

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,
on Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 6.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Mr. A Puri. The Clerk added Cllr Houseman's apologies to Minutes of the last meeting (20th November 2013)

Members of the Public: Mrs B Mason, Mr R Smith, Mr D Weston-Webb

Disclosure of Interest: Mr Neil White – Platt's Charity Trustee

Minutes of last month's meeting: Agreed and Signed by the Chairman

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<p>34913 <u>Public Questions</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Borough Councillor and County Councillor will both be added to future Parish Council Agendas.</p> <p>Mr Smith asked the Councillors if it was possible for Platt's Lane to have a 30mph speed limit and to make it a one way system from Main Street to Syston Road along Platts Lane as the Recreation Ground is now used more frequently and is becoming dangerous with vehicles entering and exiting the grounds.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk and Platt's Charity will write a letter to The Police Commissioner asking him to come and have a look. The Clerk to invite Graham Compton to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the issues.</p> <p>Mr Smith requested an update regarding the issue of the roadway from Main Street to the War Memorial car park. The Chairman explained that Severn Trent Water need to put another drain down the middle of the road and until this work has been completed the Parish Council will not look at resurfacing the road.</p> <p>Cllr Houseman informed the Councillors of the Green Plaque Awards Scheme where we can nominate war heroes, local heroes, entrepreneurs and famous people or buildings and sites in Cossington that we feel really deserve recognition. Anyone nominated must have been dead for at least 20 years. The Councillors to think who we can nominate and discuss at the next meeting.</p>	<p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>35013 <u>Action Update</u></p> <p>1. Flooding Issues.</p> <p>i. Arranging a Flood Issues Meeting The Clerk to email Jason Hammond asking for a formal update from him</p>	<p>E.C.</p>

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to be received by 10th February.

2. Replacement of Fence in Back Lane Car Park
The Clerk to contact Robert and Lyons to erect a like-for-like 4ft fence in the Back Lane Car Park. E.C.
3. Constitution Guidelines - Declaration of Interests
 - i. Code of Conduct
To be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Charnwood Borough Council – Financial Precept 2014/15.
The budget for the Precept was prepared. It was agreed at:
Expenditure:£11,000.00 Contingencies: £1,000.00
Income Received: £590.00 Estimated Withdrawal: £11,000
Net Precept: £11,000
5. Request for a Bus Stop on Syston Road.
James Whailing from Leicestershire County Council to confirm with the Clerk a date for a site meeting.
6. Charnwood Borough Council – Conservation Area Appraisal
 - i Listed Buildings.
The Clerk to write a letter detailing
101-103 Main Street (Old Village Bakery and Post Office)
Chine House, Temple Cottages, The Grove, Orchard House, 117 Main Street, the Post Box, All the fields from Main Street up to Ratcliffe Road and the right hand side of Platt's Lane to the end of no.70 to join up with the wildlife area to be included in the Conservation Area and detail the observations included in Dr Crowe's letter, copied to the Clerk that has been sent to Charnwood Borough Council. E.C.
 - ii Instruction to Some Residents.
Charnwood Borough Council have contacted a few of the owners of property in Cossington advising them to change all of their windows to conform with the conservation area. Mr White to ask Mr Wallace of no.1 Bennetts Lane to email Cllr. Poland with details of his correspondence with Charnwood Bororugh Council. N.W.
7. Cossington Grange – Update.
Cllr Poland informed the Councillors that he will write a letter over the next few weeks.
8. Platt's Charity - Trustee Representative.
The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Brian Taylor asking if he would take up the position of being a Trustee Representative for Platt's Charity. Mrs Weston-Webb suggested Brian as he is a member of the Sileby Viking Rugby Club and is interested in being a Representative. E.C.
9. Ground Maintenance Quotations.
The Councillors opened and discussed the three quotations for a 3 year contract received from Ivan Landscapes, KGB Grounds Maintenance and Brian Mee Associates Ltd. It was agreed that Brian Mee Associates would be given the contract to carry out the work. The Clerk to contact Martin and arrange for a site meeting. E.C.

