

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs J Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mr P Roberts, Mr C Stokes & Mrs J Storey

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC) and 6 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs H Harbottle (School Appointment) & Mr D Smith, (MK Dons)

### 2. Members Declaration of Interest (for items on the Agenda)

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 31st March 2009

Minutes of the meeting 31st March 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only)

#### (a) Bus Shelter Minute 4(a)

Work completed - positive comments from residents

#### (b) New BG Minute 4(b)

Q on imposed planting conditions awaits (Cllr McCord). Agent's letter enquiring re land acquisition acknowledged and copied to SNC Solicitors. Farmer's cheque received for tenancy rent? Via Cllr Smith. Cheque not cashed > clerk advised return with covering letter - agreed

#### (c) Cosgrove Hall Gate House Minute 4(e)

Enforcement - Cllr McCord (SNC) requested to chase – update on SNCs current position

\* Letter to be sent regarding the delays in enforcement

#### (d) CPRE Northamptonshire Planning Road Show Minute 8(a)

Attended by Cllr Robert who spoke on the item > Circulation file for comment next meeting

#### (e) O/s Church Minute 11(c)(e)

Existing illumination 35W > 55W + additional arm awaits quote

\* Triangle > Cllr Stokes still to investigate before NCC enquiry

#### (f) Water leak Locks Lane / Main Street Minute 11(g)

AW x 3 repairs still leaking? > repaired this day

### 5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Rural Housing Policy Draft outlined in the light of the Cosgrove Appeal. Nothing further to report after AOM and left the meeting

**(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)**

No further report > after AOM and left the meeting

**7. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2009/0301/P** Extensions to both sides and a vehicle crossover 1 Yardley Road

\* Given the changes addressing the PCs concern about roof line and scale – supported, especially if it ensures that vehicles normally parked outside are moved off road

**Interim Rural Housing Planning Policy – Draft for Consultation (Circulated with Agenda)**

This is as a result of the lack of 5 year land bank in SNC and the latest Appeals against refusal

\* For report and comments asap

**(b) Permissions Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee**

**Permit** – Demolition of existing workshop and replace with residential annexe at Medlar House, Stratford Road (to include bat / barn owl survey prior to work commencing)

**Consent** – CA consent as above

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**(d) Press Notices**

None

**8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)**

**(a) Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)**

Freedom of Information update – DVD > for file

**\* (b) SNC Communications Officer**

Special screen filming at Culworth Friday 15 May 8pm Film to be decided (01295 760855) > nb

**(b) Equality & Human Rights Commission**

Public Sector Duties > copied to members for info – booklet circulated

**(c) South Northants Homes**

Major works – none Cosgrove

**\* (d) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit**

Public consultation – Draft Supplementary Planning Document: Affordable Housing Guidance includes new rules on education, sustainability etc. > circulated

**(f) N/CALC**

Invoice for Annual Fees including Internal Audit > to be agreed

Update circulated – alternative Insurance Supplier > for file

**\* (g) TADD (Towcester Area Door to Door)**

Volunteer drivers wanted > Old Mail

**(h) Rural Services Community**

Digest circulated for info (includes £19M boost for village halls) > Cllr Stokes (VH Committee)

**(i) N/CALC**

Advice on salary agreement for clerks from 1 April 2008 > Clerk would not consider at this time

**(j) MKC**

Core Strategy and Consultation Portal Update > noted for file and future reference

**(k) SLCC**

VAT Day Courses > NFA

**\* (l) Northamptonshire YMCA / NCC**

Voluntary Youth Groups > Cllr Harbottle (in absence) to consider (via Cllr Storey)

**(m) SNC Returning Officer**

Notice of County and European Elections 4 June > Notices posted

**(n) 11 Main Street**

New Address for conversion of Garage to dwelling rear 15 Main Street > noted for file

**9. Finance**

**(a) The Council to approve budgetary controls to date (Attached to Agenda)**

\* **RESOLVED** to approve. Clerk explained end of year totals > current

**(b) To Approve Current State of Finance**

Treasurer's a/c:	£75.88
Business Call a/c:	£23,650.99 (+ ½ Precept) (+ see note)
Earmarked Reserves:	£13,863.58
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£9,863.29 *</b>

Note: £450 donation received for Churchyard mowing > letter of thanks sent

\* Clerk recommended that current years allocation for Play Equip Fund and Street Light Replacement Fund > Bus Shelter Fund and reasoning **RESOLVED** to approve - unanimous

**(c) Payment agreed of outstanding accounts listed below**

000997	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
000998	Petty Cash:	£10.65
000999	AH Contracts:	£14.79 (Dog bin contract Apr)
001000	NJ Blackwell:	£298.60 (Mowing)
001001	E.ON:	£238.58 (PL Energy)
001002	N/CALC:	£266.62 (Annual Subs + Internal Audit) (Min:8(f))
001003	C. Styles:	£7,245.00 (Bus Shelter + vat)
001004	NWBS:	£145.00 (Clerks pension)
001005	OSPC:	£200.00 (Donation Equip Use)

**(d) To Adopt Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

End of Year Accounts / Returns + R&P Book signed and unanimously approved and adopted  
Annual Return Sec 1 & 2 signed by the Chairman & Clerk/RFO

**10. Street Lighting**

**(a)** 10 Bridge Road PL ooo? Tbc by Cllr Storey

**(b)** PL7 Mansel Close still ooo (Former ABB Contract which ended 31 March 2009 to be recalled again

**11. Highways**

**(a)** Pot Holes Main Street worse due to 4(f)

- (b) Utility Trench Dower House bend still not repaired + outstanding works > Cllr Walker
- (c) Current A5 works discussed (notice reaffirmed schedule)
- (e) 2 Main Street > flooding from canal reported > the clerk agreed to accompany Cllr Gibbs

**12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda (AOB)**

- (a) Old School Main Street opposite CA? Plastic windows noted > SNC
- (b) The clerk to check slide (concrete base)
- (c) Stratford Road – Shop in poor condition / appearance opposite CA

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Annual Meeting commencing at 7.00pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm