

Minutes of the Meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th January 2023

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor J. Wheatley
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor D. Keating
Councillor Mrs S. Keating
Councillor D. Mason
Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)
PCSO P. Keeley and colleague (Police)
Mr Simon Pepper (Member of the Public)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

01/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. McGrath (Nottinghamshire County Council).

02/23 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

03/23 Minutes of the last meeting

There was a slight amendment to the Minutes for item 123/22 Borough Councillor's Report – the waste bin in question is located next to the bus stop on Coronation Road and not in Millennium Park.

Following this amendment the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

04/23 Public participation

Mr Simon Pepper was welcomed to the meeting.

05/23 Police report

PCSO Keeley introduced his colleague, Lara Holbrook. There were no crime figures to report as the system software no longer works in the same way as previously due to the recent upgrade, which does not give comparisons. The advice given to the members present is to look on the website www.police.uk to find out crime incidents in the area. This is not quite as up-to-date as the police system. Crime is still low in Cossall. There have been some non-residential burglaries – a shed, a garage and a couple of businesses.

The question was raised as to the success rate on clearing up burglaries? PCSO Keeley told the meeting that the old system gave figures but now they do not have access so are unable to give a definitive answer. Unless DNA/fingerprints can be obtained it is very unlikely that the culprits are caught – detection rates are very low nationally.

There is a new Beat Manager for Cossall – PC3254 Natalie Hodges. She is off duty today but hopes to come along to a meeting soon.

The question was raised that surely the new system has some advantages? PCSO Keeley told the meeting that this does not apply to their level; it is mainly for their bosses, who have more in-depth access.

The question was raised about people using E-bikes/scooters. Most people claim not to know the law. The only E-scooters which are legal to use outside of private land are those that can be hired. To use these E-bikes/scooters a person has to be 16+ and have a full or provisional driving licence. They are illegal on pavements.

The police are trying to educate children but it is the adults who are the worst. A young woman regularly comes through Cossall on an E-scooter and has been spoken to by the police, but she is still using the scooter.

06/23 County Councillor's report

There was no County Councillor's report

07/23 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Mrs Ball reported that she has not heard any more regarding the Gardeners, other than they are apparently looking for members to be on a Committee to try and purchase the pub.

The pig situation may be resolved as it is thought they have now gone. Councillor Mrs Ball will follow this up.

Councillor Pringle spoke again about the MyNotts app and advised that it now does work properly. He also advised members present to put that they're a councillor and any reported matter will be looked at quickly.

Councillor Keating told the meeting that he had reported a broken fence on Millennium Park next to the stream – the response received was that it did not meet the criteria for repair. This will be reported to Councillor McGrath and Councillor Keating will forward photos of the exact location.

8.00pm Standing Orders commenced

08/23 Items for discussion

[Cllr Mrs Ball to follow this up](#)

[The broken fence to be reported again](#)

a) Church matters

Nothing to report.

b) Footpaths and pavements

It was reported that the pavement from Millennium Park up Church Lane is in a disgusting state. The tarmac is breaking up. This was reported at the last meeting and needs chasing up.

The graffiti on the canal footpath has now been removed. An email will be sent to the Clean-up Team at Broxtowe thanking them.

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

There seems to be a major problem with the drainage system and this was first referred to last March. The drains are flooded on Church Lane and the manhole cover, next to lamp post 24, has water coming out of it. The drains are consistently blocked on Church Lane, Councillor McGrath will be contacted and a site meeting requested with himself, Dave Walker and a couple of councillors.

d) Almshouses

Nothing to report.

e) Floral planters

Thanks was given to Councillors Harrison for the winter planters and also, to Dave and the team at Trowell Garden Centre for supplying the plants.

The question was raised as to whether we want to plant any trees and if so, where to put them? Small native trees were suggested. This will be left for the moment but will keep a look out for suitable spaces and approach the landowners.

f) Renovations

Tom Atkin has completed the work we asked for. The window still needs fitting but the weather has not been good enough, so this will be done later in the year.

Councillor Wilton has painted the doors and the window but the door will need re-doing due to the frost. Remove item from Agenda.

g) Notice boards

The notice board toppers are now finished and are very nice. Many thanks to Councillor Mrs Wheatley for organising them. They will be fitted to the notice boards once the weather is better. Chris Gilbert has made the new notice board for Blackboards, this now needs fitting.

h) Coronation

It was suggested that we do something on the day after the Coronation (Sunday 7 June) like we did for the Jubilee. Following discussion it was felt that it would be better to do something on the actual day so that people could watch it on the TV in the Church Hall. We could allocate the same amount of budget as for the Jubilee (possibly a little more, to take into account inflation) and ask Cheryl Heron if she and her neighbours are planning a Street Party on Newtons Lane for the occasion. If so Cossall Parish Council will help with the requests required for a road closure and supply suitable supplies such as paper plates etc., as we did for the Jubilee.

Chase up reply regarding the broken pavement

Thank you email to be sent

Cllr McGrath to be contacted

For the celebrations on 6th June we should aim for a lunchtime buffet and have entertainers. Councillor Mrs Wheatley will organise the buffet and Councillor Mrs Gilbert will organise the entertainment. A budget of around £200 for the entertainment fee was agreed.

Buffet and entertainers to be booked

i) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that a workshop for Energy Savings for Community Buildings has been re-arranged for Thursday 23 February.

The proposal for re-surfacing the car park will be re-submitted but this time to request a grant from Broxtowe's Good Ideas Fund and will be titled "to upgrade the outdoor area", rather than just saying car park. Councillor Harrison has a copy of the original submission so this will be re-worded to include "outside area".

Request grant from Broxtowe's Good Ideas Fund

j) Neighbourhood Plan

There was a very positive meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group after Christmas. The writing of the Consultation Statement is now completed and, today, Tom Genway has forwarded Broxtowe's Strategic Environmental Assessment to the three consultation bodies. This is awaiting a response and it will then be put into the Neighbourhood Plan by Helen Metcalf along with the Conditions statement, which she will write. To be inside the current grant schedule, Helen's fees will need to be paid by the end of March, which should be possible. Broxtowe will then organise The Plan to go to a referendum. It was agreed to do a Neighbourhood Plan in September 2017, it was started in May/June 2018 and all being well, will be adopted this year, so will have taken over 5 years to produce.

09/23 Correspondence

Russ Heard has paid for the Web Hosting and got it at a favourable exchange rate. Therefore, he owes the Parish Council £23.46 from the £350.00 forwarded to him for this. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will let him have the bank account details for the refund to be made.

The health check on the defibrillator will be carried out by Seal Calibration on 10th March at 4pm. An invoice will be sent to us when the work has been completed. Carol Pilcher has spoken with the school regarding local families who may need help and there are apparently some families who require this. Marilyn Reed has contacted the school on behalf of the Community Chest and Councillor Mrs Gilbert has made the same contact on behalf of the Parish Council. Neither has received a response at this time so, at the moment, there is nothing else we can do.

10/23 Planning applications

The application for the barn at the bottom of Babbington Lane has been refused. Nothing has been heard about the trees at Chestnut Croft – pending consideration.

11/23 Finance

The Precept Request Form was duly signed and will be sent to the Finance Department at Broxtowe Borough Council.

12/23 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary	419.00
Cossall PCC – Room Hire (17/01/23 + 4.5 hours N/P)	78.00
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mr C. Gilbert – Cleaning Church Hall	20.00
Pictorial – Notice Board Toppers	510.00
Mr J. Wilton – Paint for Church Hall Door	55.00
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00
EON – Direct Debit – Church Floodlights	28.00

Total £1,163.00

Income since 15/11/22

Bank Interest £23.30

Total £23.30

Balances @ Bank – December 2022

Deposit A/C £21,619.08

Current A/C £403.64

Total £22,022.72

Balances @ Bank – January 2023

Deposit A/C £20,119.08

Current A/C £493.64

Total £20,612.72

13/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.