

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th May 2021

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Sean Leathen (Member of the Public)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

57/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Keating, Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor J. Wheatley and Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley.

58/21 Declaration of interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

59/21 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 were approved as a correct record.

60/21 Public participation

Sean Leathen was present.

61/21 Police report

No Police Report.

62/21 County Councillor's report

No County Councillor's Report.

63/21 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Mrs Ball told the meeting that it had been reported at the last meeting of Awsworth Parish Council that off-road bikers had been through Awsworth and one parish councillor had requested that another meeting be arranged between Awsworth, Cossall and Trowell Parish Councils to discuss the problem. Everyone thought that this was a good idea. Councillor Mrs Gilbert said that it was disappointing that we have not heard anything from County Council, regarding pinch points following the map sent in from all three Parish Councils, some considerable time ago.

Councillor Mrs Harrison asked where in Awsworth the biker problem had occurred as there are no real problems in Cossall at the moment. Councillor Mrs Ball said that the bikers go through the estate and onto the Bennerley site, under the bridge. A meeting between the three Parish Councils does not need to be just about bikers but traffic issues in general. There will be extra traffic on Newtons Lane when the new houses are built and the size and weight of lorries are a problem. Need to get a couple of dates when a meeting could be held.

Councillor Wilton reported that the bikers seem to be coming from Broxtowe estate – down Robinettes Lane.

Councillor Pringle will ask for an update from Nottinghamshire County Council, on any proposed plans, following their receipt of the maps showing the pinch points.

Councillor Pringle reported that he had tried to contact David Gell about this matter but he has retired so needs to find out who his replacement is. Due to Covid no-one is working in the Broxtowe Borough Council offices.

Councillor Pringle reported that he had written to all local policemen regarding doing something about the bikers. It is lucky for Trowell that the Stanton site has been purchased – fencing has been put round the site and there are security guards with dogs, so there has been no noise. A rail link onto the site has been re-established and trains have been moving the scrap to Immingham. The proposed warehouse facilities will hopefully use the rail link.

Councillor Pringle was out investigating a bridle path issue in Trowell and came across a Nottinghamshire County Council roads inspector, so he took the opportunity to point out three lots of flooding on the roads. The drain going from Cossall Road down to Nottingham Road is full of grit – and the flooding at the bend on Cossall Road by the canal is quite bad. He has asked the Road Inspector from the County Council to look at both sites. Councillor Wilton reported that the water builds up down Dead Lane – the water runs down from the centre of the village and there is no drain.

Councillor Mrs Ball was asked at the last meeting who will be responsible for the upkeep of the potential playpark on the ski-slope development – it does not seem that Cossall Parish Council will be responsible for the upkeep, this should be the responsibility of the owners along with the rest of the nature park.

Councillor Mrs Harrison raised the question of the Almshouses as to whether anything has been heard from the owner, Gurjit Mahal? Nothing has been heard from him yet and no planning application has been received by the planners at Broxtowe. More pressure needs to be put on about this. Another letter to Gurjit will be sent. Councillor Ms Hopkin said that she was under the impression that if a building is listed, the owner does not have to pay to put an application in. Councillors Pringle and Mrs Ball will find out if this is the case. Copies of the letter we send to Gurjit will also be sent to Rosemary Thompson at Historic England,

Jason Morden at the County Council, Matthew Keay and Peter Langdon at Broxtowe. Councillor Rigby told the meeting that any property owner cannot be made to do anything they do not want to do but there are powers to force repairs to prevent further deterioration.

64/21 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

The water project to the church is going well. The architect did not find any ancient bones. Bell Tower – further discussion on this will be deferred to the next meeting.

b) Footpaths and pavements

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that PCSO Keeley has been very good with dealing with and advising on the various parking issues. He visited the property on the corner of Church Lane and Awsworth Lane and even though they were parked 10m from the middle of the junction he asked them to park even further up the road to aid visibility. The property owner was keen to comply with this request. In addition, he has said that the police will take action if the pavements are being blocked.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that it has been pointed out to Councillor Mason that there is overflow from a cess pit at the junction of FP3/FP5. Helen Spencer at County Council has been contacted about this and after she had made a site visit, she has passed it on to Environmental Health – still waiting for a reply.

