

Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council Held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor J. Wheatley
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor D. Keating
Councillor Mrs S. Keating
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

70/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Mason and Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council).

71/21 Declaration of interest

There were no Declarations of interest made.

72/21 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the virtual meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

73/21 Public participation

No members of the public present.

74/21 Police report

No Police Report.

75/21 County Councillor's report

No County Councillor's Report.

76/21 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Pringle had sent a report via email. Regarding access to the Almshouses – the current position is that a traffic survey has been completed and highway comments in relation to access have very recently been received from the Highway Authority. An application has been prepared and we expect this to be submitted for consideration very shortly, once agreement has been reached with the Highway Authority regarding access proposals.

Councillor Pringle reported that he has not yet been able to obtain news of any action planned utilising the maps of the pinch points. David Gell at Broxtowe is retiring this month so Councillor Pringle will speak to his replacement next month.

Councillor Pringle has been in touch with Inspector Riley with regards to feral motorcyclists. Police in Broxtowe are currently targeting certain areas, Cossall, Awsworth and Trowell are on the list of places to be checked.

Councillor Mrs Ball reported that the planning application for the new houses does implicate Newtons Lane for access and she has managed to get it deferred for the time being because there is concern about the opening up of Newtons Lane onto the bypass. Residents on Newtons Lane are holding a meeting with the local MP either tonight or tomorrow night – residents do not want the lane opening up as it will become a rat run for through traffic. There will be a junction on the bypass opposite Naptha House and Newtons Lane is the other access in the planning application for the new houses.

Councillor Wheatley asked who decides on the access to the site?

The applicant applies to the Borough Council, who then passes it on to the County Council. The Local Plan Part 2 was approved last year and there was supposed to be a small access on to Newtons Lane. Councillor Rigby told the meeting that Broxtowe Borough Council is responsible for all planning and development and the County Council is the statutory consultee for anything to do with highways. Primary access was to be from Shilo Way but if there is not agreement about the access roads it may even go to the Secretary of State.

Councillor Mrs Ball agreed to check if Judith Cauldwell from Broxtowe Borough Council, (who presented the maps for the proposed boundary changes at the recent presentation), is aware of the planned access roads for the new housing development west of Awsworth. At the presentation she was only aware of one access road – Newton's Lane.

Councillor Mrs Ball agreed to check Judith's knowledge of access roads to new houses

77/21 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

Councillor Wheatley raised the point that we need to make sure that the Church Hall is COVID safe and proposed that the Parish Council pay £20 each month for a COVID clean before our meetings take place. This proposal was seconded, there was a show of hands and all were in favour.

Councillor Wheatley told the meeting that the water is now piped into the church and tomorrow copper pipe will be fitted.

Bell Tower – Councillor Wheatley was thanked for organising the mock up of the bell tower on top of the roof. Everyone went outside to view it and it was proposed and seconded that we go ahead with the installation of the tower. There was a show of hands and all were in favour.

b) Footpaths and pavements

Councillor Mrs Gilbert thanked Councillor Keating for his help with the new bench top on Millennium Park.

Councillor Harrison had submitted a detailed report regarding the proposal for bollards from 21-33 Church Lane. This will be forwarded to Councillor Doddy at County Council.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert gave an update on the cess pit leak at the junction of footpaths 3/5. Helen Spencer at County Council went out to look at it straight away and contacted Miles Midgley at Broxtowe, who informed her that it was an environmental issue. Councillor Mrs Gilbert has phoned the national Environmental Department and has been given an Incident No. and advice that we need to keep an eye on this matter for a month or so. Councillor Rigby expressed concern regarding this – it should not be our problem to sort this issue out, this should be done by a higher authority. Councillor Mrs Ball was asked to take this up with Miles Midgley – Councillor Mrs Gilbert will email the Incident No. to Councillor Mrs Ball.

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

Dave Walker at County Council has been emailed regarding the damaged Speed Limit sign. He has submitted an order for the necessary work to be carried out.

d) Village matters/Almshouses/Floral displays

An advanced copy of the planning application for the Almshouses has been received, this will appear on Broxtowe's website at some stage, so there will be further discussion then. At this point the plans do not show anything regarding the access to the site, which will need to be down the driveway owned by John and Sandra Wheatley. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will ask the architect to send the plans.

The planters are looking very nice. The question was raised as to the possibility of having a planter on Robinettes Lane. Councillor Wilton will have a look where it could be sited. It was proposed and that Chris Gilbert be asked to make another Planter. Councillor Wilton will report back at next meeting with suggestions for siting a planter.

It was commented that the floral planters are looking good including the ones by the hall entrance. Councillor Harrison reported that the summer plants are beginning to mature in the planters.- Extra plants were needed to be put in the planter on Awsworth Lane and David Henshaw has given us some more plants. We needed volunteers for a watering rota, so this was organised.

e) RCAN

Cllr Mrs Gilbert
to forward to
Cllr Doddy
(NCC)

Cllr Mrs Ball to
look into this.
Cllr Mrs Gilbert
to send Cllr
Mrs Ball
Incident No.

Cllr Mrs Gilbert
to ask the
Architect for a
copy of plans
showing
access to send
to Cllrs Mr &
Mrs Wheatley

Cllr Wilton to
look where to
site a planter
on Robinettes
Lane

The tender document to attract a suitable consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan is being discussed. We will hopefully get 2-3 people to interview. Other issues which we may ask RCAN to look into for us are taking a back seat at the moment.

f) Considerations for Summer Newsletter

Everyone has seen the draft prepared by Councillor Rigby and Councillor Mrs Gilbert. All were in favour for this to go to print. Various Councillors volunteered to deliver the Newsletters.

2035 Standing Orders suspended

2050 Standing Orders re-instated

78/21 Approval of Year End Accounts

a) Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 – This was approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

b) Accounting Statements 2020/21 – This was approved and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

All the relevant paperwork relating to the Year End Accounts will be published on the website.

79/21 Standing Orders – Finance

Any proposals for changes to the Standing Orders will be deferred to the next meeting.

80/21 Correspondence

An email was received from Sue Rodden regarding Broxtowe Borough Council sending out a letter to all residents on Newtons Lane, The Glebe and part of Awsworth Lane informing them of the proposed boundary changes. Sue Rodden will be asked to let us have a copy of the proposed letter before sending out.

81/21 Planning applications

There were no Planning applications for discussion.

82/21 Accounts for payment

Now that we are back to face to face meetings, the clerk will be able to bring the bank statements to each meeting.

Councillor Wheatley will look into obtaining a more up to date spreadsheet template for the accounts because the one being used is not as helpful as it might be.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Cllr Wheatley
will investigate
an up to date
spreadsheet

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's salary	414.86
Mr R Heard – Website administration	45.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Zoom monthly subs (May 2021)	14.39
Mr K. Harrison – Plants for planters	42.97
Mr C. Gilbert – Wood for bench repair – Millennium Park	93.00
Mr C. Gilbert – Cleaning of church hall	20.00
Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Petty cash	30.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Zoom (Aug 2020 un-cashed cheque)	14.39
EON – Direct Debit – Church floodlights	28.00
Cossall PCC - room hire	24.00

Total £726.61

Income since 18/05/21

Bank Interest £0.22

Total £0.22

Balances @ Bank May

Deposit A/C £25,736.92

Current A/C £699.24

Total £26,436.16

Balances @ Bank June

Deposit A/C £24,737.14

Current A/C £372.63

Total £25,109.77

83/21 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 20 July 2021, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

