Almshouses - Update

One of the questions that we have been most frequently asked, here at Cossall Parish Council, is "when is something going to happen to our wonderful Almshouses".

This amazing Jacobean building has been languishing empty over the last few years because it was deemed unfit for human habitation and Historic England were unwilling to

approve plans to restore the Almshouses. They opposed replacing the ugly 1970s rear extensions with more modern ones that would suit today's living.

Hence, this cherished building was prevented from being looked after and lived in again.



The plans do not change the appearance of the front



and the new modern section on the back will not be seen from the road. Fortunately, the Broxtowe Borough Councillors on the Planning Committee visited the site and understand that it's important to the well-being of this building that it can be lived in again, so they voted unanimously in favour of the plans. Let's hope that when this application goes to the Home Secretary that the same common sense prevails!