

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 28th July 2009 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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D Smith & Mr C Stokes (away). Cllr Mrs J Storey (absent)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 30th June 2009

Minutes of the meeting 30th June 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) 2 Main Street > flooding from canal Minute 4(b)

Updated > Cllr Gibbs copied in responses – work completed this day

(b) Speeding M/Cycles Minute 4(c)

PSCT had visited the clerk – E-mail read re police response > await further contact from Chief Sup

(c) Yardley Road Water Leak Minute 4(e)

Repaired - but blocked drains not yet dealt with

(d) Highway Improvements Stratford Road Minute 11(b)

Clerk met Highway Manager Friday 3 July report awaits > other outstanding issues also highlighted

(e) New hedge The Stocks Minute 11(c)

Installed contrary to permission > SNC Planning & Care & Repair, Daventry (not SNH)

* Enforcement awaits (1M fence only approved and any hedging inside the boundary)

Cllr McCord arrived at this point

(f) Interim Rural Housing Statement (Responses) to Note

SNC confirmed Cosgrove downgraded from 48 > 44 (accepted no play school)

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Spoke further on the Interim Rural Housing Statement at length with an exchange of views. Also spoke on the Cosgrove Hall Gatehouse enforcement

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Absent – no reports

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2009/0676/PO Detached bungalow (outline). The Bungalow, Main Street

* No objections

(b) Permissions Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Badgers Farm permission – members sent copies of officer report > issues noted for future

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) BDO Stoy Hayward LLB**

Completion of 2008/9 Audit > notice posted – no issues

* **RESOLVED** to approve completion of Audit Year Ending 31 March 2009

(b) SNC Housing Options Manager

Housing 4U Newsletter circulated for info

(c) Longhurst Group

Leading performer in housing and care > circulated for info only

*** (d) Defra**

Biodiversity Programme > Complete on line questionnaire on how SNC have carried out their duty
> Cllr Harbottle deals

*** (e) East Midlands Regional Assembly**

Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation > CDR for Action circulated

(f) NCC Volunteers Coordinator

The Parish Highway Representative Scheme: Past, Present and Future > circulated for info

*** (g) CPRE Northamptonshire**

Help requested on local interests which affect 'Cosgrove' and surrounding area > circulated
Also noted - fund raising Stanwick Lakes, Rockingham Forest 11 Sept 6.45 for 7.30pm > NFA

*** (h) SNC Chief Executive**

Priorities for 2009/10 > The Way Ahead (a discussion document for comment) > Cllr Childs deals

*** (i) NCC Volunteers Coordinator**

Annual Day Conference Highway Reps Wed 9th December 2009 venue tba - depending on numbers

* Attending > Cllr Smith? For next meeting

*** (j) SNC Chairman Cllr David Aaronson**

Fund raising ideas in support of his two chosen local charities > Cllr McCord to relay comments

*** (k) Cosgrove Hall Committee**

Request for financial support re extension > to be agreed (VAT reclamation of £310.44 achievable)

* **RESOLVED** that CosPC give financial support for VAT reclamation

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:	£73.66
Business Call a/c:	£14,082.39
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,614.95
Available Capital:	£3,541.10

(c) Payment agreed of outstanding accounts listed below

001018	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001019	Petty Cash:	£119.85 (Incl: office phone line repairs 50% OSPC)
001020	AH Contracts:	£14.79 (Dog bin contract Jun)
001021	NJ Blackwell:	£484.84 (Mowing)
001022	E.ON:	£238.58 (PL Energy)
001023	BDO Stoy Hayward:	£327.75 (Audit Fees Min:8(a))

(d) To consider Grant Application for Playing Field fencing or play equipment

* WP (Cllrs Childs, Roberts and Bracey) & clerk to approve work on site held after PC Meeting

10. Street Lighting

(a) Request from Cllr Stokes that the additional PL o/s Church is required > deferred

11. Highways

(a) Towpath Dog Bin issues explained > alternative discussed clerk to advise

(b) Hedge o/s 2 Stratford Road > clerk confirmed householder responsibility and deals

(c) Village Salt Bins > clerk deals

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

(a) New BG > Action to be agreed re fencing retention and vari condition re planting which would negate the area of donated land > next meeting

(b) BG maintenance discussed > clerk deals

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th August 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9pm