

Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2025

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor D. Keating
Councillor J. Kiernan
Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

27/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor S. Pepper, Councillor J. McGrath (Nottinghamshire County Council), PC Harry Brown (Police) and PCSO Peter Keeley (Police).

28/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

29/25 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30/25 Public participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

31/25 Police report

No report.

32/25 County Councillor's report

No report.

33/25 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Mrs Ball reported that due to the passing of the owner of the land of the former ski slope and, due to a change in policies on housing, there may be another application submitted for this site in the future.

The proposed amalgamation of Borough Councils is being discussed.

The Parish Council had sent an email to the Planning Department following last month's meeting asking if there are planning applications which are not seen by the public. We have been advised that "Planning enquiry" applications are not publically available. In addition to this, some information within planning applications may also not be publically

available if it contains personal information or financially sensitive information such as viability reports.”

There have been two planning applications within Cossall over the last few months which we know for certain have not been made available to view. Councillor Pringle advised that if we can let him have the application reference numbers he will look into the matter. Councillor Pringle reported that the drain, on Church Lane which has been overflowing for a long time, has been inspected by the County Council and this matter will be looked into. The leaking drain leading from the farm at the top of Dead Lane has now been sorted. There is a Litter Pick tomorrow in the car parks on Trowell Road. The road sweepers have now been stopped from litter picking on the verges due to health and safety issues. For this work to be done a “stop/go” traffic control is required.

Standing Orders commenced at 7.50pm

34/25 Items for discussion

a) 2025 Commemoration of sale of properties in Cossall by the Willoughby Family

Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported all is going very well for the event on Sunday (23rd March). This will be a drop-in with light refreshments. Thanks were given to John and Sandra Wheatley for organising this event.

b) Church Matters

John Wheatley has calculated the electricity charge from the period 15 July 2024 to 14 March 2025 as follows:-

Standing charge from 15 July 2024 to 17 January 2025 - 186 days is £2.05/day, giving a of total £380.93. Our one third share of this is £126.98 and the standing charge from 18 January 2025 to 14 March 2025 – 55 days is £0.40/day, giving a total of £22.00. Our one third share of this is £7.33. Therefore, the amount we owe for the Standing Charge is £134.31.

The electricity used is a total of 420.11 units over 241 days at an average of 1.743195021 units/day. The cost of the first period (15/7/24 to 17/1/25) is £0.35/day and the cost of second period (18/1/25 to 14/3/25) is £0.23/day.

Total cost of electricity used is £135.64; this added to the Standing Charge gives a total figure owing to the church for the period 15/7/24 to 14/3/25 of £269.95.

The predicted annual Standing Charge is £48.67 (one third share) and the probable annual electricity charge is £147.04 (our share).

It was proposed and seconded that the amount of £269.95 be paid immediately, all were in favour.

John Wheatley has agreed to read the meter and calculate our payment quarterly.

Thanks were given to John for his work.

Councillor Kiernan reported that he has purchased the LED floodlights, to try on the Church as an alternative to the current lights.

c) Footpaths and pavements

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that Helen Spencer will have a look at the problem with Mill Lane.

The pavement by the steps on Coronation Road has been mended.

Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported that there is a large hole in the verge on Awsworth Lane, opposite Trinity Farm. This has been fenced round but has been there for quite a while and some of the fence around it has fallen.

The plaque on Gillian Thornhill’s bench outside the church is not looking very good – maybe it has not been sealed properly. John Wheatley is going to have a look at this.

Parking is still happening outside the church, making it very difficult to travel safely round the corner. It was advised to send an email to Highways, including a photo of the car.

Advise Cllr Pringle of ref nos and he will look into this

Report the hole in the verge

d) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

The pot holes on Dead Lane have been filled in.

The gas smell outside 81 Church Lane has been reported but it has not been so prominent in the last couple of weeks.

The leaning over signs on Robinettes Lane and corner of Dead Lane have been reported.

