

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF COSSALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020**

**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,  
and Councillor D. Pringle (BBC)

**Clerk:-** Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

**37/20 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs L. Ball (BBC), Councillor J. Longdon (NCC) and PCSO Keeley (Police).

**38/20 Declaration of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

**39/20 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2020 were approved as a correct record.

**40/20 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in virtual attendance.

**41/20 Police Report**

No report.

**42/20 County Councillor's Report**

No report.

**43/20 Borough Councillor's Report**

Councillor Pringle reported that Councillor Mrs Ball is still waiting for an answer regarding the ski slope ownership as there are new signs on the canal towpath which indicate that the land has been sold.

Derbyshire tips have now re-opened – vehicles with even number registrations can use the tips on even dates and odd number registrations can do so on alternative dates.

Residents on Awsworth Lane have reported on a number of occasions that a loud siren alarm emitting from 1 Awsworth Lane has been known to sound for over 10 minutes. Councillor Pringle advised that residents should report this to the police on 101 and a reference number will be given. He also advised that we could send an email to David Gell at Broxtowe about this problem. The Clerk will do this.

Councillor Pringle confirmed that the Parish Council can put the link to Broxtowe's "Email me" service on the website. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will organise this.

#### 44/20 Items for Discussion

- a) Church Matters – Bell Tower - Councillor Wheatley reported that Councillor Rigby and himself had agreed to get together in order to fill in the planning application form but, of course, were unable to do so at the present time.
- b) Footpaths and Pavements - Councillor Wheatley reported that he has repaired the stile at the bottom of his drive. It is of the type where the top lifts off and is then put back down again – the bar had been screwed down by someone. This is now in working order again.  
Councillor Mrs Harrison reported that the way sign for Church Lane at the junction with Mill Lane has been pushed back into the hedge and is leaning at a strange angle. Laura Trusler at Viaem will be contacted regarding this.  
Councillor Ms Hopkin reported that following the email received from Helen Spencer at Viaem regarding the sign in Jolly's field re horses using FP9 – the Highway Code states that it is a criminal offence to ride a horse on a footpath. Councillor Mrs Harrison reported that the sign reads as if walkers cannot use the footpath at all. Need clarification on this as a bridleway is for horses and pedestrians and a footpath is for pedestrians only. An email will be sent to seek clarification regarding this and the information in the email from Helen Spencer.  
Councillor Pringle reported that The British Horse Society says that landowners can give permission for horse riders to ride on footpaths.  
Councillor Rigby reported that Broxtowe did deem that the canal towpath can be used by cyclists but this only applies to Broxtowe land.
- c) Off-road Bikers - There are fewer bikers going through the village – in pairs or threes. There are bikes on the ski slope once a week and they don't stop as long as they did before. This has been reported 4 times in the last month by Councillor Mrs Keating. Councillor Ms Hopkin reported that there had been 15 bikers on Bennerley site, which she reported to the police and obtained an incident number. There is some operation in progress.
- d) Floral Planters - Councillor Harrison reported that he has been in touch with David Henshaw. Trowell Garden Centre is now open but plants are in short supply, a delivery is expected at end of the week so hopefully we will be able to choose the plants we need. David is inferring that we don't have to pay for the plants etc but it is felt that we should this time. The question was raised about dedicating the planter on Newtons Lane in memory of Den Bull. The family have asked if wild flowers/bulbs could be planted on Millennium Park in the shape DB. Would be nice to do this next to Harry's Tree, the undergrowth could be cut back. Lots of Snopdrops/Bluebells would be nice and could be done next January. A small brass plaque in memory of Den could be fitted on the planter on Newtons Lane. Councillor Harrison will contact Ian Hardicker regarding this, if he can't do it maybe Timpsons can? All were in favour for Councillor Harrison to organise this.
- e) Neighbourhood Plan - Marilyn Reed would like to do a 2 sided A4 leaflet to keep the Plan in residents' minds. This can provide the opportunity for residents to respond and comment and comments can be used for proof of Community engagement. Marilyn will provide the wording and Chris Gilbert will design and print the leaflet. All were in favour.
- f) Certificate of Exemption for Audit - The certificate has been prepared for signing and sending back to the Auditors. All were in favour. It was agreed that we should make some time in the next meeting to discuss the year's accounts and, all being well, to approve them at this time.

#### 45/20 Correspondence

Various offers from Government bodies regarding grants. Not applicable for us, don't need to claim. Councillor Mrs Gilbert has, tonight, received an email regarding plans for the canal showing positive action. It has been reported that a terrapin has been seen again.  
Councillor Rigby is waiting for correspondence with costs of Christmas lights following his enquiry with Leisurelites and he will contact them again in order to acquire this information.

**46/20 Planning Applications**

Email received from Broxtowe Planning regarding the high boundary fence at 35 Awsworth Lane. The matter has been discussed with the property owner and he confirms that contractors have been instructed to make the necessary changes but due to current situation the work has not yet commenced. This will be followed up in 4 weeks by Planning Department. Planning for the large sign in front of the Mobility Company on the industrial estate is to be officially refused permission on 20 May. It was agreed that we should keep an eye on this to ensure compliance with this refusal is adhered to within the specified time constraint.

**47/20 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
Mrs M. Gilbert – VE Day Leaflets	195.00
NALC – LCR Subs	162.00
ICO – GDPR Fee	40.00
Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw – Phone Rental (May 20)	33.60
Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw – Petty Cash	30.00
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<u>Income since 21/04/20</u>		<u>Balances @ Bank</u>	
Bank Interest	2.83	Deposit A/C	26636.93
		Current A/C	423.35
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**48/20 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next Virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 16 June 2020**. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Gilbert will pay for the full version of Zoom at a cost of £14.39 per month.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed .....

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