

Minutes of the meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th July 2025

Present

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

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

80/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K. Harrison, Councillor Mrs E. Harrison, Councillor J. Keirnan and PC Harry Brown (Police).

81/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

82/25 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

83/25 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

84/25 Police report

No report.

85/25 County Councillor's report

No report.

86/25 Borough Councillor's report

Councillors Pringle and Mrs Ball reported that they had received an email from Bob Bullock, who is the current Mayor, regarding a 3 page email he had received from residents on The Glebe complaining about the new housing development. Work is often being started early, the language of the workers, noise, dust and traffic is not acceptable.

Most of the complaints are being addressed and Councillors Pringle and Mrs Ball have spoken to these residents a few times. Recent complaints are regarding lorries accessing the site from Newtons Lane – this was investigated and 2 residents had blocked the new entrance so that the lorries could not gain access – this was sorted out very quickly.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that there has been a complaint made by a resident that a swimming pool has been erected in the field at the rear of properties on Church Lane, which is an eyesore. Councillor Pringle said he could not see a problem with this at the moment as it is

likely to be a temporary structure and probably only there for the summer, but if it is still there in October, the Enforcement Officer could be asked to visit.

Councillor Rigby advised that some temporary structures can be put up without planning permission, as they are classed as a temporary. The complainant should make the complaint to the Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs Gilbert also reported that she had received an email advising that two Lime cycles have been thrown into the canal. These are electrical assisted bikes. Lime have reported that locks are being broken and the bikes are being stolen. They are in the process of updating the locks to stop this from happening. Rear wheels and batteries are being stolen and sold on. This is happening all over Nottinghamshire.

The question was raised as to the legality of the electric bikes being used on the tow path. These are legal bikes and as long as they are doing less than 28mph nothing can be done. Illegally modified bikes can be dealt with as if the bikes go over 28mph they have been modified. Councillor Pringle reported that he is pushing for something to be done – the worst ones are coming from the city to Strelley area. Most people are nice and slow down on the towpath but there are others who have no consideration for pedestrians. People need to report these to the police on 101.

Standing Orders commenced at 7.55pm

87/25 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

The floodlights will be discussed at the next meeting as Councillor Keirnan was not in attendance.

Comments have been made that trees are engulfing the church. The church grounds are looked after by Broxtowe Borough Council – do they tidy up the trees? Councillor Pringle will look into this.

It looks like funding is not going to be granted for the church hall car park.

Cllr. Pringle
to look into
churchyard
maintenance

b) Footpaths and pavements

The hanging baskets which have appeared on some of the lamp posts in the village will be checked for safety, by the County Council.

The two trees which were taken down at the green on the corner of Church Lane and Coronation Road were diseased and another tree is also going to be removed. Lee Scudder of Greenspaces will look at having them replaced.

It was reported that 'Harry's Tree' is really overshadowed by the taller trees, Councillor Wilton trims round when necessary – this could be sorted after Christmas.

Thanks were given to Councillor Ms Hopkin for organising someone to water the planter on Awsworth Lane, and she was asked to pass on thanks to those doing the watering.

Approaching from Church Lane, Robinettes Lane hedges on the left hand side need trimming. The overhanging trees near Trinity Farm have not yet been trimmed.

On Church Lane nothing has been done about the uneven pavement, this needs reporting again.

The hedge on Coronation Road is very overgrown all the way along from Chatterley's. Footpath number 9 is practically impassable.

The hedge opposite Cedar Farm on Church Lane, near the phone box, needs a safety trim.

Cllr Wilton to
sort

Report
overgrown
hedges and
uneven
footpath

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

The problem with lorries mounting the pavement has been reported to our MP, Juliet Campbell. She is happy to continue dialogue with us and Viaem and is happy to meet with us on Tuesday 29 July during the afternoon or evening. Councillors Wilton, Mrs Gilbert, Ms Hopkin and Mrs Wheatley will attend and early evening at 7pm suits everyone.

The 30mph signs on Robinettes Lane and opposite No 3 Robinettes Lane have both been knocked over. These were reported a few months ago but have still not been sorted.

d) RCAN

Notification of hall cluster meetings has been passed on to Marilyn Reed. Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported on the-Community Support Bulletin -This month's highlights include an upcoming funding training, a listening skills and the launch of a new Tackling Loneliness website offering tools and ideas to reduce isolation and information on how to pledge support to the Suicide Prevention Charter. There is also information on the Severn Trent Community Fund, with insight into what they're looking to support.

e) CPRE

Nothing to report.

f) Phone box

Councillor Wilton will sort out the gold paint and paint the crests.

g) Trees and The Woodland Trust

Councillors Mrs Wheatley and Ms Hopkin will get together and have a look at which other trees can be added to the list of valuable trees.

Cllrs Mrs
Wheatley &
Ms Hopkin to
look at trees

h) Newsletter

Articles needed for the Summer/Autumn newsletter. Suggestions were made – report on Open Gardens, Children's Corner, defibrillator information, a recipe, update on the Almshouses, use of 101 to report things to the police, ask PC Harry Brown to do an article with contact details etc, designs for new village sign. Also, nominations for people who help out in the community. Councillor Ms Hopkin will find out who the Parish's oldest resident is.

88/25 Correspondence

Invitation to Annual Borough/Town/Parish meeting on Thursday 24 July 2025, commencing at 7pm. Councillors Ms Hopkin and Mrs Wheatley will attend if possible.

There has been an application for the advertised vacancy on the Parish Council. Michelle Byrne has lived in the parish for a while and has a young family. It is important to her for Cossall to be a lovely place for families to live and she would like to get involved.

It was proposed and seconded that Michelle be co-opted on to the council. There was a show of hands and all were in favour.

Michelle signed her Acceptance of Office form and will fill in the Member's Interest forms and return to the Clerk as soon as possible for the Clerk to send in to Broxtowe Borough Council.

89/25 Planning applications

Need to be aware of the Howarth proposals for the land Awsworth side of the Bennerley Viaduct. Keep a look out in order to make a response, as there are concerns about potential problems of increased traffic in the area.

90/25 Finance

It was discussed at the Finance meeting that we need to think about employing an odd-job handyman. This would be a very part-time position to do various jobs around the parish – refurbishing notice boards, trimming grass, tidying weeds etc. Councillor Wilton offered to do this and everyone was in agreement. Payment needs to be discussed, with an hourly rate, for putting forward to the council. The next Finance meeting will be late October/early November.

91/25 Accounts for payment

John Wheatley has kindly worked out the payment to the church for the electricity to the floodlights from 17 March to 30 June.

Standing Charge	43.20
Electricity	25.07

Total	68.27
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The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary/Finance Meeting	533.58 (£503.58/£30.00)
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Cossall PCC – Room Hire – 24/6/25 (1 hour) – 15/7/25	52.50
Mr R Heard – Website Administration	70.00
Mrs T. Wilson – Hall Cleaning	20.00
Kim Boldock – Donation towards Sensory Garden	200.00
Cossall PCC – Electricity for floodlights (15/3 to 30/6)	68.27
Bank Charges and Fees	8.00

Total £ 952.35

19 August 2025

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk’s Salary	503.58
Mr R. Heard – Website Administration	70.00

Total £573.58

Income since 17/06/25	
Bank Interest	28.58

Total £28.58

Deposit Account	Reserve	7,000.00
	MTFS	1,750.00

Balances @ Bank – 17 June 2025	Balances @ Bank – 15 July 2025
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Deposit A/C £11,980.43 (-Res/MTFS deducted)	Deposit A/C £10,509.01 (Reserve/MTFS)
Current A/C £654.09	Current A/C £1,146.74

Total	£12,634.52 (Available)	Total	£11,655.75 (Available to spend)
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92/25 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16 September 2025, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.