

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) - No members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr A Bracey (away), Mrs J Storey (Family illness), Mr I McCord (SNC)(travel issues) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(away)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

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

Resident kept updated re request for details from AW

#### (b) Pocket Park initiative Minute 4(d)

Report from Cllrs Harbottle (Gibbs and Smith) > no suitable site of merit

#### (c) SNC Economic Development Strategy & Workshop Minute 8(c) & (d)

\* Workshop attended by Cllr Harbottle who spoke on the item, its relevance and feedback

#### (d) Towcester Partnership / The South Northants Bus Co Ltd Minute 8(i)

\* Cllr Gibbs spoke on the item. Discussed and agreed to pursue idea > Old Mail & Bus Stop

### 5. Public Speaking Time

No public present

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

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

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

Neither present – Cllr McCord (circulates reports by email) > no issues

### 7. Planning

#### (a) Applications Received

S/2009/1104/FUL 1.8M high fence along part of the southern boundary – Retrospective permission sought for 2 years. 2 Bridge Road – *Interim response confirmed* (see (c))

#### (b) Decision Notices

**Permit** – Single storey rear extension. 3 The Stocks

#### (c) Enforcement / Appeals

2 Bridge Road – awaits a decision

**(d) Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) SNC - Cosgrove Register of Electors**

Electors = 415 > for file

**\*(b) SNC Head of Finance**

Request for Precept figure 2010-11 > deferred to Min:9(e)

**(c) EMDA**

Winter newsletter and political note > circulated for info

**(d) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Stop the Drop – Litter campaign for 9 – 18 April > circulated for comment/action next meeting

**(e) CPRE**

Fieldwork newsletter > circulated for info

**(f) MGWSP/NCC Highways**

Notification of mowing grant £1,099.48 authorised 2 Dec > not yet received (see Running Balance)

**(g) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Village Viewpoint > circulated for info

**(h) NALC**

Local Councils: represent your community, make a difference > circulated for info

**(i) N/CALC**

Latest Update > circulated for info

**\*(j) SNC Lead Officer Leisure Services**

War Memorial Playing Fields – Fields in Trust Survey (Formally NPFA) > None Cosgrove

**(k) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Town & Village Service Survey > previously completed by the clerk

**\*(l) West Northants Joint Planning Unit**

Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Sites in Cosgrove identified (for discussion)(Site evidence only – does not mean allocated for development or receive planning permission)

\* The clerk outlined the report and issues involving Cosgrove - Discussed and details circulated

**\*(m) MGWSP/NCC Highways**

Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire > the clerk to deal

**(n) Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association**

Annual Report 2008/9 > circulated

**\*(o) Rural Services Network**

Free service for Community Groups > circulated for info and possible action

**\*(p) Tim Boswell MP**

Final Newsletter from MP (standing down at next election after 22+ years)

Details of MP Advice Centres Jan, Feb and March > Newsletter circulated-/ Old Mail

**9. Finance**

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

\* **RESOLVED** approve by unanimous decision.

The clerk spoke on VAT Notice 749 (Support for VHs etc) & presented interim Internal Audit report – discussed no issues

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£79.29
Business Call a/c:	£14,717.29 (Still awaits NCC mowing Grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£9,823.58
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£4,973.00</b>

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

001047	Clerks Stipend:	£683.00 (Dec/Jan)
001048	Petty Cash:	£12.30
001049	NJ Blackwell:	£1,049.99 (Nov Mowing & BG Maintenance)
001050	AH Contracts:	£36.97 (Dog Bins Nov/Dec)
001051	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£129.75 (PL 19 & 38 repairs)
001052	Barcham Trees PLC:	£134.55 (Replacement Tree)
001053	David Faulkner Forestry:	£34.50 (Planting of above via Chairman)
001054	SLCC:	£28.00 (Cemetery Management & Admin)

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001055 Old Mail: £71.00 (s137 Donation > see (d) below)

**(d) To receive Cllr Stokes report on the Old Mail Finances (attached)**

\* Discussed and **RESOLVED:** That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants namely a further donations of £71

**(e) To consider Budget and Contracts and Precept level for 2010 / 2011**

\* Deferred to the end of the meeting and closed to the public

**10. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL38 (re lamped – ooo igniter?) since recent repair

**(b)** Illuminated sign opposite the VH still out? (reported November 09)

**11. Highways**

**(a)** FPW (Cllr Smith) submitted Footpath Report 2009 > circulated for info

**(b)** Salt bins top up required and replacement for Bridge Road / Canal Bridge

\* Cllr Gibbs to carry out survey re additional bins (Main Street/Locks Lane)

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

**(a)** Playing field enclosure discussed > the clerk to obtain quotes and consider Awards for All

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

**9(e) To consider Budget and Contracts and Precept level for 2010 / 2011**

\* Draft Budget circulated by the clerk discussed. It was agreed that the Old Mail donation under s137 be further increase from £175 to £250 and the precept level increased from £13,000 > £13,250 due to this and additional maintenance (mowing) commitments

**PRECEPT**

**RESOLVED:** That the precept be issued for the sum of £13,250

With no other business the meeting closed at.8.45pm