The rogue sign attached to the lamp post on Robinettes Lane is illegal and will be removed.

Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported that the 5 trees on Robinettes Lane which she uploaded are now showing as waiting to be assessed on the Woodland Trust website.

e) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that he has contacted the person responsible for collecting local information for the Big Green Book and suggested that we point her to our Neighbourhood Plan for information.

There is a networking meeting on Church/Village Halls taking place in Trowell church hall tomorrow.

f) CPRE

Nothing to report.

g) Commemoration for the end of WW2

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that she has received a quote from Sarah for £120 for a buffet for 20 people – this will include fresh cream sponges and salmon and cucumber sandwiches. It was proposed and seconded that we accept this quote. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will confirm this.

The floral decorations have been confirmed.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert showed 2 posters for the notice boards, one acknowledging the commemoration date; this will be A3 in size and one advertising the church service and refreshments which will be A4 in size. Everyone was in agreement with the wording.

Moorleys will print and laminate the larger poster and the smaller one will be sorted out by Councillor Mrs Gilbert. They will be displayed on all the notice boards.

CLlr Mrs Gilbert
to confirm

h) Newsletter

The next newsletter could go out in April. Ideas were put forward.

The VE Day commemoration, report on John and Sandra's commemoration event for the sale of the houses in Cossall, Open Gardens weekend, the offer of the police to talk to residents, another Children's Corner section, a section for gardeners, update on the Almshouses.

Councillors Rigby and Mrs Gilbert will sort out a draft in the next couple of weeks.

35/25 Correspondence

Invitations have been received from East Town Council for two members of the Parish Council to attend their VE Day celebrations.

36/25 Planning applications

Councillors Harrison and Mrs Harrison were thanked for attending the recent liaison meeting with Avant Homes. They reported that Jason is moving on due to the re-organisation in the company and there will be a couple of new people who will attend future liaison meetings.

The new access from the bypass is moving along and residents will be informed in advance of any further pile-driving

The Environment Agency is not going to publicise the report they did on the water quality in the canal, they are quite happy with the figures they obtained and there will be another site visit in due course. Avant Homes are still monitoring and testing the water, representatives also chat to the local anglers. In general, residents seem reasonably

content with proceedings at the moment. Another liaison meeting has been arranged for 30 April.

Councillor Ms Hopkin reported that she had received a letter, as a resident, from Severn Trent advising of work that will last for 4 months (3 March to 19 June).

We have not been informed of this. Apparently utility companies do not have to advise local councils or any work planned/being carried out.

It was reported that the allotments on Coronation Road are being advertised for rent or sale for industrial use. A planning application has not yet been seen on the weekly planning list. This would need a "Change of Use" planning application. Might be worth contacting Broxtowe Planning department regarding this to see if they are aware of the advert. The allotments are in the Green Belt.

Contact
Broxtowe to ask
if they have
heard anything

37/25 Finance

Date for next Finance meeting will be discussed in due course, aiming for June.

38/25 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Printing & Cartridges	611.53 (£479.67/£131.89)
Cossall PCC – Room Hire – 18/3/25	35.00
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	70.00
Mrs T. Wilson – Hall Cleaning	20.00
Parish Online – Annual Subscription	64.80
Slater Electrical – Replace phone box light	90.58
Cossall PCC – Electricity (15/7/24 to 14/3/25)	269.95
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00

Total £1,169.86

Income since 18/02/25

Bank Interest	16.86
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Total £ 16.86

Deposit Account	Reserve	7,000.00
	MTFS	750.00

Balances @ Bank – Feb 2025

Balances @ Bank – Mar 2025

Deposit A/C £4,230.10 (-Res/MTFS deducted)

Deposit A/C £3,031.10 (Reserve/MTFS deducted)

Current A/C £233.40

Current A/C £271.54

Total £4,463.50 (Available)

Total £3,302.64 (Available to spend)

39/25 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th April 2025, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.