

# Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st February 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. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)  
Mr Simon Pepper (Member of the Public)

## Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

## 14/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Mason, Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council), Councillor J. McGrath (Nottinghamshire County Council) and PCSO P. Keeley (Police).

## 15/23 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

## 16/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 17/23 Public participation

Mr Simon Pepper was welcomed to the meeting.

## 18/23 Police report

There was no Police Report.

## 19/23 County Councillor's report

There was no County Councillor's Report

## 20/23 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Pringle reported that all is going well with the Almshouses application. The proposed housing development in Awsworth/Cossall has been deferred due to access problems.

The plans are showing that there will be access out of the development onto Newtons Lane, which will cause increased. Plans are also being discussed with regards to employing a landscaping company to look after the estate and Broxtowe planning committee councillors do not believe that this is a good idea, as it will add an extra payment on top of Council Tax. As Outline Planning Permission has been given it may be difficult to try to change these plans. Awsworth have asked that the possibility of Anthrax on the land of the proposed new development, is thoroughly checked out – this has been confirmed by the planning officers.

It was reported that there is still water coming out of the drains on Church Lane even though there has been no rain. Severn Trent has been out twice and say that there is no leak in the system.

Councillor Pringle reported that the Trowell Lunch Club, which is held in Trowell Church Hall is finishing on 17<sup>th</sup> March as the church want to refurbish the kitchen and are going to put the prices up. It was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this Lunch Club, three weeks ago and around 40 people attend. The Lunch Club will be donating what is left of their funds to Charity.

Thanks were given to Councillor Pringle for helping two residents over the last few weeks.

*7.50pm Standing Orders commenced*

## 21/23 Items for discussion

### a) Church matters

It was reported that the window in the Church Hall has now been fitted and painted.

RCAN are looking at renewables for Church Halls.

### b) Footpaths and pavements

Thanks were recorded to Councillor McGrath for his help in sorting out the fence problem which was discussed at previous meeting.

The problem with the pavement on Church Lane has been logged and photos sent, these have also been sent to Councillor McGrath. This issue will be chased up with Councillor McGrath.

### c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

Only getting the odd illegal bike through the village at the moment. Need to keep vigilant as the problem could get worse again once the good weather starts.

Chase up with  
Cllr McGrath

## **d) Almshouses**

Letter from the Secretary of State has been received with the good news that after careful consideration it has been decided not to call in the application. The Secretary of State believes planning decisions should be made at local level by the Local Planning Authority

## **e) Additional Defibrillator/Bleed Control Kit**

A message has been sent to Royal Mail via their website regarding the Mail Drop Box on the corner of Newtons Lane to house another defibrillator – no response yet. Another option could be trying to obtain another phone box from BT.

## **f) Spring Newsletter**

This needs to be sorted out quickly.

Thanks to Councillor Mrs Wheatley for booking the buffet for the Coronation and also to Councillor Mrs Gilbert for booking the entertainment. The Coronation will be the lead article in the newsletter and it was suggested that an invitation card be sent out to all residents, everyone was in favour of this. Other topics to include are Electric Scooters, Floral Planters, Open Gardens and also that the Parish Council is working towards obtaining a Defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit for the other end of the Parish. It was also suggested that contact details of Councillors be included. Another suggestion was to provide the Clerk with a phone just for Parish Council work; this would enable the Clerk's home address and personal phone number to be removed from the website. This was proposed and seconded and all were in favour. Perhaps a letterbox could be purchased for the Church Hall.

## **g) Coronation**

Councillor Mrs Wheatley has booked the buffet for the same number of people as for the Jubilee. This has gone up £1/head so will be £10.90/head. Delivery time has not been arranged yet and it was thought that 12.15pm would be an ideal time.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert is awaiting confirmation regarding a Street Party on Newtons Lane.

The Clerk will purchase the same drinks as for the Jubilee, nearer the time.

## **h) RCAN**

Councillor Harrison reported on Networking events.

The County Councillors' Civil Funding is £5,000/year and we have two Councillors, each with a fund. It was agreed that a request be put in to Councillor Doddy for funding towards a new Defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit and a request to Councillor McGrath for funding towards the Coronation celebrations.

Requests to be made to Cllrs for funding

## **22/23 Correspondence**

A copy of an email sent to Highways England from Pete Smith, a local resident, has been received regarding the state of the roads.

An email has been received from Graham Hatley regarding the closure of Trinity Farm confirming that Trinity Farm and shop will not be closing and Lewis Winter will be re-claiming the shop etc.

Neighbourhood Plan information –The SEA and HRA screening consultation period is over and there have been no negative comments from the consultees.

An email has been received from Dr Nicki Senior (Derbyshire ALC) regarding a Tree Surgery and Inspection Course to be held on 1 March 8.30-4.30 in Darley Dale. They have not had enough applications so are opening up the course to other organisations at £140/attendee. Simon Pepper will attend and also Councillor Ms Hopkin if she is able to. Parking needs to be registered and a clipboard and writing implements are required. It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour that the course be booked.

Village Gateway style sign information was received – will need permission from Highways. This item to be discussed further at a finance meeting.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert has printed off the Nomination Papers for the forthcoming elections and these were handed out. The Clerk will obtain an up-to-date copy of the Electoral Register and forward to everyone.

## 23/23 Planning applications

The application for the cutting of the trees at Chestnut Croft to enable more light to solar panels, has been approved.

It was reported that the spoil heap on the old ski slope is still being transferred to and fro – have the Planning Department been made aware of the stability of the land?

We should try to obtain TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders) on any trees we feel should be protected – in view of the trees being reduced in height at Chestnut Croft. Councillor Wheatley has got a copy of an old plan. Simon Pepper and Councillor Ms Hopkin will report back after the course on any TPO information given. The plan Councillor Wheatley has will be used to identify other trees.

## 24/23 Finance

There were no finance matters for discussion.

## 25/23 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary/Phone Rental	452.60
Cossall PCC – Room Hire (21/2/23)	24.00
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mr C. Gilbert – Cleaning Church Hall	20.00
NALC – Annual Subscription	146.68
Mr K. Harrison – Plants	5.00
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00
EON – Direct Debit – Church Floodlights	28.00

**Total £729.28**

### Income since 15/11/22

Bank Interest	£15.63
Credit Web Hosting	£ 23.46

**Total £39.09**

**Balances @ Bank – January 2023**

Deposit A/C £20,134.71  
Current A/C £517.10  
**Total £20,651.81**

**Balances @ Bank – February 2023**

Deposit A/C £19,134.71  
Current A/C £787.82  
**Total £19,922.53**

**26/23 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.