

Minutes of the Meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2025

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor J. Keirnan
Councillor Mrs M. Byrne
Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)
Reverend Karen Hanford (Church)
Alex Parker (Member of the Public)

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

93/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K. Rigby, Councillor D. Keating, Councillor Mrs S. Keating and Councillor Ms J. Goold (Nottinghamshire County Council).

94/25 Declaration of Interest

Councillor J. Keirnan declared an interest in any discussions regarding his planning application for the removal of two trees at the side of his property.

95/25 Minutes of the last meeting

Items for Discussion – b) Footpaths and Pavements – An addition was required to Paragraph 3 thanking Councillor Ms Hopkin for organising someone to water the planter on Awsworth Lane – “**Councillor Ms Hopkin was asked to thank the resident concerned.**”

Following this addition, the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

96/25 Public participation

Alex Parker was present at the meeting. He told the meeting that he had put up the hanging baskets in the village and had received many comments on how nice they looked. He did say that he now understood that he had been wrong in putting them up as the lampposts had not been checked for safety. He asked the meeting why we no longer have hanging baskets through the parish.

It was explained that following a poor display a few years ago, and taking the cost into consideration, the decision was made to have planters around the parish instead. There is no longer the need to pay the substantial cost of watering the floral displays, due to the fact that the planters, being on the floor, can be watered by volunteers. We receive sponsorship for the floral

arrangements which has cut out a huge expense from the budget, thus enabling the Parish Council to use the money to enhance the parish in other ways. Alex told the meeting that there are residents who are willing to contribute financially towards having hanging baskets and he would be prepared to water them.

Alex was asked to put a proposal forward in writing, which can be considered at the next Finance meeting. Councillor Keirnan thanked Alex for coming to the meeting and putting this proposal to the Parish Council.

Reverend Karen Hanford thanked the Parish Council for inviting her along to the meeting. She asked whether it would be possible for Church events to be advertised in the newsletters, this was agreed and Karen was informed that any Church notices can be displayed on the notice boards throughout the parish.

97/25 Police report

No report.

98/25 County Councillor's report

No report.

99/25 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Pringle will make enquiries regarding the maintenance of the Churchyard and, in particular, ask if the trees around the War Memorials could be trimmed back.

The new housing development is still causing problems as there has been a set back with the opening of the new entrance/exit on Shilo Way. This has been completed to the specifications given by Nottinghamshire County Council Highways department but they have now changed the original specifications, thus more work is to be carried out. It is hoped that this will commence soon and that the work will be completed by 25th October.

It was reported that the re-surfacing of most of Shilo Way has been done but there are no crosshatchings – this poses a danger as anyone overtaking, especially at night, could go into the bollards.

The decision will be made in November regarding the changes to local government areas.

It was reported that there is possibly an illegal tip operating at the back of the farm on Newtons Lane. Photos will be forwarded to Councillor Mrs Gilbert.

Cllr Pringle to enquire regarding maintenance of the churchyard

Photos of possible illegal tip to be taken

Standing Orders commenced at 8.05pm

100/25 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

Thanks were given to John and Sandra Wheatley for putting up the decorations for VJ Day on the lych gate.

Councillor Keirnan was thanked for sorting out the new LED bulbs for the church floodlights. These will be fitted by Slater Electrical.

It was reported that funding has now been granted and received towards the repair/re-furbishment of the church hall car park. Thanks for all the work obtaining this funding was given to Marilyn Reed and Cllr. Harrison.

B) Footpaths and pavements

Although all the hedges were reported to have been cut back, it was found that they have not all been done. Work is still required on the hedge at the far end of Coronation Road and some of the hedge on Robinettes Lane.

Footpath No 9 has now been sorted.

The sink hole in the pavement on Robinettes Lane has been sorted.

The pavement at Millennium Park will be monitored and any further deterioration reported.

The canal leaks are being sorted out and the work will be carried out between 15th -26th September in two separate sections. Water has been pumped in on a couple of occasions when the levels have been low.

Johnn Wheatley has cut some overgrowth at the back of "Harry's Tree" but was unable to reach the higher branches. Councillor Wilton will deal with the higher vegetation.

Eileen and Keith Harrison were thanked for the lovely floral displays in the planters.

Councillor Mrs Byrne reported that the pavement from Patchitt's farm driveway all the way up to Church Lane are in a bad state. She will take photos and forward to Councillor Mrs Gilbert, along with the What3words location.

