

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

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor K. Rigby
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
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

119/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Keirnan.

120/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

121/25 Minutes of the last meeting

113/25 Items for Discussion d) RCAN - The information in this section should have been minuted under a) Church Matters.

Following this correction, the Minutes of the meeting held on 21stOctober 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

122/25 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

123/25 Police report

No report.

124/25 County Councillor's report

No report.

125/25 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Pringle reported that the latest end date for the work being carried out by Cadent should be 30th November but it is advisable to keep checking on their website. Details of the suspected illegal tip have been sent to the Enforcement Officer at Broxtowe and the site has been visited. No feedback has been received. It was reported that Helen Spencer has re-located to the Flood Team so we need details of the new contact for Footpaths etc.

Standing Orders commenced at 7.32pm

126/25 Items for discussion

Cllr Pringle to
provide contact
details for the
new footpath
officer

a) Church matters

It was reported that Aysworth Parish Council had the war memorial professionally cleaned. Councillor Ms Hopkin has got the details of the person who carried out the work. It was decided that we should request a quotation for cleaning our stone memorials.

Councillor Mrs Wheatley informed the meeting that the installation of the LED bulbs for the floodlights will be done on Thursday.

The refurbishment of the hall carpark, using the grant money, can be organised when the gate posts have been moved.

b) Footpaths and pavements

It was reported that Broxtowe are aware that LP13 is still the old style lamp post and a new one is on order.

Although notification has been received that the moss and grass on the pavement along Robinettes Lane has been removed this is not the case. This will hopefully be done once the roadworks have finished.

It was reported that a tractor has obviously gone across the verge and onto the pavement on Church Lane to get through the roadworks. Consequently this verge is now churned up. The question was raised as to whether Cadent will re-instate all the damaged verges once their work is finished.

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

The question was raised as to why the roadworks are taking so long to complete as the date has been pushed back to 30th November. Cadent encountered a problem with the gas pressure which was too low. This is usually rectified by pushing the plastic pipe through the existing pipework but as the gas pipes in the village are reportedly around 100 years old, they are too narrow to accommodate the plastic piping. Cadent are therefore having to replace all the old pipes which has led to a delay in completion of the work.

Councillor Mrs Wheatley was thanked for contacting Cadent and arranging for Church Lane to be re-opened during the very heavy rain last week, to allow access to the village in case of flooding at the bottom of Dead Lane.

d) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that he has passed on the Cluster Meeting information to Marilyn Reed. He has also passed on information on various workshop meetings on social media.

e) CPRE

Nothing to report.

f) Christmas tree

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that the tree has been ordered and will be available from the end of the month. There are plenty of volunteers to help with the setting up of the tree.

g) Floral planters

Councillor Mrs Harrison has purchased some more plants for the planters.

h) Winter newsletter

The newsletter has been printed and is ready for distribution. Councillor Mrs Gilbert will send a digital copy to our MP.

Request a quotation for cleaning our stone memorials.

Digital copy to be sent to our MP

127/25 Correspondence

Invitation to Stapleford Town Council's Mayor's Christmas Civic Service, also invitations to their Autumn and Christmas Coffee Morning.

128/25 Planning applications

Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that she has spoken to Gurjit Mahal and he told her that during the building work being carried out at the Almshouses they have come across some original features including the fireplaces. He would like to preserve these so has made some modifications to the planned work. He has been in contact with the Planning department at Broxtowe regarding the proposed changes and they are seem very happy for him to apply for a modification to the plans, to benefit the original features.

129/25 Finance

Councillor Rigby reported on the Finance meeting which was held last week. There have been some increases but also some savings in the proposed budget. The MTFS provides a budget for planned spend, which at the moment is for the Village Gateway signs and at the beginning of April 2026 the figure for this will be £2,500. Councillor Mrs Gilbert suggested that it would be worth applying for match funding if this facility is still available.

Something which has not been budgeted for is the fitting of the LED bulbs for the church floodlights, which will cost £600 but hopefully there will be a small surplus at the end of the financial year to cover this.

It was suggested that we request a grant from the County Councillors to go towards the cleaning of the War Memorials. It was suggested that we obtain a cost for this.

Councillor Rigby proposed that the Precept be raised to £15,050.00 for the forthcoming year. This proposal was seconded and all were in favour.

Look into
possible match
funding

130/25 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Finance Meeting/ Phone Rental – Nov 25	567.18 (£503.58/£30.00/£33.60)
Cossall PCC – Room Hire – 11/11/25 & 18/11/25	52.50
Mr R Heard – Website Administration/Website Storage	94.99
Mrs T. Wilson – Hall Cleaning	20.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Printing of Newsletter	89.10
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Donation	214.00
Cossall PCC – Electricity for Floodlights (1/7/25-16/10/25)	74.03
Mrs E. Harrison – Plants	30.00

Total £1,141.80

Payments on 16 December 2025

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary	503.58
Mr R. Heard	70.00

Total £573.58

Income since 21/10/25

Bank Interest	22.91
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Total £22.91

Deposit Account	Reserve	7,000.00
	MTFS	1,750.00

Balances @ Bank – 31 October 2025

Deposit A/C £9,106.48 (-Res/MTFS)

Current A/C £441.96

Total £9,548.44 (Available)

Balances @ Bank – 18 November 2025

Deposit A/C £7,606.78 (Reserve/MTFS deducted)

Current A/C £800.16

Total £8,406.94 (Available to spend)

131/25 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th January 2026, commencing at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.