

Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th April 2023

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor J. Wheatley
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor D. Mason
Councillor Mrs S. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Mr Simon Pepper (Member of the Public)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

39/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms L. Hopkin, Councillor D. Keating, Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council), Councillor J. McGrath (Nottinghamshire County Council) and PCSO P. Keeley (Police).

40/23 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

41/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

42/23 Public participation

Mr Simon Pepper was welcomed to the meeting. As of next month Simon will become a full member of the Parish Council.

43/23 Police report

There was no Police Report. Councillor Mason reported that there have been several attempted break-ins of garages/sheds on Awsworth Lane/Cossall Marsh.

44/23 County Councillor's report

There was no County Councillor's Report

45/23 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Mrs Ball advised that she would have to leave the meeting when the matter of the new housing development is discussed, due to the forthcoming election. Councillor Mrs Ball reported that she has spoken to local residents and is very concerned about the traffic access problems created by the new development.

As no response has been received from the email sent to the Borough Council regarding an updated map of Tree Preservation Orders, Councillor Mrs Ball will chase this up. There are a worrying number of residents asking to cut trees back/down and we want to make certain that no trees have been missed from having a preservation order – we need to know which trees are protected and which are not.

It was reported that, at present, only one refuse bin sticker is being sent out to residents but there is an assurance that others will follow in due course.

7.45pm Standing Orders commenced

46/23 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

Nothing to discuss.

b) Footpaths and pavements

Replies have been received regarding last month's matters.

The stump remaining from the missing bench on Mill Lane will be removed and a new bench will be fitted in its place.

The broken handrail on the path off Coronation Road is not under Helen Spencer's jurisdiction, so we will contact Chris Riley and also the Canal River trust, to see if they manage these steps up to the canal.

The matter of the broken fence on Dead Man's Elbow – this has been mended.

Standing Orders suspended at 7.49pm - Standing Orders re-instated at 8.01pm

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

Nothing has been heard regarding the removal of the graffiti on the bridge. Simon Pepper will have a look to see if it is still there, it was suggested that maybe the graffiti is not on Broxtowe's side of the boundary.

We have been informed that although the rise up/down on the road hump on Church Lane is more gentle, the actual hump is the same size as before. We will ask the County Councillors again to review the situation.

An acknowledgement has been received regarding the report of the blocked drains between lamp posts 21 and 22 on Church Lane but nothing has been heard since. This will be reported to Councillor McGrath again.

It was reported that there is standing water round the bend – beyond the elbow – all the way into Trowell. Councillor Mason will sort this out.

In future both County Councillors will be contacted regarding problems which arise in the parish.

d) Newsletter

It was suggested that a welcoming letter be delivered to the residents of the properties which will be moving into the parish on 4th May, which will also include an invitation to the Coronation Event. All were in agreement with this. There will just be a single page newsletter this time.

e) Almshouses

Councillors Wheatley and Mrs Gilbert were interviewed by ITV, which was televised last Wednesday. Apparently the application still needs Listed Building Consent and it has come

[Cllr Mrs Ball to enquire about a TPO map](#)

[Contact Chris Riley](#)

[Contact NCC Councillors re: speeding traffic](#)

[Report again to Cllr McGrath](#)

[Cllr Mason to sort out](#)

[Cllrs Rigby & Mrs Gilbert to sort out](#)

to light that some consultees have been missed from the consultation by Broxtowe Borough Council's planning department.

Standing Orders suspended at 8.21pm - Standing Orders re-instated at 8.26pm

f) Additional defibrillator/bleed control kit

Response has been received to Councillor Mrs Gilbert's email regarding the drop box on The Glebe, unfortunately advising that the box does not belong to Royal Mail. Another suitable site will need to be located. It was suggested that a defibrillator and bleed control kit could be mounted at the back of the notice board outside The Gardeners. If we erect a separate post (other than just inside a private property) we will need permission from County Council, so an existing site would be beneficial. This will be discussed again in June for a newsletter item, maybe asking for volunteers to have a post put just inside their garden.

g) Neighbourhood Plan update

Broxtowe Borough Council has not been able to do anything further due to the run-up of elections. Tom Genway will proceed with appointing an examiner as soon as possible.

h) Coronation

The bunting will be put up at 3pm on Friday 5th May. The event will start at 10.30am on Saturday 6th May so 9.30am start to get things ready. Councillor Wheatley will get the television sorted out and the entertainment will perform various numbers through the decades of Charles's life.

i) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that a copy of Alltake - the Spring magazine For Church Hall levelling up/Regeneration Bill – has been issued.

A Government Emergency Alert will be sent to all mobile phones at 3pm on Sunday 23rd April – this will be a test alert.

Councillor Harrison will send the link regarding the Volunteers Week to the Clerk for distribution to all councillors.

j) TPO's (Tree Preservation Orders)

Still awaiting an updated copy of the map.

47/23 Correspondence

An email has been received from Patricia Hughes regarding her Fritchley ancestors who were first in Cossall in around 1743. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will send copy of email to Councillors Wheatley and Harrison so they can help with the history.

48/23 Planning applications

Application regarding a barn on the edge of the parish – don't trust that this is going to be changed to a Straw Store. It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour that an objection be raised.

Avant Homes Development – there has been a recent meeting with the developers and Councillors from both Cossall and Awsworth Parish Councils which was fairly good. There seems to be some passive objectors on Newtons Lane. There will be 2 lorries per hour, which should be working 8am-6pm daily but there is video evidence that work is starting just after 7am. Also, the road has been left in a bad state with a lot of mud, even though the developers had agreed to keep it clean.

The date for the next meeting is 10th May at 12 noon. Councillors Harrison, Mrs Harrison and Mason will attend.

The Gardeners Inn - A lot has been going on behind the scenes to save The Gardeners Inn. The "Friends of the Gardeners" group are looking into applying for an Asset of Community Value for the building and there has been lengthy communication with the Plunkett Foundation. People have offered to give money towards a community purchase of the pub, and trades have offered free work. The Parish Council has been approached to help with an application for an Asset of Community Value. While the Councillors are sympathetic to the possibility of a good family friendly pub on the site, they felt that more information is required regarding funding and commitment. If this was insufficient for the project to succeed the building could be left derelict if it had an ACV

49/23 Finance

We need to find out what we are being charged for electricity for the Church floodlights. The Clerk is having problems checking online account, even though the sign in is different it goes straight through to Clerk's personal account. The Clerk will send latest information to Councillor Mason who will look into this.

50/23 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Sim Card & Credit/ Drinks for Coronation Event	511.12 (452.52/10.90/47.70)
Cossall PCC – Room Hire (18/4/23)	35.00
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mr C. Gilbert – Coronation Invites/Church Hall Clean	71.20 (51.20/20.00)
Mrs M. Gilbert – Insurance for Coronation Events	48.53
Mr J. Wheatley – Coronation Event items	113.04
Community Chest – Open Gardens Donation	275.00
BHIB – Annual Insurance	358.57
Eats n Treats – Coronation Buffet Balance	495.00
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00
EON – Direct Debit – Church Floodlights	104.91

Total £2,065.37

Income since 21/3/23
Bank Interest £16.94

Total £16.94

Balances @ Bank – March 2023

Deposit A/C £14,511.36
Current A/C £92.91

Total £14,604.27

Balances @ Bank – April 2023

Deposit A/C £12,973.36
Current A/C £137.84

Total £13,111.20

51/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

The Clerk to
send
information to
Cllr Mason