Councillor Wilton reported that the Cossall sign opposite The White House looks horrendous but that could be re-furbished. It was also suggested that the posts be raised to elevate the whole sign. Councillor Wilton will cost up the required work ready for the next Finance meeting.

Councillor Wilton also reported that he had spoken to Steven Wilson from Viaem and told him about the flooding due to the lack of a drainage system from Robinettes Lane all the way down Dead Lane. Steven told Councillor Wilton that he would report this matter. Apparently at the Blue/Green Strategy meeting to discuss flooding in the county, none of the roads around this area were mentioned.

C) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

Following the meeting with Juliet Campbell MP regarding road issues, there will be a site meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council's Highway Networks Manager. As yet there is no confirmed date for this to take place but the dates suggested are the mornings of 13th/14th and 17th October.

The drains will also be mentioned at this meeting.

The movement of lorries through the village still needs monitoring and any overweight vehicle suspected of just travelling through need to be reported. Lorries of any weight travelling to and from the industrial estate on Robinettes Lane are legally allowed to travel through the village.

A close eye also needs to be kept on Howarth's proposed development site off Shilo Way as there will be a lot of lorries coming and going from there if the development goes ahead. CPRE and RCAN could be of use in this matter.

d) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that funding has been received for more Cluster meetings.

e) CPRE

Cllr Wilton to sort out higher vegetation around "Harry's Tree"

Cllr Mrs Byrne to send information to Cllr Mrs Gilbert

Cllr Wilton to cost up work for sign re-furb

Nothing to report. f) Defibrillator checks Councillors Wilton and Keirnan will carry out the checks. g) Trees and The Woodland Trust Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported that she has added 3 horse chestnut trees to the Woodland Trust website. There is not much point in adding anymore at this stage – 8 have been added so far. Broxtowe has a Tree Management Strategy document – Councillor Ms Hopkin will have a look if she can acquire the document. 101/25 Correspondence Invitation to Eastwood Town Council's Mayor's Christmas Civic Service. Councillor Ms Hopkin will attend. It was reported that contact details of Parish Councillors are legally required to be posted on the website. Russ Heard is able to create separate Cossall Parish Council email addresses for everyone to be added to the website, any email messages received via the website addresses will be forwarded to the recipient's personal email address. Councillors preset opted for this additional contact information to be added to the site. A request was received from the County Councillor's Discretionary Fund to provide details of how the grant of £250 from Councillor Doddy has been spent. Copies of invoices, photos, posters and newsletter have been sent. This is for the Discretionary Fund's annual audit. 102/25 Planning applications Councillor Keirnan has submitted a planning application to fell two trees at the side of his property which are causing damage to his property and that of his neighbour. Councillor Mrs Wheatley reported that Gurjit Mahal has had another delay with the Almshouses. The Borough Council came to look at the insulation and even though they had originally approved it, it has had to be ripped out. 103/25 Finance The appointment of the Parish Handyman will be discussed at the next Finance meeting. The Clerk will contact Councillor Rigby regarding dates to circulate for the next meeting, which ideally needs to be held before the Parish Council meeting in November. 104/25 Accounts for payment The following accounts were approved for payment Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Print Cartridges & Print/Phone Rental (Aug 25) 615.12 (£503.58/£77.94/£33.60) Cossall PCC – Room Hire – 16/9/25 35.00 Mr R Heard – Website Administration 70.00 Mrs T. Wilson – Hall Cleaning 20.00	Cllrs Wilton and Keirnan to sort out Cllr Ms Hopkin to have a look at this Cllr Ms Hopkin to attend Email addresses to be created on website Clerk to contact Cllr Rigby re dates
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Mrs M. Gilbert – Newsletter	89.10
Mr J. Keirnan – LED Bulbs for Church Floodlights	125.40

Total £954.62

Income since 17/06/25

Bank Interest £50.35

Total £ 50.35

Deposit Account

Reserve 7,000.00

MTFS 1,750.00

Balances @ Bank – 31 August 2025

Deposit A/C £10,559.36 (-Res/MTFS)
(Reserve/MTFS deducted)

Current A/C £565.16

Total £11,124.52 (Available)

Balances @ Bank – 16 September

Deposit A/C £10,059.36

Current A/C £110.54

Total £10,169.90 (Available to spend)

105/25 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 21 October 2025, commencing at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.