

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,
on Wednesday 20th November 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. E Crowe - Clerk. Mr. N White.- Chairman
Mr. A Shuttlewood Mrs. P Weston-Webb
Mr. A Puri Mrs P Morelli-McKeon
Cllr James Poland

Apologies:

Members of the Public: PCSO A Forfar, Mrs C Law, Mrs L Cunnington

Disclosure of Interest: Mr White – Platt’s Charity; Mr Puri – Platt’s Charity

Minutes of last month’s meeting: The Minutes of last month’s meeting were not signed as there is a discrepancy that needs to be added to the minutes. The Clerk to add the discrepancy and present to the Council at the next meeting for signing.

	ACTION BY
34213 <u>Public Questions</u> - None this month	
34313 <u>Action Update</u>	
1. Flooding Issues.	
i. Feedback from Flood Issues Meeting – 14 th November. Progress is taking place. Another meeting to be arranged once Mr Hammond from Severn Trent Waters has given us his feedback. The Clerk to look at the Minutes to find out when the connection to the drain was fitted and report back at the next meeting.	E.C.
2. Village Projects Update	
i. Christmas Lights – The Clerk hasn’t heard back from the Head mistress so unfortunately the lights will not be installed around the school this year.	
3. Replacement of Fence in Back Lane Car Park The Councillors opened and discussed the three quotations received from Mr B, Barrow Fencing and Roberts and Lyons Ltd. It was agreed that Roberts and Lyons Ltd would be given the contract to carry out the work. The Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Mason giving them the prices of the 4ft fence and 6ft fence for them to inform us of which size is to be installed. Once the Clerk has confirmation, the contractors will then be contacted.	E.C. E.C.
The renting of the land for the garages in the car park was discussed. The Councillors agreed that the continuation of renting the garage space needs to be more structured. Mr Puri, The Clerk and Mr Shuttlewood cleared the car park of weed debris and are concerned with the amount of rubbish that is dumped around the garages. The Clerk to write to the occupiers asking them if they could clear the rubbish around their own garage space and also to identify which garage belongs to them. It was agreed that an agreement should be drawn up for the residents to sign. Mr Puri and Mr White to draft the agreement for the next meeting. A further decision needs to be made as to whether the charge of rent should	E.C. A.P/N.W.

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be increased next September. This will be included in the agreement.

4. Constitution Guidelines - Declaration of Interests

i. Declaration of Interests

The Councillors discussed the Declaration of Interests at length. Mr Puri asked for it to be minuted that he totally disagrees and feels it is unethical that family or friends of a Parish Councillor should be asked to tender for work by the Parish Council and that the specific Councillor be present when opening the quotations. The majority of Councillors felt that if it is a genuine quote from a good worker who comes by recommendation this should not be of concern.

The Councillors all agreed that the Clerk should contact other Parish Councils to ask for recommendations of who they use as contractors and to ask for contractors to send in testimonials of work with their quotations unless we know the standard of their workmanship.

A decision was made by all the Councillors that when a Councillor has a declaration of interest, they complete the book at the beginning of a meeting and declare their interest to all Councillors. A vote will then take place as to whether the Councillor is legible to stay in the room or discuss when the subject arises during the meeting.

ii. Code of Conduct

It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

iii Revisiting the Tendering Process

The Councillors agreed that the process the Parish Council hold at the moment will continue for the rest of the Parish Council year and in May 2014 it will be revisited.

5. Website Update

Mr White to upload the Police report and to add the Joint Soar Valley Liaison Committee meeting dates onto the website.

N.W.

6. Cossington Grange - Update

Cllr. Poland reported his communication with Charnwood Borough Council regarding the named estate "Cossington Grange" in Rothley. Charnwood Borough Council can't take it any further as it is not in breach with planning. It was agreed for Cllr Poland to write to the developers and ask for the name to be removed.

34413 **Planning Applications**

1. Application No: P/13/2134/2

Proposal for Change of use from barn/workshop to holiday let at the land to rear of 190 Cossington Road, Sibleby, LE12 7RT. No Objection.

2. Application No: P/13/1335/2

Proposal for Filling in of pond at Recreation Ground, Platts Lane, Cossington. No Objection.

3. Application No: P/13/2169/2

Proposal for Extension to dwelling to provide car port and wood store at

Cossington Mill, Syston Road, Cossington. LE7 4UZ. No Objection.

34513 **Blue Box** – Circulated for all to read.

34613 **Correspondence**

1. Platt's Charity - Trustee Representative.
It was agreed to defer and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.
2. Mrs Cunnington – Request for a Bus Stop on Syston Road.
The Clerk to forward Mrs Cunningtons' email to Cllr Houseman asking for advice on what procedure the Council need to take to enquire and try to full fill the request.
3. Leicestershire County Council – Loughborough Town Centre Bus Trial Consultation.
This information was put into the blue box for circulation to all Councillors.
4. Charnwood Borough Council – Litter problem areas.
The Clerk to inform Charnwood Borough Council of the fly tipping on Humble Lane and Blackberry Lane plus the rubbish that is thrown into the hedgerow along Platt's Lane.
5. Charnwood Borough Council – Financial Precept 2014/15.
The Councillors were handed a draft copy of the accounts for next year to look at and give feedback at the next meeting where the Council will confirm and set the precept. The Councillors agreed to pay the cost of the Clerk's mobile telephone bill on a monthly basis as expenses.
6. Charnwood Borough Council – Cossington Conservation Area Character Appraisal.
Mrs Weston-Webb, Mr Puri, Mr White and the Clerk will attend the meeting on Tuesday 26th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall. It was agreed that we need to get as many people from the village to attend the meeting. Due to the lateness of the publication the Councillors felt that people should be leafleted in case the appraisal affected more than the current Conservation area. Mr White to design the poster and email to Mrs Weston-Webb to be printed.

E.C.

34713 **Accounts**

Emma Crowe – Salary	£1600.00
HMRC – Salary Tax	£400.00
Brian Mee Associates	£192.00
Poppy Appeal Chaplet	£15.00
Emma Crowe – Expenses	£20.90

1st Nov - Transfer of £10,000 from Current Account to Reserve Account

Current Account: £4,403.37 Reserve Account £31,647.68

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34813 **Clerks Report**

1. Dog Waste Bin along Syston Road

Charnwood Borough Council has informed the Clerk that they are unable to site a bin on Syston Road near to the Connect2 gateway. To be discussed at the next meeting and ask Cllr. Houseman for advice.

2. Brian Mee Associates Ground Maintenance Renewal -

The Clerk to source 3 quotations for a 3 year contract for the ground maintenance work. Mr Neil White to create the work sheet and the Clerk to forward to all Councillors to agree before sending out.

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Next Meeting Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 9.50 p.m.

Signed:

Date: