Minutes of Cossington Parish Council held virtually by Zoom, on Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 6:30p.m.

Present:

Mrs E Crowe - Clerk
Mrs P Weston-Webb - Chairman
Mrs B Orridge
Mr H Sanderson
Mr S Cobley
Mrs P Morelli-McKeon
Cllr Poland

0 members of the public present

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95320	**Apologies**	
95420	**Minutes of November's Parish Meeting** Agreed and signed by the Chairman	
95520	**Declaration of Interest** Mrs Weston-Webb – Platt's Charity	
95620	**Public Questions** 1. Leicestershire County Councillor Update The first batch of lateral flow test kits – up to 16,000 – have arrived in Leicestershire as the fight goes on to drive down coronavirus infection rates across the county. 2. Charnwood Borough Councillor Update Cllr Poland reported that the national planning policy requires local authorities to maintain a five year supply of housing land. An update of the five year supply position is published each year based on the situation as of 31 March. The supply of housing land has over the last few years been measured against the Core Strategy housing requirement of 820 homes a year for Charnwood Borough. However, once a plan is more than five years old the supply of land must be measured against the local housing need which is calculated using a nationally prescribed formula. This formula shows the local housing need for Charnwood is currently 1,105 homes a year. Being able to demonstrate a five year housing supply is important because the National Planning Policy Framework says that local plan housing policies should not be considered up-to-date if the local planning authority cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites. Where this is the case a presumption in favour of sustainable development applies (para 11 NPPF) and some of our local plan policies will have less weight when making decisions on planning applications affecting how we can control the location of housing development in Charnwood. This will make it harder to refuse applications even if they run counter to Council policy. Charnwood Borough Council is currently in	

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	the process of developing a new Core Strategy which should hopefully be adopted next year. Solar Farm Land Cllr Poland explained that due to the relatively temporary nature of the use, on its cessation the land would revert back to its former use status. As many solar farms involve agricultural land this will often be a greenfield use. The definition of "previously developed land" within the NPPF does not specifically exclude former solar farm use but it does exclude other uses where provision for restoration has been madeand any use where the remains of any permanent structures ie concrete fixings have blended into the landscape Drains on Main Street Cllr Poland is in contact with Severn Trent regarding the issues with the drains/culverts. Cllr Poland to correspond with Mr Barber regarding keeping the ditch clear along Syston Road.	J.P.
95720	**Action Update** 1. Platt's Charity Representative Trustee The Clerk reported that there hasn't been anyone come forward from the advert in the newsletter. The Clerk to ask for a separate email be sent around the villagers. 2. Neighbourhood Plan The housing theme group met on 15th December. This is the first of the theme group meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th January. 3. Andrew Granger – Corner of roadway by cottages The Clerk to write a letter to Andrew Granger to indicate lack of response and to find out what is happening regarding Severn Trent completing the surface of the driveway. 4. Parish Precept – Financial Year 2021/22 The budget for the precept was prepared. It was agreed at: Expenditure: £16,860 Contingencies: £3,625.00 Income Received: £750.00 Estimated Withdrawal: £5,235.00 Precept Expenses: £14,500.00	E.C. E.C.
95820	**Planning** 1. Application No. P/20/1841/2 Erection of two-storey extension to side and rear of dwelling including demolition of an existing single-storey rear extension at Christmas Cottage, 74 Main Street, Cossington, Leicestershire, LE7 4UW No objection	
95920	**Blue Box** – circulated to all	
96020	**Correspondence** 1. Community Recovery Worker for the North Charnwood area Introduction of role being a point of contact for people who are vulnerable or who are shielding during the Covid-19 period	

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	2. Leicestershire Gardens – Renew Contract The Council agreed to sign a 3 year contract agreement from Leicestershire Gardens to start on 1st March 2021. The costs will remain at 2020 for the 3 years.	
96120	**Accounts** Emma Crowe £28.90 Leicestershire Gardens £175.00 (These payments will be made when the bank switch has been completed) On 3rd December The Clerk and Mrs Weston-Webb transferred all of the monies in the Natwest Reserve account into the Natwest Current account ready for the bank switch to Unity Trust Bank Plc Current Account: £36,715.69 Reserve Account: £0 Proposed: Mrs Weston-Webb Seconded: Mr Cobley	
96220	**Clerks Report** 1. Bank Account (Unity Trust Bank) Application Unity Trust Bank Plc should complete the bank switch on 17th December 2020. 2. Dates of Meetings for 2021 20th January, 17th February, 17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October,17th November, 15th December	

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 18:30hrs via Zoom.

Meeting Closed at 19:45hrs

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