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10. Village Projects Update.
 - i. Ownership of Garage Space in Back Lane Car Park.

The Clerk has still to hear from a few of the tenants of the garage spaces.
11. Website Update.

The Clerk and Mr White to add the Parish Council Precept for the financial year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 on to the website before the end of January.
12. Neighbourhood Watch Report Update.

Mr Shuttlewood reported that there hadn't been any burglaries in the village over the last month. Just a report of one dog attack to another dog. As yet there are no volunteers from the NHW to help with putting up the VAS sign.
13. VAS Sign- Not Working.

Queniborough Parish Council have sent the VAS sign off to Radalux for an investigation as to why it isn't working. The Clerk to find out what insurance cover we have for the sign.

E.C./N.W.

E.C.

35113 **Planning Applications**

1. Application No: P/13/2366/2
Proposal for Various works to trees (Conservation Area Notice) at 64a Main Street, Cossington. LE7 4UW. No objection.
2. Application No: P/13/1256/2
Proposal for change of use of farm yard for storage of 11 containers for 6 months at Chestnut Farm, Syston Road, Cossington. LE7 4UZ.

The Clerk to write informing that the Councillors are not happy with the above planning application, as in the past the owners have not complied with any previous planning applications. The Parish Council would like to know what is going to be stored on the site and what the skips are going to be used for.

The Clerk to request a site meeting with some of the Councillors at Chestnut Farm with the Planning Department.

E.C.

35213 **Blue Box** – Circulated for all to read.

35313 **Correspondence**

1. Mr R Smith – Concerns over Speed Safety Issues in the Village.

This was discussed and minuted during the public questions section.
2. Charnwood Road Safety Committee – Combating Air Pollution in Leicestershire.

The Councillors agreed not to give any comments at this time.
3. Leicestershire County Council – Consultation on Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Issues Document.

The Councillors agreed that this document is not relevant to Cossington.

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4. Mr R Smith – Street Adoption - Investigation of Highway Records.
This was discussed and minuted during the public questions section.

35413 **Accounts**

Emma Crowe – Expenses £39.20
Brian Mee Associates Ltd £36.00
MPES Ltd (Installation of Lights) £871.20

Current Account: £2,163.47 Reserve Account £31,647.68

It was agreed for the Clerk to transfer £3,000 from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

E.C.

35513 **Clerks Report**

1. Dog Waste Bin along Syston Road.

Cllr Houseman suggested to review all the waste and dog bins in the village and have one of them relocated to Syston Road. To discuss at the next meeting.

2. Dates of Meetings for 2014.

All the meetings are planned for the third Wednesday in the month to start at 6.30 p.m. They are: 15th January, 19th February start time 7.30p.m., 19th March, 16th April, 21st May (AGM start time 7.30 p.m. & Parish Council Meeting at 7.50 p.m.) 18th June, 16th July, 20th August, 17th September, 15th October, 19th November, 17th December.

3. World War 1 Centenary - 28th July 1914 Declaring War 4th August

The Councillors to think of some ideas and discuss at the next meeting.

ALL

4. Charnwood Road Safety Committee Meeting, Monday 3rd February at 6.30pm.

Mrs Weston-Webb and Mr White to attend.

P.W.W/
N.W.

5. Village Flag and Pole.

Mrs Weston-Webb agreed to take over the responsibility of keeping the village flag and flying it on specific dates during the year. Mrs Weston-Webb and the Clerk to buy Mr Davison a thank you gift from the Parish Council.

P.W.W/
E.C.

6. Oak Tree.

Mr White to contact Stuart Marshall at Leicestershire County Council for an update with regards to replacing the Oak tree that was cut down.

N.W.

7. War Memorial

It was agreed for the Clerk to talk to Derrys Nurseries regarding the planting of plants in the planters at the War Memorial.

E.C.

Next Meeting Wednesday 15th January 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 8.56 p.m.

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