

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF COSSALL PARISH COUNCIL **HELD ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020**

This meeting is an historic event for Cossall Parish Council, as it is the first ever Virtual Meeting held by the Parish Council since the Council was formed in 1894.

The Virtual Meeting is a necessity, following Government guidance regarding Social Distancing and the subsequent Lockdown of Great Britain - due to the worldwide Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

The meeting will have a reduced Agenda.

PRESENT:- Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin, Councillor J. Wilton, Councillor J. Wheatley,
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley, Councillor K. Harrison, Councillor Mrs E. Harrison,
Councillor D. Keating, Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor K. Rigby,
Councillor D. Mason and Councillor Mrs L. Ball (BBC) – unfortunately
Councillor Mrs Ball was unable to play an active part in the meeting due to audio problems

Clerk:- Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

25/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor D. Pringle (BBC), Councillor J. Longdon (NCC) and PCSO Keeley (Police).

26/20 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

27/20 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 were approved as a correct record.

28/20 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in virtual attendance.

29/20 Police Report

PCSO Keeley had sent a report via email – which had been forwarded to all Councillors.

Crime figures for Cossall from 1/1/2020 – 21/4/2020 are compared with the figures from the same Period last year as follows – Burglary 3 - 1 (+1), Robbery 0 - 0 (0), Vehicle Crime 0 - 0 (0), Criminal Damage 2 - 5 (-3), Arson 0 - 0 (0), Drug Offences 0 - 1 (-1), Other Theft 2 - 2 (0), Violence against a Person 8 - 3 (+5), Other Crimes against Society 1 - 3 (-2),

All Crime 18 - 15 (+3). Anti-Social Behaviour 0 - 9 (-9)

PCSO Keeley added that the Police are told that crime has been falling dramatically in Nottinghamshire, and nationally, since the Covid-19 restrictions were put in place. That is with the exception of Domestic Violence incidents, which have seen an increase since the start of the restrictions. This might account for the reason Cossall's overall crime figures are slightly higher than the same time last year.

Much of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) time has been devoted to high visibility footpatrols in town centres in the area, monitoring and engaging with the public in these difficult times.

Thankfully most people are following the Government's directions to stay indoors and only coming out for the essentials.

Councillor Keating reported that in the Police Report there were no listed Anti-Social Behaviour Offences – he has rang the Police twice in the last 3 months regarding off-road bikers but this does not show on the report. There have been several reports regarding bikers on the roads and ski-slope. There have been off-road bikers every weekend. An email will be sent to Peter Keeley.

30/20 County Councillor's Report

No report.

31/20 Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Pringle reported via email that all Broxtowe meetings are being attended, where necessary, by a Quorum but no details have been received yet so it is assumed that they have not happened yet. Councillor Pringle and Councillor Mrs Ball will be taking part in a Virtual Planning Meeting tomorrow evening, the first one since the Lockdown. Councillor Pringle will be getting together with Peter Keeley (Police) when things return to normal to discuss the off-road bikers/responses etc. No feedback yet regarding the Ski Slope and Almshouses. Planning Officers will be visiting the Stables on Cossall Road this week regarding the boat and 2 buildings which have replaced the patio area. Hopefully when the drainage is installed at the development on Cossall Road the resurfacing causing concern will be started.

Councillor Pringle had also included the response he received from Nottinghamshire Police, following an issue he had trying to make a 101 call last week.

32/20 Items for Discussion

- a) Footpaths and Pavements - Councillor Wilton reported that Robinettes Lane, opposite Lamp post 2 where the horses cross, is still in need of attention. Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported that along Blackboards towards Cossall a sign has been put up – Access Cedar Farm Horses & Walkers Only. Has Mr Jolly put this sign up? It is quite narrow over the brook then widens. This is where FP9 meets BP6. The Footpaths Officer at NCC will be contacted regarding this.
- b) Off-Road Bikers - Councillor Mrs Keating reported that she had received a phone call from the Police last week, following a complaint she had made. She was told that they have not got enough resources and if there are not more than 3 bikes they won't bother anyway! Councillor Mrs Keating had taken photos of the bikers and the van they had used to transport their bikes, the bikers approached her and complained she managed to get the number plate. Councillor Mason reported that Police bikes are in the area. They have been around Swan Lake (Straw's Bridge) area in West Hallam, which is Derbyshire. Councillor Harrison reported that there was supposed to be a Joint Parish Meeting this month. After Lockdown is over it would be helpful if we could get someone high up in the Police to attend a meeting. Councillor Harrison to discuss this with Lydia and Don via email.
- c) Almshouses - Councillor Wheatley reported that a meeting had been held on 27 February with Historic England, NCC/BCC Conservation, BBC Planning and the owner Gurjit Mahal. Mr Mahal was told that he must make the property wind and waterproof. He needs to submit a proper planning application before he can do anything.
- d) Proposed Expenditure for 2020/21 - Councillor Rigby reported that he has had no contact from the company regarding the lights for the trees. He will try to contact them tomorrow but

obviously, due to the current situation, the company could be closed. Councillor Rigby generously offered to pay a contribution to postage if we plan any further leaflet drops during the time of social distancing.

33/20 Correspondence

Email from Chris Riley at Broxtowe regarding the canal – this was forwarded to everyone.

34/20 Planning Applications

Councillor Mason reported that the wooden fence has not been taken down – ie 4m down to 1m. They had a date to comply and the date has now passed. A letter will be sent to Broxtowe regarding this situation.

Nothing regarding Newtons Lane access.

35/20 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary	410.75
Mr R Heard – Website	30.00
BHIB – Insurance	307.06

	747.81

<u>Income since 17/03/20</u>		<u>Balances @ Bank</u>	
Bank Interest	2.31	Deposit A/C	26361.10
Precept	11646.00	Current A/C	418.70
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24/20 Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next Virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 19 May 2020**.

This meeting would normally be the Annual General Meeting but it is felt that, under the present circumstances, this should be postponed until Lockdown is over and the Council can meet under normal circumstances. Should the Lockdown continue for the foreseeable future this decision may have to be reviewed at a later date to comply with the instructions for Local Government.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Date