Councillor Harrison reported that he has measured the pavements in Bramcote which are 1m-1.8m wide. From 33 Church Lane to Corner Cottage the pavement is 1m-1.8m with the narrowest stretch opposite lamp post 8 being 0.78m and where the bollards are on the corner at Corner Cottage being 0.9m. The set up in Cossall is very similar to that in Bramcote. Councillor Harrison will write up a report to be sent to Councillor Doddy – suggesting that narrow bollards could be spaced judiciously along the pavement from Corner Cottage to 33 Church Lane.

c) Roads / traffic / bikers

Councillor Mrs Harrison reported that two signs have been put up – who has done this? Councillor Mrs Gilbert said that the County Council together with the British Horse Society and the Erewash Riders association are running a safety campaign and that these are the signs being put up in Cossall in an attempt to warn of the dangers of driving too close to horses. These signs will be temporary and moved to different locations in the county so that people don't get used to seeing them in specific places and ignore them.

The speed limit sign on the corner of Robinettes Lane and Dead Lane has still not been straightened. Dave Walker at the County Council will be contacted about this.

Sam Patchitt is being very helpful with regards to the mirror on his fence, he has put it back up and will tweak it if it is at the wrong angle. The new mirror has arrived but we will wait until Sam has had his new fence fitted and liaise with him to get the new mirror fixed at the right angle.

d) Village matters /Almshouses / Floral displays

Councillor Harrison reported that he has seen David from Trowell Garden Centre, who has confirmed that he can get the zinnias for the planters. Councillor Harrison has given Jo at Trowell Garden Centre a list of the plants we would like and said that we will pay for them – but a discount would be nice. Everything is in hand.

e) Blood Loss Prevention Kit

The Clerk will sort out a date for installation when Turtle Engineering have received the cheque for £600.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

There will be a small meeting on 25th May and 3rd June. There has been quite a response to the ski-slope leaflet from across the parish.

g) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that he has been in touch regarding traffic issues and practice in other councils. He has also asked for quotes for various actions to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. Anything else that needs raising - please get in touch with him. Councillor Harrison was thanked for his efforts.

h) Considerations for Summer Newsletter

We need to get something organised at the meeting in June, so need ideas for discussion. Councillor Mrs Harrison had jotted down some ideas – Photos of the Art Competition prize winners/names, Comment on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Blood Loss Prevention Kit, Ski-slope Development, Open Gardens in September and any other ideas. Councillors Rigby and Mrs Gilbert will discuss ideas to present at next meeting.

i) Return to face-to-face meetings

All being well, we will return to face-to-face meetings on Tuesday 22nd June

65/21 Standing Orders – Finance

The Clerk will send a copy of the Standing Orders to Councillor Rigby. Any proposals for changes to the standing orders will be deferred to the next meeting.

66/21 Correspondence

We have received a detailed email from Chris Riley of Broxtowe Borough Council about a number of improvements planned to aid wildlife along the stretch of canal passing through Cossall Parish. This is following essential work that had been carried out to stop the canal leaking.

We had received correspondence from PCSO Keeley, he has offered to help Rob Bryant in setting up the new local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. His details have been passed onto Rob.

67/21 Planning applications

There were no Planning Applications for discussion.

68/21 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary	414.86
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Zoom Monthly Subs (April 2021)	14.39
ICO – Data Protection Fee	40.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Prizes for Children’s’ Art Competition	106.87
Mrs M. Gilbert – Road Mirror	9.99
Mr C. Gilbert – Printing of Ski-slope Leaflet	49.00
Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Phone Rental (May 21)	33.60
Mrs M. Gilbert – Road Mirror	10.00
EON – Direct Debit – Church Floodlights	28.00

Total £751.71

Income since 27/04/21

Bank Interest £ 0.18

Total £0.18

Balances @ Bank

Deposit A/C £25,736.92
Current A/C £699.24

Total £26,436.16

69/21 Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, all being well, will be a face-to-face meeting and will be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.