

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 23rd February 2010 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) & Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC)(part) no members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D Smith & Mrs J Storey (family commitments), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) would be late due to SNC meeting & Mr A Walker (NCC) (same meeting but unavailable)

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

Cllr Stokes personal non prejudicial interest S/2010/0157/FUL (Agent/owner known)

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 5th January 2010

Minutes of the meeting 5th January 2010 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Flooding issues - The Green Minute 4(a)

AW Job No. 34694020 dated 23/11/09 follow up phone call after another email

(inaction explained – despite complaint to Liz McBreen (AW Manager)

Complaints > Customer Services AW. PO Box 10642, Harlow, CM2 0HA

(b) Towcester Partnership / The South Northants Bus Co Ltd Minute 4(b)

Further cost = £200 >

(c) CPRE Northamptonshire Minute 8(d)

Stop the Drop – Litter campaign for 9 – 18 April > action

(d) West Northants Joint Planning Unit Minute 8(l)

Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Sites in Cosgrove identified (for discussion)

* The clerk responded on issues involving Cosgrove – due to time details circulated

(e) Play Area outstanding

Quote awaits (Wednesday 24th Feb) for Awards for All application

5. Public Speaking Time

No public present

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Spoke on the Housing Needs Survey. SNC Community charge = 3%? (would furnish details when known). Advised on the Towcester Moat Lane development and proposed move by SNC & on the Cosgrove Hall Gatehouse. He declared an Interest in Min:8(j) as a board member of SNH

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2010/0157/FUL Demolition of existing residential & Commercial Property. Construction of 4 no. Part two storey & part single storey terraced 2 bedroom residential units with car parking.
6a Stratford Road

* **OBJECTION** Whilst we supported the original permission (S/2006/1373/P) for 3 dwellings with a ground floor shop, we now accept that shop is unviable and have therefore no objection to its removal. *We do however OBJECT* to the latest application for 4 terraced dwellings despite the amendment to the buildings profile, build levels and rear roofscape. We consider that this is not the best use or the most efficient use of land as required by Paragraph 45 of PPS3 due to its cramped design. It is also opposite and alongside bus stops close to the village crossroads and village school and would have a visually impact on the street scene opposite a conservation area. Despite the amended parking layout, it continues to raise road safety issues due to access and egress. We also question the plans submitted, which appear to indicate a passageway to the development next to No 8 but without access from the street level. There is also no provision for Bin Stores as required by policy. *For these reasons we submit that the application should be refused.* We would not however object to a similar design for 3 terraced dwellings.

(b) Decision Notices

Permit – 2 Bridge Road (Retrospective) 1.8M high fencing (for 5 years) Noted

* Email sent to NCC highways re verge planting on highway land contrary to permission

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Cosgrove Hall > deferred

Cllr McCord arrived at this point (reverted to Min:6(a))

(d) Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Response circulated)

* The clerk spoke on the circulated responses due to time limit which were unanimously approved

(e) Review of Parking Restrictions (Cosgrove)(Circulated)

* The clerk requested the status of the Safe Routes to School submission by Cosgrove School
Any comments or parking proposals to the clerk asap. Would send email request to Cllr McCord

(f) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) NJ Blackwell**

Mowing Quote for 2010 (+ 3%) unanimously agreed

* Note: 2 companies have not responded to date, 1 wishes to tender 2011 (details noted)

(b) SNC Director of Service Delivery

Parish Councils Forum December 2009 > presentation circulated for info

(c) SNC Lead Officer Economic Development & Tourism

Notes from the Sustainable Workshop > circulated for info

(d) East Midlands Fire & Rescue

Info re new Control Centre at Castle Donington opening 2011 transfer completed by early 2012

* Noted – details circulated

*** (e) Rural Services Network**

A new free service for Community Groups > Cllr Hickie deals

(f) Communities & Local Government

Delivery & drive of housing expansion in (*) and Northamptonshire (WNDC) and changes from April 2011 > Report noted and circulated

(g) MKC Senior Planning Officer – Development Plans

MK Core Strategy: Pre-Submission Publication – Consultation 17th Feb > 31 March

* Clerk had examined publication > cross border pressures noted > response forms circulated

*** (h) SNC Head of Corporate Services**

Standards Committee result > clerk advised report which was noted

(i) SNC Electoral Officer

General Election – Display of Notice re voters > nb

*** (j) SNC Strategic Housing Officer**

Housing Needs Survey Result > no need identified for family housing BUT some social housing requirement is identified > Report noted awaits further investigations > SNC (SHO)

(k) SNC Housing Options Assistant

Housing 4U newsletter > circulated

(l) SN Homes

Notice of high level works Yardley Road (Current), Bridge Road/Manor Close Feb/March > noted

(m) NCC Finance Officers

Supplier Update > invoicing procedure noted for record

(n) Forestry Commission Community Ranger

Poster re events Salcey Forest > nb agreed

*** (o) NCC Parking Partnership (via Cllr McCord)**

Any Cosgrove areas for consideration? > Min:7(e)

*** (p) SNC Director of Service Delivery**

Invitation to PC re Interim Rural Housing Policy Presentation 4/3 > Clerk, HH attends

*** (q) N/CALC**

Training Guide 2010 - Booking Forms circulated and discussed

*** (r) Potterspury Cllr**

Email re rumours of the hourly Route 89 Potterspury > Northampton being cut to 2 hourly

* If true and affects Cosgrove (and IRHP Matrix re sustainability) (Report from Cllr Walker awaits)

*** (s) British Waterways**

Iron Trunk Aqueduct- second Partnership meeting at Cosgrove VH proposed > awaits confirmation

*** (t) BDO LLP**

Audit briefing – Winter 2010.> noted for record (along with recommendations for coming audit)

* Power of Well Being noted for record (and eligibility)

*** (u) Colin Styles**

Request for Interim Payment re materials VH acoustics > approved

9. Finance

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

* **RESOLVED** approve by unanimous decision.

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£79.23
Business Call a/c:	£17,955.87 (Vat + NCC mowing Grant + ER VH)
Earmarked Reserves:	£13,175.43
Available Capital:	£4,859.67

(c) Payment agreed of outstanding accounts listed below by unanimous decision

001056	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001057	Petty Cash:	£22.93
001058	AH Contracts:	£15.11 (Dog Bins Jan)
001059	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£75.28 (PL17 & 26 repairs)
001060	SLCC:	£95.00 (SLCC Membership 50% OSPC)
001061	E.ON:	£199.24 (PL Energy – rebate for photocell overcharge)
001062	Colin Styles:	£3,000.00 (Min:8(u))

10. Street Lighting

No reports

11. Highways

(a) Salt bin survey by Cllr Gibbs > to clerk via email for onward to NCC/MGWSP Highways

(b) Triangle o/s Church discussed + entrance illumination

(c) Damaged kerb opposite the VH after Heavy Plant loading

(d) Main Street / Bridge Road surface damaged after (c) above

(e) Castlethorpe Road potholing

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

(a) Cosgrove House Stratford Road water leak from demolished dwelling (pipe doubled over)

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th March 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm