

Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st November 2023

Present

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

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

117/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council) and Councillor J. McGrath (Nottinghamshire County Council).

118/23 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

119/23 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

120/23 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

121/23 Police report

There was no police report

122/23 County Councillor's report

There was no County Councillor's report

123/23 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Mrs Gilbert thanked Councillor Pringle and Councillor Mrs Ball, for what they had put forward regarding the Almshouses at the Broxtowe Planning Meeting. Councillor Pringle was asked if Broxtowe have heard anything about a very large solar panel field, Councillor Pringle confirmed that nothing has been heard regarding this at this time.

Councillor Pringle was thanked for chasing up Chris Riley regarding the recent Vole Survey, Chris does not have a large amount of detail as this survey has been carried out by students.

The handrail on Millennium Park seems to be privately owned, we will see if Lee Scudder is able to do the necessary repair work when he is working there before obtaining a land search to identify the owner.

With regards to the ski slope, Broxtowe do not see it as a problem that the aggregate is being sold as the earth etc. has got to be moved eventually.

A question was raised from the Minutes of the Avant Liaison meeting as to whether it is right That councillors/clerk/chair should have to chase the builders – surely Broxtowe Planning should be chasing/looking into the problems and enforcing their own stipulations in the development plans. The signs which have been erected on the bypass, advertising the development, have not been granted planning permission.

Information from the Liaison meetings – there have been a number of complaints with how filthy the road is, the cleaners seem to be making more mess by using a lot of water and there are large stones being left on the road. Road sweepers are continually going up and down the road; it was noted by a resident that one particular day this had occurred 14 times before 3pm! Lorries are still arriving at around 7am in the morning and driving down the pavements to access the site. If the groundworks/drainage sub-contractors are employed by Avant Homes surely it is Avant's responsibility. It was suggested that photos and a very strong letter with the complaints be sent to Ruth Hyde at Broxtowe, also letting her know that we are sending a similar letter to the Nottingham Post.

An investigation is being carried out by the Environment Agency regarding the silt coming off the building site.

Councillor Harrison raised the question as to whether a representative of Broxtowe Planning department could be invited to attend the Liaison meetings.

It was reported that the speed camera on Awsworth Lane (near Trinity Farm) is slightly obscured by foliage – this is illegal. Lewis Winter from Trinity Farm had cleared the foliage earlier in the year. Councillor Pringle will mention this to County Council.

Councillor Pringle informed the meeting that Dave Walker is no longer the Highways contact at Viaem, it is now a lady called Philippa.

7.55pm Standing Orders commenced

124/23 Items for discussion

[Letter with the complaints be sent to Ruth Hyde at Broxtowe](#)

[Contact County Council re this](#)

a) Church Matters

Nothing to report.

b) Footpaths and pavements

Nothing to report.

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

Nothing to report.

d) Almshouses

Following the recent Broxtowe Planning meeting, this application has now been granted conditional permission. Broxtowe planners gave a double unanimous vote for the application to be approved. The application for Listed Building Consent has now got to be submitted again to the Secretary of State.

Councillor Mrs Wheatley thanked Councillor Mrs Gilbert and Councillor Rigby for their input.

e) Neighbourhood Plan Update

Tom Genway has received this back from the Independent Examiner. With a few alterations he is aiming for the Plan to go to Cabinet on 5TH December.

f) Christmas Tree

The pit for the tree has now been dug out and covered with a manhole cover. We now need to purchase a tree and also safety fencing locks for the safety fencing and lights.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that she has found some lightweight crowd Barriers and that we will need 4 – Eco Crowd Barrier x 4 £126.63 and this includes Delivery. It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour that these be purchased, with 4 bike chains/locks.

It was also reported that there are some nice lights sold by Yorkshire Trading which were £99.99 for 2000 and, if the deal is still on, they were being sold for £39.99 plus delivery. It was proposed and seconded that suitable lights be purchased for as closed to £39.99 as possible.

Research has been done on trees – there is a company in Beeston who supply Christmas trees at £260.00 each. Trinity Farm also supply trees and are willing to supply a 10-12ft tree at trade price of £150.00. It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour that we purchase a tree from Trinity Farm at the retail price of £250.00.

When everything has been purchased we need to organise a working party to set it all up.

g) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that the First Aid Course is booked up until the end of January.

There are also a few things which could be considered for inclusion in the next Newsletter – Age UK – Say No to Scams, Warm and Wise Energy information and Broxtowe Warm Homes on Prescription offer help.

Membership has now been renewed for next year.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert to procure tree, lights, barriers, locks and organise working party

h) TPO's (Tree Preservation Orders)

Hopefully Councillor Pringle will be able to obtain an up-to-date map soon, as the Broxtowe map we currently have stops at the edge of the Conservation area and may be out of date anyway.

We will need to push individually for the stand-out trees to be included.

Apparently Woodland Trust run a program where trees can be reported/registered so trees we can't get onto the TPO can hopefully be put on this list.

Councillor Pringle to help obtain an up-to-date map

i) Phone Box Maintenance

It was suggested that a start in obtaining quotes can be made after Christmas when the job can be put out to tender. Remove from Agenda until weather has improved.

j) New Defibrillator

Councillor Mrs Gilbert confirmed that the new defibrillator has been delivered.

Still waiting for the waterproof case and Bleed Control kit.

At the next meeting we need to make a firm decision as to where these are going to be sited.

125/23 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

126/23 Planning applications

Councillor Ms Hopkin reported that the pavement has been re-instated on the development side of Newtons Lane.

127/23 Finance

It was reported that WordPress (which runs the website) requires an upgrade at a cost of £15.00. It was proposed and seconded and all were in favour that this is done and Russ Heard be reimbursed for the cost.

128/23 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Phone Rental (Nov) (£452.52/£33.60)	486.12
Cossall PCC – Room Hire – 21/11/23	35.00
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mr C. Gilbert – Newsletter/Cleaning Church Hall (£145.00/£20.00)	165.00
Mr K. Harrison – Plants	36.98
Royal British Legion – Donation	214.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – WordPress Upgrade	15.00
RCAN – Annual Subs (Paid 19/10/23)	114.00

Viaem – Christmas Tree Installation (Paid 1&2/11/23)	4007.58
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00
EON – Direct Debit – Church Floodlights	104.91

Total £5,231.59

December Payments

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary	452.52
Mr R. Heard – Website Administration	45.00
Mr L. Winter – Donation from Community Fund (Cheque)	200.00
Bank Charges and Fees (£1 added for cheque written)	9.00
Eon – Church Floodlights (Direct Debit)	104.91

Total £811.43

Income since 17/10/23	
Bank Interest	31.67

Total £31.67

Balances @ Bank – Oct 2023		Balances @ Bank – Nov 2023 / Dec2023	
Deposit A/C	£17,057.87	Deposit A/C	£11,089.54 £11,110.54 (Est)
Current A/C	£272.57	Current A/C	£1,040.98 £230.55
Total	£17,330.44	Total	£12,130.52 £11,341.09

129/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.