Minutes of Meeting of Cossall Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th September 2026

Present

Councillor Mrs M. Gilbert (Chair)
Councillor Ms L. Hopkin
Councillor Mrs S. Wheatley
Councillor J. Wilton
Councillor K. Harrison
Councillor Mrs E. Harrison
Councillor Mrs M. Byrne
Councillor Ms R. Eley
Councillor D. Pringle (Broxtowe Borough Council)
PC Chris Halderson - Police
PCSO Tony Davies - Police

Clerk

Mrs S.M. Bircumshaw

93/26 Co-option of New Councillor

Following the recent advertisement regarding the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, Rachel Eley had applied for the position. Rachel was welcomed onto the Parish Council and completed the necessary paperwork, which will be sent to Broxtowe Borough Council.

94/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Keating, Councillor Mrs S. Keating, Councillor K. Rigby and Councillor Mrs L. Ball (Broxtowe Borough Council).

95/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

96/26 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

97/26 Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

98/26 Police report

PC Halderson and PCSO Davies attended the meeting to give a report.
There have been 14 reported incidents in the last year, which were mainly traffic concerns. These incidents were reported and crime numbers were generated.
Councillor Mrs Gilbert reported that we have had correspondence from a resident of Newtons Lane reporting that the far end of the lane is being used for drug dealing and there are a lot of revving cars. This is taking place in Fisherman's car park opposite Bridge Farm. Intelligence will be submitted and liaison with Beeston will take place.
These are 2 elements for a stop and search to be carried out.
Councillor Ms Hopkin asked if there is any information regarding a burglary on Awsworth Lane, which someone had mentioned to her at a property belonging to a 100 year old lady, which took place earlier in the year. It was confirmed that there is nothing in the reports regarding this.
In order for incidents to be recorded a crime number needs to be generated, this only happens if the incident was reported via 101 or, if very urgent, 999.

If you cannot get through to 101 incidents can be reported online, an Incident number is created once the report is registered.
The Off-Road Team is still used and for any traffic offences i.e. off-road bikers, the initial contact to request the services of the team should be made to the Police and Crime Commissioner who is in contact with the Chief Constable.

99/26 County Councillor's report

No report.

100/26 Borough Councillor's report

Councillor Pringle reported that there has been a pause on the Local Government Review, so no changes will be made to the existing Local councils at this time. All councillors will be up for re-election next May.
Eastwood Town Council are in the process of trying to get a Medical Centre.
Paperwork has been submitted for a new swimming pool at Bramcote Leisure Centre.

Standing Orders commenced at 8.05pm

101/26 Items for discussion

a) Church matters

Talks are taking place with the Arch Deacon regarding St Catherine's Church becoming a Festival Church. This is due to the lack of regular churchgoers attending the regular services, only 4 people attend on a regular basis. A Festival Church will do any service for a congregation and provide a minister.
Councillor Ms Eley reported that there are a lot of brambles up the walls and windows at the back of the church. This will be mentioned to Broxtowe Borough Council for when they come to trim the trees.

Broxtowe will be contacted about this.

War Memorials – A grant of £17,500 has been awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, for the cleaning and repair of the war memorials in the churchyard.
The concrete will also be replaced around the base of the Waterloo Memorial and an information board erected. Planning permission is not required but a paper from the faculty is needed. The church have agreed that they own the memorials, so any permissions required will go through the church. The application will go forward to the October meeting, which then needs signing and submitting to the Chancellor. The permission is needed before Christmas because if the work is not completed by the end of June 2027 the grant will be lost. We need to explain to the Grant Manager that we are now waiting for the church red tape before any work can be started.

An email will be sent to our grant manager

b) Footpaths and pavements

It was reported that the chicken wire on the bridge from Coronation Road to Millennium Park is coming loose. Horses have been seen crossing the bridge so notices have been put up to say the bridge is not safe for hordes, as it is dangerous. Councillor Wilton will have a look at this problem of the loose chicken wire.

Cllr Wilton to look at this

An email has been received from a resident regarding a couple of footpath signs which have been taken down and thrown into a field. This has been reported and the problem will be investigated.
It was reported that the hedge trimming on Coronation Road seems to have stopped and the hedge at the Manor House is still in need of cutting back.

c) Roads/Traffic/Bikers

There have been a couple of reports about the drain at the end of Newtons Lane being blocked and an over-flowing dog bin. Both of these problems have been reported. The drain will be investigated and the report on the dog bin has now been closed.
There was a nasty horse riding accident on Robinettes Lane, where the lady involved was left lying in the road for 3 hours before an ambulance arrived. Could this incident be used

Request speed reduction on this lane

as a reason for asking for a speed reduction? A dog had spooked the horse but anything can spook a horse.
It was reported that the hedge on Robinettes Lane needs cutting. Councillor Wilton will take a photo of the hedge narrowing the road.

Cllr Wilton to take a photo

d) RCAN

Councillor Harrison reported that he had received information on various training courses. The next village hall Cluster Group meeting is being held here.
A meeting will be arranged to discuss the possibility of applying for a grant for secondary double glazing in the church hall.

Meeting to be arranged

e) CPRE

It was reported that Councillors Mrs Wheatley and Ms Hopkin are featured in the AGM Newsletter – Cresswell Craggs.
The next meeting is at the Cat and Fiddle Windmill, Kirk Hallam on Sunday 20th September. Councillor Mrs Wheatley will be attending.

f) Summer/Autumn Newsletter

Thanks were given to all the deliverers and helpers with the articles.

g) Memorial plaque for Jim Gill

Councillor Wilton will clean the bench Kath Gill has chosen for the plaque to be situated on. Kath has asked if the Parish Council can help with the wording on the plaque.
The following suggestion was made “In memory of Jim Gill, whose campaigning led to the creation of this park, which remains a lasting legacy for generations to come”. This suggestion will be sent to Kath for her approval or any changes and Kath will also be asked if she would like dates putting on the plaque. Councillor Mrs Byrne will go and look at the seat to get appropriate measurements for the sizing of the plaque.

h) Benches

Councillor Wilton will look at the benches which require cleaning and put in a quote for the work. Councillor Ms Eley offered to help with the cleaning.

i) Floral planters

Thanks were given to Councillor Mrs Harrison and everyone who has helped with the planting and the watering throughout the summer. The planters are still looking very good. Councillor Ms Hopkin will get the resident who watered the planter on Awsworth Lane some flowers or chocolates as a thank you for watering this planter.

j) Christmas tree

Last year the Christmas Tree cost £300 for a 16ft tree plus £100 for transport and erection. A decision needs to be made at the next meeting as to what we plan to do this year. Enquiries will be made as to costs for this year, also look at different options – it obviously needs to be the full package of tree and transportation/erection.

102/26 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

103/26 Planning applications

There were no planning applications for discussion.

104/26 Finance

Need to sort out a date for the next Finance Meeting. Tuesdays seem to be the best option. Tuesday 13th October was suggested but could probably consider a couple of

other dates. The meeting needs to be held before the Parish Council meeting in November. The clerk will speak to Councillor Rigby.

Clerk to speak to Cllr Rigby

105/26 Accounts for payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

18th August 2026

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary	522.72
Mr R. Heard – Website Administration	80.00

Total £602.72

Mrs S. Bircumshaw – Clerk's Salary/Phone Rental/ Printer Cartridges & Printing/Postage (£522.72/£33.60/£80.94/£7.40)	644.66
Cossall PCC – Room Hire (15/9/26)	35.00
Mr R. Heard – Website Administration	80.00
Mrs T. Wilson – Hall Clean	25.00
Mrs M. Gilbert – Printing Winter Newsletter	92.40
Cossall PCC – Electricity for Floodlights (1/4/26-21/6/26)	47.65

Total £924.71

Income since 21/07/26

Bank Interest	46.02

Total £46.02

Deposit Account

Reserve	9,206.79)	
MTFS	2,500.00)	£12,531.79
NCC Grant	825.00)	

Balances @ Bank – 31 August 2026		Balances @ Bank – 15 September 2026	
Deposit A/C	£9,662.42	Deposit A/C	£8,962.42 (Precept Balance)
Current A/C	£455.38	Current A/C	£230.67
Total	**£10,117.80**	**Total**	**£9,193.09** (Available to spend)

106/26 Date and time of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.