

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 6th May 2021 at 6:15pm

Present:

3 public present

Penny Weston-Webb (Chairman)

Barbara Orridge

Howard Sanderson

Simon Coble

Pearl Morelli-McKeon

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and gave everyone a warm welcome.

2. Chairman's report

First, I must say what a strange year we have just been through. No face-to-face meetings, just doing our business virtually on Zoom.

We have had a busy year. Lots of problems with flooding which is still an ongoing issue. Thank you to Howard for the work he has carried out with Severn Trent which hopefully will help solve our flooding problem for the future.

We have been busy with the Planning Application for 130 houses on the land off Polly Peggs. I would like to thank Debra Marshall, Richard Plant and Richard Webb for all their hard work and time they have put in with sorting out the objections to the application and talking to so many in the village. It is good to see so many windows displaying 'I've Objected' posters. The next planning application is for 170 houses on the green belt field between Sibley and Cossington and 57 houses on the junction of Main Street and Syston Road. There is also a proposal to have 100 acres of Solar Panels put on the land between the railway line and the lakes on Syston Road.

We are now in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan with three theme groups. I am told we are well ahead with the schedule. Gary Kirk of Your Locale, our advisor says how good it has been with the speed which we have worked and that there has not been any arguments within the theme groups which they usually encounter.

We are very pleased that Andrew Unitt and Richard Plant have become trustees of Platt's Charity as representatives of the Parish Council.

I would like to thank Howard Sanderson for assisting Emma in the auditing paperwork. Barbara who has co-ordinated the Cossington Wobbles, who have all been very busy.

My thanks go to the Councillors – Simon Coble, Pearl Morelli-McKeon, Howard Sanderson and Barbara Stokes who have worked hard for the Parish Council during this past year.

My biggest thanks go to Emma for being such a wonderful, dedicated Clerk. She has worked so hard over the past difficult year. We would never have achieved all we have without her.

3. Volunteer group speakers

The following speakers gave a brief update of the individual groups

- Gary Drew – Babington Charity
Babington Charity have 3 main thrusts of its business; the school, apprentices and the

people in hardship also supporting the Community Project. Have lost 2 long standing members, Dean Hopkinson and Rachel Cutts. Clare Pearson and David Munford have replaced them.

- Penny Weston-Webb – Platts Charity
There has been a 15-year lease given to the Sileby Rugby Club who have sole use of the Recreation Ground. Other clubs and people can use the grounds when it is convenient. The new Chairman is Tom Heathcote. Andrew Unitt and Richard Plant have joined this year as representatives of the Parish Council. A gate has been put up to try and help with keeping the fly tipping down.

- Richard Plant – Neighbourhood Plan
The Neighbourhood Plan is going really well. The groups who have been formed are working hard. The Plan is 2 months ahead of where Locality expected it to be.

4. Public questions and answers

No questions were asked.

5. Thankyou

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished Cllr Poland well for the elections.

6. Meeting closed

6:50p.m.