**

The Chairman had circulated a copy of the 2016 village survey questionnaire to Members and it was felt that only a few minor amendments were necessary prior to the proposed new survey later in the year.

### **34. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman