

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall Grounds, Cossington on Monday, 10th May 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Note: *This special outdoor meeting was held in the open air due to Covid-19 precautions and thus operated with a shortened agenda, concentrating on regulatory necessities and confirmation of decisions made during lockdown. Also included were new planning applications requiring the Parish Council's consideration. Regular items such as Village Maintenance, Playing Field and the public Open Session were omitted. This was explained by the Chairman at the start of the meeting.*

Present:- Councillors J. Clasby, M. Dare, G. Gardner, E. Ingram, J. Stradling, G. Terry and Mrs L. Woodward

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed Councillor Stradling, seconded Councillor Ingram and agreed that Councillor G. Terry be elected Chairman for 2021/22. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office. Proposed Councillor Terry, seconded Councillor Ingram and agreed that Councillor J. Stradling be elected Vice-Chairman for 2021/22.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Interests

Councillor Stradling disclosed an interest in planning application 22/21/002 (legal reasons) and had taken no part in the decision-making process.

4. 2020/21 Financial Statement

The financial statement for 2020/21 was formally approved.

5. Annual Governance Statement

The Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 as required by the External Auditors.

6. 2020/21 Accounting Statement

The 2020/21 Accounting Statement required by the External Auditors was formally approved.

7. 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.

8. Review of Insurance Cover

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

9. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments had been made since the last Meeting:-

DD	SDC	salary	£500.01
000989	GWB Services	maintenance work	£150.00
000990	Parish Clerk	expenses & sundry payments	£220.71
DD	SALC	affiliation fee (part)	£39.00
DD	SDC	payroll & salary	£634.66

The following payments were approved

000991	GWB Services	grass cutting	£198.00
000992	Zurich Municipal	insurance premium	£666.01

10. Planning Applications

It was agreed to confirm the following recommendations made under special delegated powers since the last formal Meeting in December:-

54/20/019 – Replacement of stables, Old Station House, Station Road – L. Davidson – no objection.

22/20/004 – Change of use of land to five pitch glamping site with associated parking, pathways and groundworks, Ditch Furlong House, Middle Road – J. Sampson (modified proposal). – recommend refusal (potential noise disturbance to neighbouring properties).

22/20/008 – Placement of residential mobile home, touring caravan, erection of dayroom and associated works, Henshirl Paddocks, Cossington Lane – D. Goddard – recommend refusal (overdevelopment of site).

22/21/001 – Erection of rear extension and conversion of store to office, Maple Lodge, Brent Road – Mr & Mrs S. Taylor – recommend permission.

22/21/002 – Change of use of first floor above triple garage to agricultural workers dwelling, Brookhayes Farm, Bell Lane – M. Bell – recommend permission as residential annex.

22/21/003 – Replacement front porch and rear extension, 2 Manor Gardens – D. Peskett – recommend permission.

22/21/004 – Demolition of outbuildings and erection of two holiday lets and stable block, The Pollards, Middle Road – J. Hadley – recommend conditional permission.

22/21/005 – Erection of extensions and loft conversion, Southview, Middle Road – Mrs L. March – no objection.

The following new planning applications were considered:-

22/21/006 – Removal of polytunnel, erection of a self-build dwelling and detached garage with storage loft above at Ditch Furlong Road – J Baker – recommend refusal (primarily due to visual impact on neighbouring properties and surrounding area);

22/21/008 – Loft conversion with roof height extension and rear dormer and removal of conservatory, 9 Station Road – Mr & Mrs Futcher – recommend refusal (for reasons including overlooking of neighbouring properties)

11. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting be held in Cossington Village Hall on Monday, 14th June 2021 at 7.30 p.m. subject to Covid restrictions and conditions permitting.

The Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m

Chairman