

**COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Cossington Parish Council consists of five councillors elected every four years from which the chairperson is elected to preside over the Council for twelve months. Election of the chairperson is by majority vote with any individual able to vote for themselves.

Charnwood Borough Council maintains the Register of Electors.

Cossington Parish Council's vision is "to ensure Cossington continues to be a vibrant rural village with a strong community spirit where everybody matters. The aim is for Cossington to be a prosperous, safe and attractive place in which to live and work for the present generation and for generations to come".

The purpose of the Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance Cossington's public amenities and to help the people to improve their quality of life in accordance with the Council's vision and to work in partnership with Charnwood Borough Council.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and the Constitution and utilise its limited budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Council's 'Code of Conduct' which is overseen by the Monitoring Officer at Charnwood Borough Council.

The Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part-time employee of Cossington Parish Council and will normally fulfil the role of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council normally meets in public on the third Wednesday of each month in the Jubilee Hall behind Cossington Primary School at 6.30pm. Any changes to these arrangements will be notified to council members and the public in good time.

The Council sets up committees to deal with specific matters that require more extensive consideration. These consist of at least two nominated councillors who may co-opt other appropriate members including non-elected representatives.

Cossington Parish Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its Agendas on the Parish notice board and Agenda and Minutes on its website

([www.cossingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cossingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)). Any member of the public can inspect Council papers or committee meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts at a time convenient to the Parish Clerk and make their views known to the clerk or external auditor.

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The Constitution was considered by Cossington Parish Council at its Parish Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and approved by the council as a true statement.