

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,  
on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 6.30 p.m.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Poland, Cllr D Houseman

**Members of the Public:** Diane Tillotson, Amy Houkins, Robert Butler, Peter Law, Dick Rowlatt, John Morelli-McKeon

**Disclosure of Interest:** Mrs P Morelli-McKeon – School Governor & Ivan Landscapes Invoice  
Mrs P Weston-Webb – Accounts to be Paid & Ivan Landscapes Invoice

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

39114 **Public Questions**

1. Leicestershire County Councillor Update.  
Nothing reported this month.
2. Charnwood Borough Councillor Update.  
Nothing reported this month.

39214 **Action Update**

1. Police Support Volunteer – Diane Tillotson – Security Alarms. Diane brought a number of alarm/security items to show the Councillors of what the Police have available for the public to buy, as a burglary deterrent, costs from £3-£12.00. If any of the public wish to order any item please email Diane at [diane@ansteynhw.co.uk](mailto:diane@ansteynhw.co.uk).
2. Flooding Issues – Survey Update.  
An update has been sent from David Nightingale at Severn Trent informing the Council of the following.
  - A detailed survey and pump test at the Cossington, Main Street Sewage Pumping Station has been undertaken.
  - Pick Everard have used the above information to build a more detailed hydraulic model of the foul and surface water system. The detailed hydraulic model will now be used to assess the performance of the sewerage system in the next few weeks.
  - Fisher German have been appointed as Land Consultants to carry our Land Registry checks on land in Cossington Village and to make first contact with the various landowners.
  - An ecological desktop study and walk over survey of Cossington Village and land to the west of Cossington Village has been undertaken by Atkins. They are still waiting their full ecological report but early indications are that Great Crested Newts eggs were observed in the

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pond adjacent to the Sewage Pumping Station and the their presence may have an impact on the final solution and will require additional surveys in the Spring of 2015 and the obtaining of a license from Natural England.

- Jason Hammond is looking at the possibility of arranging de-silting work on the existing surface water outfall pipe, west of Main Street in the coming weeks. Also a topographical/ground level survey of the area and the field adjacent to the Sewage Pumping Stations.

Severn Trent has been unable to contact Mr Smurthwaite at the Old Rectory. It was agreed for Mrs Weston-Webb to contact Mr Smurthwaite and ask him to contact David Nightingale.

P.W.W.

Severn Trent have advised that the Parish Council restrict any work on the stone driveway to the Memorial Car Park and the Car Park, to essential maintenance only (i.e. filling of potholes). It is still likely that the solution to the flooding issues will include work that will affect the driveway to the Memorial Car Park and the car park itself.

### 3. Village Projects Update.

i Christmas Lights. There are 20 sets of the Christmas Lights. Mr Shuttlewood to find out the measurement of each length. To discuss next month.

T.S.

#### ii Garage Rents.

Mrs Weston-Webb agreed to take in the documents we hold to Richard Knight Solicitors and ask if this is something the practice can inform us of the legalities of what we can and can't do with regards to having the garages removed from the Back Lane Car Park

P.W.W.

### 4. Diffibulator.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that we haven't received a reply from Babington Charity regarding the removal of the notice board in the telephone box and securely and professionally fitting the diffibulator to the telephone box wall.

### 5. Website Update

Nothing to report.

### 6. Reports of Meetings Attended.

#### i Neighbourhood Watch.

Mr Shuttlewood reported the issue of the steps that have been made down to the railway track from the top of the bridge on Humble Lane.

The Clerk to contact Network Rail and ask for a padlocked gate to be fitted at the top of the bridge.

E.C.

## 39314 Planning Applications

### 1. Application No: P/14/0874/2

Proposal for Erection of Extension to Fitness Romm (Listed Building Consent) at Ratcliffe College, Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake. LE7 4SG. No Objection.

39414 **Blue Box** – Circulated for all to read.

39514 **Correspondence**

1. Cossington Primary School – Head Teacher:

The Clerk has received a reply from the Head Teacher informing that Homestead Close residents can trim the trees from their side of the fence. The Clerk has forwarded the email to Mr Carter to action.

2. Jessica Grudgings – Fibre Broadband in Cossington.

Fibre Broadband launch event is happening on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July in the village. It is starting with the ribbon cutting on the cabinet at 11.45 a.m. followed by a drop-in session hosted at The Royal Oak where local people and businesses will have the opportunity to talk to representatives from the Superfast Leicestershire Project. Mr White agreed to say a few words on behalf of the Parish Council. Children from Cossington Primary School will Skype a family in the US to learn about Independence Day.

N.W.

3. Daniel Howard – Substation in Cossington.

Daniel is monitoring the site to make sure that the grass seed that has been put down takes.

4. David Hankin – Charnwood Borough Council: Council's Growth Support Fund. The Clerk to forward the email to the village charities and Stephen Castleman.

E.C.

39614 **Accounts**

Zurich Town, Parish Insurance	£508.30
Brian Mee Associates	£205.20
Emma Crowe – Expenses	£ 39.62
Ivan Landscapes – Filling of Potholes	£120.00
(Mr Puri/Mr White/Mr Shuttlewood all agreed for the Council to pay the full invoice amount for the pot holes and not ask the PCC to pay half).	
MJ Joinery – Village Maintenance	£2165.00
MPES Ltd – War Memorial Lights	£330.00

Current Account: £6,445.17      Reserve Account      £28,651.20

39714 **Clerks Report**

1. The Clerk informed the Councillor's that the bent Public Footpath sign has been reported to Highways.

E.C.

2. Syston Road Bus Stop – Mr Whailing at L.C.C. confirmed that the new bus stop is available for all operators serving Syston Road and it was agreed that the bus stop would be an "and opposite" bus stop which means that an official pole and flag is installed on one side of the road and the opposite side is also an official bus stop but without a pole and flag being installed. Mr Whailing will remind Kinchbus drivers of this arrangement. Also a timetable case will be installed as per our request.

3. M.J. Joinery reported that the bench at the junction of Polly Peggs and Crabtree Lane is not safe as it has a broken back. The Clerk and Mr Puri

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to do a repeat Risk Assessment of all the village assets now that the village maintenance work has been completed.

4. VAS Sign – Mr White to look at purchasing new batteries for the VAS Sign as they need replacing. Mr Shuttlewood volunteered to change the batteries on the VAS sign.

N.W.  
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**Next Meeting** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8.20 p.m.

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