

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,
on Wednesday 31st July 2014 at 6.30 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. E Crowe - Clerk. Mrs. P Weston-Webb - Chairman
Mr. A Shuttlewood Mr A Puri

Apologies: Mr N White, Cllr Poland, Cllr D Houseman, Mrs P Morelli-McKeon

Members of the Public: David Weston-Webb

Disclosure of Interest:

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

39814 Public Questions

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

39914 Items carried forward from the inquorate meeting on 16th July 2014

1. Defibrillator.
The Parish Council has received a letter from Babington Charity assuring the Councillors that the defibrillator was fitted by a Community Heartbeat Trust Contractor and to be reassured that if the defibrillator should become insecure then Babington will take full responsibility to get it fixed. The Clerk to write to Babington informing them that the Parish Council will get a contractor to look at the spring on the door in the telephone box as it is very stiff and the door is very hard to open. The Clerk also to thank Babington for covering all the costs for the defibrillator and for their kindness in purchasing it for the village.
2. Risk Assessment.
Mr Puri and the Clerk have completed a Risk Assessment on all of the Parish Council assets in the village. A copy of the report has been put in the Minute Book. The Clerk to contact Ivan Landscapes and Brian Mee Associates to get quotes for the various works that need to be completed.
3. Reports of Meetings Attended.
 - i Fibre Broadband in Cossington
On 4th July Leicestershire County Council launched Fibre Broadband in the village and unveiled the cabinet. Mr White said a few words on behalf of the Parish Council. The event was well attended by 20/25 official people. Unfortunately, there were not many villagers who attended.

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4. Planning
 - i Application No: P/14/1219/2
Proposal to Felling of 1 Willow Tree (Conservation Area Notice) at The Vicarage, 52 Main Street, Cossington. LE7 4UU. No Objection.
 - ii Application No: P/14/1124/2
Proposal for an Erection of Additional Chimney at 3 Fisher Close, Cossington. LE7 4US. No Objection.
5. Accounts

Brian Mee Associates	£175.20
Emma Crowe Expenses	£38.76

40014 **Application Update**

1. Flooding Issues – Survey Update.
The Parish Council has not received an updated report from Severn Trent Waters this month.
2. Village Projects Update.
 - i Christmas Lights.
The Parish Council have 20 sets of 20 metres of outdoor lights. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write a piece in the next newsletter asking for villagers to contact the Clerk if they are interested in putting a set of lights up in their garden over the Christmas period. All residents that wish to have a set of lights for external use on, on a free of charge, temporary loan basis, will need to sign a disclaimer to accept liability for the lights. E.C.
 - ii Garage Rents.
The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to make an appointment for the clerk and Mr Puri to meet with Claire Wheeler at Richard Knight Solicitors to discuss the legalities for having the garages on the Back Lane car park removed. The cost of the first consultation is £70.00. A.P./E.C.
3. Cossington Parish Council Constitution Guidelines and Code of Conduct.
To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
4. Website Update.
Nothing to report this month.
5. VAS Sign.
The VAS sign is still not working correctly. The Councillors discussed about sending the sign back to the manufacturers to quote to have it serviced. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting when Mr White will be present.
6. Reports of Meetings Attended.
Mrs Weston-Webb reported that at the Road Safety meeting it was asked for all Parish Councils to write to Daniel Rawle at Leicestershire Highways to help drive forward the concept of having flood gates installed in Mountsorrel over the Essex Bridge and at the bottom of Slash Lane to stop traffic going down when the road is flooded. The Clerk to write a letter to support the campaign. E.C.

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40114 **Planning**

1. Application No: P/14/1290/2
Proposal for Erection of first floor extension to side and single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 17 Main Street, Cossington. LE7 4UU. No Objection.

40214 **Blue Box** – Circulated for all to read.

40314 **Correspondence**

1. Charnwood Borough Council – Members Interests Form.
The Clerk to write to contact Charnwood Borough Council to clarify what information is required from each of the Councillors. E.C.
2. Pearl Morelli-McKeon – Collapsing wall at Pound.
The Councillors all agreed for the Parish Council to take full responsibility for re-building and fixing the collapsed wall in the Pound. The Clerk to inform Mrs Morelli-McKeon and arrange to look at the wall. E.C.
3. Leicestershire County Council – Urban Grass Cutting and Winter Salt Bin Update.
The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to contact Ivan Landscapes and Brian Mee Associates to ask for a quote for cutting of all the urban and highway grass areas in Cossington Parish (approximately 4919 m2 of grass) as Leicestershire County Council are changing the way the grass cutting is carried out from 2015 onwards. Based on current contract prices, the sum of £351.71 would be allocated to assist in carrying out the activity. E.C.
4. Joan Gregory – Resurfacing of Fisher Close.
Ms Gregory has written to the Clerk complaining about the method used to resurface Fisher Close and to ask for Polly Peggs' footpath to be restored to its proper width and the overhanging trees lopped. The Clerk has replied to Ms Gregory informing that a copy of the letter will be forwarded to Highways and that the Parish Council will arrange for a contractor to restore Polly Peggs' footpath. The Clerk to contact Ivan Landscapes and Brian Mee Associates to quote. The Clerk to ask Highways to mend the grass on the corner of Bennett's Lane which has been damaged by their contractor vehicle when tarmacing the roads. E.C.
5. All Saints' Church – Refurbishing the Notice Board.
The Parish Council has received a thank you letter from All Saints' Church thanking us for refurbishing their notice board by the War Memorial.
6. Cossington Neighbourhood Watch – Speed Vehicles
The Parish Council has received a letter from Richard Rowlatt on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch asking the Parish Council if they have any new ideas on how to improve the worsening traffic situation through the village. The Clerk to send a copy of the letter to Highways and the Police asking for suggestions. E.C.

40414 **Accounts**

Emma Crowe – Expenses £ 38.55

Current Account: £3,117.25 Reserve Account £28,658.30

40514 **Clerks Report**

1. The Royal Mail Black Box & Red Letter Box.

The Clerk to contact Royal Mail asking them if they can remove the black box as it is no longer used. Also, to ask if the post box can be repainted.

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2. Diamond Cable Box and Slabs

The Clerk to write to Virgin asking them to remove the unused Diamond Cable Box on Main Street and the surrounding slabs.

E.C.

Next Meeting Wednesday 17th September at 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall after the Parish Councils of the Soar Valley Liaison Group meeting at 6.00 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 7.20 p.m.

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