

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held at Jubilee Hall,
on Wednesday 15th February at 6.30p.m.**

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

Cllr Poland

Apologies Received and Accepted: Mrs Morelli-McKeon & Cllr Houseman

Members of the Public: Mrs Kitching & Mr D Weston-Webb

Disclosure of Interest: None

Minutes of last month: Agreed and Signed by the Chairman

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60817	<p><u>Public Questions</u></p> <p>1. Leicestershire County Councillor Update (report submitted via email)</p> <p><u>Railway Bridge on Melton Road, Syston</u> There are no works presently planned for the railway bridge on Melton Road, Syston, as has been rumoured. Network Rail advised the County Council early in December that “No further structures north of Kettering, specifically related to electrification, are programmed for physical delivery“. Network Rail has advised that the Midland Mainline electrification works will not start before 2019.</p> <p>Network Rail have not advised the County Council of any further planned works in Leicestershire, other than those works already underway including the reconstruction of the Grove Lane bridge in Barrow Upon Soar after it partially collapsed earlier in the year, and the reconstruction of the railway bridge on Syston Road, Cossington, plus works planned in Market Harborough.</p> <p>The County Council road space booking team have not received an application to close Melton Road, Syston.</p> <p><u>Ofsted inspection outcome</u> Ofsted carried out a four-week inspection of the council’s Children and Family Services late last year – this was the authority’s first inspection under the regulator’s new, tougher framework. Ofsted published the report on 13th February 2017 which rates the council as ‘requires improvement’. Around half of all councils inspected have this rating.</p>	
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	<p>Inspectors found that the authority effectively identifies and protects children at most risk of harm. The report says the council had already identified key areas for improvement and highlights the impact of recent changes. It also praises a number of services including steps to tackle child sexual exploitation and prevention work to stop families' problems growing.</p> <p>Councillor Ivan Ould, the Cabinet member for children and families, has stressed that our focus now is to build on these improvements and develop services further. He has also said that this is why we're planning to invest over half-a-million pounds in recruiting more social workers to reduce caseloads and drive quality across our work.</p> <p>Councillor Ould has outlined that support to families is now provided more promptly, after enhancing processes, and updated standards for managers will ensure more consistent oversight and smarter use of data. Protecting vulnerable children remains one of the council's most important responsibilities and the council is committed to ongoing improvement. The report is available on the Ofsted website.</p> <p>2. Charnwood Borough Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Poland reported that a public consultation has been launched on 1st February a part of a review of the electoral arrangements in Charnwood. Charnwood Borough Council is seeking people's views as part of a community governance review which will look at existing arrangements and boundaries for towns and parishes including the number of Councillors. The initial consultation period will run until April 30th 2017.</p> <p>Cllr Poland spoke about the Charnwood grants which are available to community groups and charities in Charnwood who could receive up to £20,000 in grant funding from Charnwood Borough Council. The Councillors recommended Cllr Poland to send the details to Mr McCague for the Church Project.</p>	J.P
60917	<p><u>Action Update</u></p> <p>1. Back Lane Car Park The Councillors are very pleased with how the car park is looking now that the garages have been removed. It was agreed that the weeds to be sprayed in the Spring.</p> <p>2. Pot Holes on War Memorial Driveway The Councillors agreed for Mr Shuttlewood to arrange with Mr Brocksopp to scrape and pack the potholes on the Memorial car park driveway. Once a date has been confirmed the Clerk will put driveway closed notices up to keep the driveway clear for the work to be done.</p> <p>3. Network Rail – Closure of Syston Bridge There has been no further correspondence since the last Parish Council meeting. The date for re-opening the bridge is still 7th April.</p>	T.S. E.C.

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	<p>4. Church Project – Utility Pipes</p> <p>The Church Project group and Severn Trent Waters are in correspondence about when the work for the utility pipes will start. Severn Trent have proposed to give some detailed feedback no later than Friday, 10 March as to when and if Severn Trent Water will proceed with the Capital Sewerage Project as it still is to be decided and approved. They are currently awaiting pricing of options by our Design and Build Contractor.</p> <p>5. Report of Meetings Attended</p> <p>NHW – Mr Shuttlewood reported that 2 chainsaws have been stolen from Derry’s Nurseries.</p>	
61017	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>None this month</p>	
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61217	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>1. Mr D Owen – Parish Council Resignation</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she has received a letter of resignation as Parish Councillor from Mr Owen. The Clerk has informed Charnwood Borough Council and a Notice of Vacancy has been displayed on both noticeboards. The Returning Office has not received any requests to fill the above vacancy so the parish council is free to co-opt as soon as possible. The Clerk has received 3 letters of interest. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to contact the applicants to suggest that they come along to the Parish Council meeting on 19th April.</p> <p>2. Andy Jackson at Leicestershire County Council - Have your say - how Leicestershire's roads, pavements and verges could be managed in the future.</p> <p>The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to submit the Parish’s concerns about the verges and pot holes on The Humbles, Bennett’s Lane and Back Lane.</p> <p>The Councillors also asked the Clerk to contact Cllr Houseman to ask if he can help to arrange for the flooding outside Town End Cottage & 119 Main Street to be looked at.</p> <p>3. LRALC/NALC – Transparency Fund</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Councillors about a letter received from NALC via LRALC with regards to the website complying with the transparency code. The Clerk reported that a response has been sent to NALC via LRALC and since the reply, the documents have been uploaded onto the website.</p>	<p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>E.C.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk has asked to speak to Jake at LRALC to make sure that the website is compliant.</p> <p>4. Charnwood Borough Council – Community Governance Review As per Cllr Polands report the Councillors agreed for the Clerk to comment on the review that they are happy with the current boundaries including Ratcliffe College.</p>	E.C.
61317	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <p>Emma Crowe (Expenses) £42.59 Leicestershire Footpath Association £5.00 Croft Environmental Services Ltd £3,540.00 Ivan Landscapes £70.00</p> <p>Current Account: £4,485.81 Reserve Account: £28,692.84</p> <p>Proposed: Mrs Weston-Webb Seconded: Mrs Orridge</p>	
61417	<p><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <p>1. Risk Assessment The Clerk and Mrs Weston-Webb are to complete a risk assessment on 4th March of all the Parish Council assets in the village.</p> <p>2. Kyle – Virgin Media Network – Attending March Parish Council Meeting The Councillors agreed it would be beneficial for a representative of Virgin Media Network to attend the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk to confirm with Kyle to attend.</p>	E.C./ P.W.W.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 18:30hrs in the Jubilee Hall.

Meeting Closed at 19:38hrs

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