

# COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Cossington Parish Council was held in the Village Hall, Cossington on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apology for absence received from Councillor Mrs L. Woodward, District Councillor B. Crow and County/District Councillor M. Healey.

## **46. Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

## **47. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

Neither Member was present.

## **49. Report from Organisations**

Councillor Dare had no report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee but it was noted that Mr G Cross had stepped down from the Committee. Councillor Clasby had nothing to report in respect of Neighbourhood Watch.

## **50. Maintenance Items**

Highway defects in Bell Lane and Cossington Level had been reported and it was agreed to monitor the condition of a further area of Bell Lane. A fly-tipping deposit at the eastern end of Middle Road would be reported. Regarding the Flood Group, the water course was flowing smoothly but action would be needed in due course to prevent damming through the build-up of twigs, etc. Monitoring of dog fouling was continuing. It was agreed to see if the litter bin adjacent to the seat in the village centre could be relocated 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. It was agreed to request that the work be carried out prior to the winter to prevent ice forming on the carriageway. An alternative location had been identified for the village nameplate in Middle Road. Councillor Dare is to clear the site and an approximate installation date is awaited from County Highways. Councillor Stradling would finalise costed options for the possible provision of a barrier near the Manor Road end of the Drain footpath for the next Meeting following a safety issue raised by a resident. The consent of the County Council to erect any barrier would need to be obtained and a response was still awaited. County Highways would be requested remove a damaged “Slow” sign at Brent Road and a new combined “Slow – cyclists and pedestrians” sign on the adjacent post which currently only carries a cyclist warning sign.

The police had carried out some initiatives with data collection boxes to quantify speeding in Brent Road and Middle Road. They concluded that, whilst there was speeding, it was not sufficient to be included in the priority list for permanent attention. However, speed enforcement was promised soon using temporary SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices). It was agreed to again seek volunteers to form a Roads and Traffic Working Group via the next Parish Newsletter.

Councillor Mrs Woodward would request Sustrans to carry out a full structural survey of the parapet walls and foundations on the former railway bridge at Broderip. Councillor Clasby had taken measurements at 2m intervals with a view to monitoring any further movements on the structure over time.

## **51. Authorisation for Payment**

There were no payments to authorise but a bank reconciliation as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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.

Open Meeting 8.00 p.m.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Open Meeting closed at 8.01 p.m.

## **52. Planning Applications**

There were no new planning applications to consider but it was noted that application 006 – Erection of a self-build dwelling and garage at Ditch Furlong for J. Baker had been withdrawn. There was no update on the other undetermined applications or outstanding enforcement issues.

## **53. Playing Field**

Councillor Stradling reported that he had applied for grant aid towards the cost of new play equipment and the outcome is expected early in the new year. Following removal of the roundabout on safety grounds due to major defects, the annual safety inspection report did not highlight the need for any other immediate action. It was felt that some new play equipment for younger children should be considered for the play area.

The updated wayleave policy was agreed by members and will be published on the Parish Council website in due course. The policy states that any further wayleave requests over and above the existing 1993 agreement would not generally be considered unless very exceptional circumstances clearly applied. If further approaches were to occur in the future, those involved would now be directly referred to the published wayleave policy.

## **54. Cossington in Bloom**

The Chairman reported that the results of the various 2021 Garden Competition categories had been published and certificates had been delivered to the winners. Arrangements would be made for the trophies to be engraved and ideas would be sought for additional competitions next year.

## **55. Parish Council Newsletter**

A list of topics for the autumn newsletter had been circulated by the Chairman and the general content of the draft circulated to members was agreed with some minor amendments and additions. A final draft newsletter would be circulated to members for agreement prior to publication.

## **56. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman