

**Minutes of Cossington Parish Council**  
**held in the Jubilee Hall, Main Street, Cossington**  
**on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6:30p.m.**

Present: Mrs P Weston-Webb (Chairman)  
 Mrs E Crowe (Clerk)  
 Cllr J Poland

Mrs D Marshall  
 Mr R Plant

15 members of the public present

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22/094	<p><b><u>Apologies of Absence</u></b>          It was resolved to accept and approve apologies from Mr R Webb &amp; Mr H Sanderson</p>	
22/095	<p><b><u>Minutes of February's Parish Council Meeting</u></b>          Agreed and signed by the Chairman</p>	
22/096	<p><b><u>Declaration of Interest</u></b>          None this month</p>	
22/097	<p><b><u>Public Questions</u></b></p> <p>1. Leicestershire County Councillor  <u>County budget</u>          A budget that delivers major investment in support for vulnerable people has been set by Leicestershire County Council. The authority agreed its financial plan - including an extra £57m for vital help, such as home and residential care - at a full county council meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.          Designed to protect public services as much as possible during tough economic times, it will see major capital investment of £509m, service cuts totalling £3m, £59m of efficiency savings and a 4.99 per cent Council Tax increase from April to ensure the books will balance next year (which equates to £1.39 a week for a Band D home and generates £17.7m for front line services). An extra £1m has also been earmarked to offset the impact of service cuts and boost road maintenance, following better than expected Government funding earlier this year.</p> <p><u>Local councils lead the way on pact to drive forward a net zero Leicestershire</u>          Leicestershire County Council has teamed up with key partners and stakeholders (including Charnwood Borough Council) from leading organisations to draw up an ambitious set of principles setting out Leicestershire's commitment to tackle climate change, nature decline and carbon reduction. The Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact is based on the principles of the Glasgow Climate Pact, signed by the UK government in November 2021. It supports national and international efforts to tackle climate change by bringing together the businesses and private sector, voluntary, community and social enterprises, universities, the education and research sector, the public sector and the people and communities of Leicestershire, to drive local action and work towards a number of shared environmental aims.</p>	

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2. Charnwood Borough Councillor

Charnwood Borough Council budget

Charnwood Borough Council's budget was passed by Full Council on February 27th. It contains a proposal to increase the Charnwood element of Council tax by 9p a week for the average Band D property in the borough. The proposed increase would see the annual charge for the Charnwood element of an average Band D property rise by £4.78 (3.52 per cent) from April 1, 2023.

Charnwood Borough Council takes action to tackle fly-tipping and poor dog control

Nine fines totalling over £3,000 have been handed out following reports of fly-tipping, dog fouling and poor dog control in Charnwood over the last three months. The borough council has taken action as part of its ongoing commitment to look after the local environment and crackdown on those who show a disregard for the area.

The Council is also advising people to continue to report issues. Seven people have been handed £400 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping. A £100 fixed penalty notice was also handed out to a dog owner following a report from a member of the public about persistent dog fouling in Hathern.

If you ever see any fly-tips across Charnwood or fly-tipping taking place, you are encouraged to report it directly to the Council by visiting:

[www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/flytipping).

To report issues with dog control and dog fouling, please visit the Council's website: [www.charnwood.gov.uk/dogcontrol](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/dogcontrol).

3. Bellway Homes

Present at the meeting was Tom Cass of Bellway Homes who have purchased the land South of Derry's Nurseries and will be the house builder. He was accompanied by Alistair Thorn (Planning consultant from Marrons Consultancy) & James Mills (Communication lead from The Community Communications Partnership) who came to discuss the outline of the development. An indicative plan was shown to the meeting a photo of which is included as Appendix A of these Minutes. Summary of issues discussed:

The outline is for 166 homes, the original application was for 130 homes but Bellway intend to put in a planning application for an extra 36 homes. The homes will be a mixture of 3,4 & 5-bedroom houses on the open market with an allocation of 50 number/30% for social housing. In the original scheme for 130 homes there was an allocation of 54 number/40% for social housing so the new scheme actually reduces the number of social housing by 4 homes.

The north end of development adjacent to Derry's Nursery will be where the attenuation pond will be situated that is used to control rainwater release into the stream which is the current path for rainwater running off the field. The land surrounding it will be open public space.

Reserve Matters need to go to Planning consent, the issue that is not a Reserve Matter is the access/egress to/from the site which was approved by the Planning Permission already granted There was a challenge from one of the residents around the height of the hedge opposite the entrance and they believed that Highways approval to the planning was subject to the hight of the hedge being reduced.

There were lots of concerns and comments raised around the site access/egress and the increased volume of traffic this will entail both during construction and on

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completion. The issue was also raised around pedestrian safety especially that of children walking to school from Sileby.

Issues were also raised by those residents living next to/close to the new entrance on the impact it will have on them being able to access/exit their drives.

It is likely that the boundary along Crab Tree Lane and Polly Peggs Lane is going to have 1.8 metre fence During both construction and on completion.

A resident asked if there are any thoughts to put speed bumps in along Main Street to claim traffic close to the site entrance This was not part of the planning requirement but Bellway did say it was something they could review.

There is a concern of the location of the play area as it is so close to the existing properties and could cause disturbance to current residents by antisocial behaviour, noise etc. of those using it. A request was made of Bellway to consider moving this in their Planning Application

The location of 2 properties was raised (see Appendix A) given their proximity to existing housing on Homestead Close, especially given the fact that none of the other homes on Bellway's proposed plan are so close to existing. Bellway were requested to consider removing/relocating these homes.

Bellway will look at developing character buildings within the scheme, they will also look at introducing character areas. Bellway stated that they will use their standard layout for house types, but they could vary the external finishes.

A question was raised on how long will it take to build it all. Bellway gave an estimate of 3-4 years to build and sell all homes but that this was subject to market conditions.

The diversion of Polly Peggs was discussed given it will have to be diverted when land is handed over for the extension of the school. The request was to keep this as close as possible to its current route. The suggestion was it would hug the perimeter of the land given for the school extension.

Concern was also raised about access onto Crab Tree Lane from the new development and therefore the access onto Homestead Close which is likely to result in more people using this route to access the village.

A request was made to review again the relocation of the historic oak at the entrance to the site given its meaning and link to village history.

Bellway said they are committed to working with the local community, they already have to make a payment of circa £200k through the Section 106 process towards the Village Centre Project. If they are successful in adding another 36 homes on the development this is likely to increase to circa £250k. The action if for those involved in the Village Centre Project to make direct contact with Bellway because although the Parish Council support the Village Project it is not a Parish Council issue.

Bellway committed to coming back to the Parish Council before planning permission is applied for to discuss the issues raised at this meeting and any future comments/correspondence they receive.

Going forward Bellway will look to have regular discussions, these are likely to be through James Mills.

Please contact James Mills from The Community Communications Partnership at [james@theccp.net](mailto:james@theccp.net) if you wish to raise any issues.

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22/098	<p><b><u>Action Update</u></b></p> <p>1. Unadopted driveway by the War Memorial Quotations for Works The Council agreed for Mr Plant and Mr Sanderson to have a meeting with the Working Group to go through the specifications of the quotes received and to ask their preference on block paving or tarmacking the driveway.</p> <p>2. Land Registry for unadopted driveway – Solicitor proposal fee The Council decided that a decision should be made with regards to the driveway surface first before making a decision of whether or not to adopt the land. The Council needs to make sure that there are sufficient funds in the budget to complete the process.</p> <p>3. Kings Coronation village event – Sunday 7th May 2023 The Councillors to leaflet the village in the next few weeks. The Clerk to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look at what was ordered for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and duplicate the food order.</li> <li>Order a Costco commemorative cake.</li> <li>Buy handheld union jack flags, paper cups, plates, serviettes and union jack bunting.</li> <li>Buy Prosecco for a toast.</li> <li>Email Mr Smith to ask if he will email the Men's group and ask for a few volunteers to put up bunting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>Arrange for the National Anthem to be played.</li> <li>Buy prizes for the competitions x 5 ( 2 x Crown Competition, 1 x Vocal quiz, 2 x Guess what it is quiz)</li> </ol> <p>Mrs Marshall to organise the quizzes for the event.</p>	<p>R.P/H.S.</p> <p>E.C.</p> <p>D.M.</p>
22/099	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>1. County Council Reference Number: 2022/0718/02/CS/03a Location - Cossington Church Of England Primary School, Main Street, Cossington, LE7 4UU Proposal - Details pursuant to Condition 3 of planning permission 2022/0718/03 - Replacement of slate roof covering No objection.</p> <p>2. Planning Application: P/22/2180/2 Proposal - Alterations to existing outbuilding and creation of link to dwellinghouse and relocate access timber gate fronting Platts Lane at 94 - 96 Main Street, Cossington, Leicestershire, LE7 4UW No objection.</p>	
22/100	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>1. Platt's Charity are struggling with getting insurance for the green gym equipment and trim trail at the Platts Recreation ground. The Clerk to enquire if the equipment could be covered under the Parish Council insurance.</p>	E.C.
22/101	<p><b><u>Accounts</u></b></p> <p>Emma Crowe (Annual Parish Meeting Expenses) £307.06 Emma Crowe (Office Cost Expenses) £88.32 Scribe (Year End Health Check) £46.80</p>	

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	Current Account: £6,756.22 Reserve Account: £22,458.87 Bank Statement as of 8th March 2023	
22/102	<p><b><u>Clerk's Report</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Clerk sent in a VAT refund for £2,006.24 on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023</li> <li>2. Mr Sanderson and the Clerk to look at the asset register and the end of year accounts with the AGAR on 5<sup>th</sup> April in preparation for the internal audit on 14<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>3. The Council to discuss the wording for a plaque to sit alongside the 7 commemorative trees on Crab Tree Lane at the next meeting.</li> <li>4. YourLocale has recommended that Charnwood Borough Council use Nigel McGurk as the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner.</li> </ol>	H.S./E.C

**Next Meeting:** The next Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6:30pm  
Meeting Closed 20:08hrs

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