

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.30p.m.**

Present:                Mrs E Crowe - Clerk.                Mrs P Weston-Webb - Chairman  
                              Mr A Shuttlewood                      Ms L Ford  
                              Cllr Houseman                        Cllr Poland

**Apologies:** Mr A Puri; Mrs P Morelli-McKeon

**Members of the Public:** None

**Disclosure of Interest:** Mr Shuttleworth – Severn Trent Waters

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

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51816	<p><b><u>Public Questions</u></b></p> <p>1. Leicestershire County Councillor Update Key headlines from the Council's budget proposal include: Leicestershire is the lowest funded county in the country. If it received the same overall income per household as Surrey, it would be £105m better off. Total savings of £78 million will be required, including £26 million from April. The Council has only identified £59 million, leaving £19 million still to be found. Identified savings include proposed cuts to bus subsidies, waste sites and public health work. Efficiency savings of £27 million, including reductions in management and administration (£3 million) and better commissioning and procurement (£9 million). Growth of £41.3 million to meet rising demand, including adult social care (£23 million), children's social care (£8 million) and waste (£2.4 million). Council Tax rises of 3.99 per cent per year, including a two per cent precept to support adult social care. The two per cent Council Tax rises will not cover the council's full costs for adult social care. An estimated 500 full-time equivalent posts will go – 900 gone over the last 5 years.</p> <p>2. Charnwood Borough Councillor Update Charnwood Borough Council faces being a legal challenge on the Core Strategy, adopted in November last year. The challenge comes from the Rosconn Group (a party who have been pursuing development at Shepshed). Their claim is that the inspector did not consider the 5 year</p>	
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	<p>supply of housing appropriately and that the adoption of the Core Strategy is therefore based on a flawed process.</p> <p>If the application is successful it would see the High Court consider the claim being made and relief being sought. If the application is unsuccessful the Rosconn Group would be able to ask for a hearing to reconsider that refusal or appeal to a higher court. Until such a determination is made, the Core Strategy remains in full force and will be used to determine future applications that are submitted by Charnwood Borough Council.</p>	
51916	<p><b><u>Action Update</u></b></p> <p>1. Website and Transparency Fund – Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> February  The Clerk will try to get the completed forms to LRALC for 28<sup>th</sup> January. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk can buy all of the relevant equipment that is required to meet the Parish requirements. The Clerk is looking at purchasing a laptop at a cost of no more than £500 plus further costs of software, laptop bag and mouse. The Councillors agreed that the Clerk can organise to pay for an IT personnel to set the new laptop up and to transfer all of the files and data onto the new laptop and wipe clean the desk top computer.  The Clerk to contact Connect2 to arrange for the training on the website. The Clerk hopes to have completed this by the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>2. The Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  The Councillors agreed to change the date of the tea party from 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> July so that the event can benefit with some warmer weather. The Clerk to forward the quote for the bouncy castle, rodeo and slide to Mrs Weston-Webb.  The Clerk to get quotes for commemorative mugs and coins.  The Clerk to contact Hathern band to ask if they are available to play at the event.</p> <p>3. Back Lane Car Park  The Councillors had a lengthy discussion about the garages and have agreed that a decision has to be made of what we want to happen with the garages. Ms Ford has sent out a letter to all the garage owners to ask for them to contact Ms Ford with any information they have about the garages as there are no agreements held by any parties. The Councillors agreed that we should gather all of the facts &amp; figures we can and bring the information along to the next meeting to discuss.  Ms Ford to contact a solicitor to ask who is liable if anyone should hurt themselves in the garage. The Clerk to contact Charnwood Borough Council to ask if they do a dismantling and removal service. If not the Clerk to get a few quotes from independent companies to remove the garages.</p>	<p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>L.F.</p> <p>E.C.</p>

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4. Severn Trent Report

David Nightingale, Solution Engineer at Severn Trent Water sent the following report: Severn Trent Water (STW) Asset Creation Infrastructure East Team are currently looking at potential capital project options to reduce the risk of flooding to properties in Cossington from the public sewerage system.

This is proving to be quite challenging, particularly when various options are tested against river flood levels when the River Soar and its tributaries are in flood conditions.

We are currently looking at the practicalities and potential benefits and risks of increasing pumping rates from the Main Street, Cossington SPS and /or additional storage and /or sewer upsizing options near to the pumping station. We are also liaising with our appointed Sewer Management Area Consultants, Pick Everard, regarding a separate wider ongoing study looking into septicity problems in the downstream drainage areas that ultimately are pumped to Wanlip Sewage Treatment Works. Severn Trent Water installed additional flood mitigation measures (none return valve fitted within the private manhole on the combined/foul sewer system) at No. 56 Main Street Cossington in February 2015 to provide additional flood protection to this property.

The owner of numbers 48/50 Main Street has been offered, but has refused, the fitting of none return valve type flood mitigation measures, due to the very shallow manhole located close to the rear door step of this property. Numbers 44, 46, 56 and 60 Main Street, Cossington are currently protected by flood mitigation measures (None-return valves) fitted by Severn Trent Water on the private connections to the public foul/combined sewerage system.

Whilst looking at the various project options, it came to our attention that one of the pumps at Cossington, Main Street pumping station broke down/failed in the week leading up to Christmas 2015.

We urgently raised this as an urgent action with STW Operations and the pump was replaced and re-fitted on 31 December 2015.

Following our request, the pumping station has also now been re-classified as a 'ultra high risk site – flooding risk' on the STW automated alarm system, to ensure that any alarms generated at the pumping station are referred immediately to operational staff to investigate.

The pumping station Operations Manager is also aware of the flooding mechanism and risk at this site from our site investigations and hydraulic analysis of the existing sewerage system.

I hope to provide further information when available, probably in about two/three month's time.

5. The Future of Audit Procurement and the Sector Led Body

All of the Councillors voted not to opt out of the Audit Procurement.

6. Report of Meetings Attended

Platt's Charity - Mrs Weston-Webb reported that Platt's Charity are

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	<p>having trouble with the field they have taken back from Goscote Nurseries – an architect is currently working on the plans to make the field into a rugby pitch.</p>													
52016	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>1. Application No: P/16/0023/2 Erection of detached single garage to front of dwelling at 13 Back Lane, Cossington. LE7 4UQ. No Objection</p>													
52116	<p><b><u>Blue Box</u></b> – Circulated for All Councillors to Read</p>													
52216	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>1. Tony Bull – LCC – Part Night Lighting Review. Leicestershire County Council have sent a letter asking for the Parish Council to review the part night lighting as it has been a year since the lights started to go off at midnight. The Clerk to write to Tony Bull and inform him that there haven't been any complaints from the residents and that the parish are happy to continue with part time lighting. The Clerk also to recommend that every alternative light be turned off at the Cossington Edge roundabout exit off A46. Also to inform Tony that the lights didn't go out until 1:00am in the Summer months.</p>	E.C.												
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52416	<p><b><u>Clerks Report</u></b></p> <p>1. Dog Bin Request on Humble Lane. Cllr Poland to look into how we can get a bin installed on Humble Lane as the score sheet did not meet the criteria.</p> <p>2. Mr Ajay Puri. The Clerk has received a letter from Mr Puri resigning from his position as Parish Councillor due to time constraints. The Clerk to inform Charnwood Borough Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Poland</p> <p>E.C.</p>												

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00p.m.in the Jubilee Hall.

Meeting Closed at 20:30hrs

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