

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### **Present:**

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

Also present were Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) and 2 members of the public

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Mrs J Childs, Mrs H Harbottle (Other commitments) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(TS Conference)

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

None

### **3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Minutes of the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### **(a) Burial Ground Minute 8(a)**

Update on the transfer and on estimated costs (article for Old Mail > re the generous donation by Mr Miller thus avoiding a PI) sent

#### **(b) Awards Application Minute 8(b)**

Awards Application for funding Alternative Bus Shelter & Play Equip > clerk to deal (original not applicable)

#### **(c) Rural Reach Grants Minute 14(e)**

Cllr Childs deals > deferred

#### **(d) Outstanding complaint about Narrowboat**

E-mail from SNC Heritage Officer confirms no action (SO: 78 considered NFA)

(Issue was raised verbally with the clerk after the AOM who had requested the complaint in writing sent direct to SNC Planning by complainant)

### **5. Public Speaking Time**

Meeting closed for this item

### **6. District and County Councillor Reports**

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

Spoke on the BG transfer outcome without > CPO/PI. Also on SNCs Performance Plan, Government changes in Best Value Indicators and on the review about waste. The issue on the Barley Mow recycling suppository is as yet unresolved. Cllr McCord thanked for prompt responses to Qs on other matters

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

Not present

### **7. Planning**

#### **(a) Applications Received**

*To endorse the following responses agreed previous meeting:*

**S/2008/0678/PO** Erection of three houses, with associated garaging and access (Outline) Cosgrove House, Stratford Road

(Due to time limit this additional Objection agreed (AG,PR,DS,HH,RG,CS) since last meeting)

\* **OBJECTION** The effects on the street scene and the CA is unacceptable and we dispute the Conclusion in the attached Design Statement that it will have no detrimental impact on the amenity of any neighbouring property which in our view is untrue. The existing build is for large detached properties in extensive grounds which give this part of the village including Medlar House, The Dower House, Cosgrove Hall and Little Manor an appearance that justifies its CA status. Given that the attached report indicates that a number of trees will also require to be removed at the road frontage and those within the site to facilitate the proposed development, including the Norway Spruces which effectively screen the site and the CA from the Playing Field / The Stocks and as only part of the tree plan is attached with the report, it is difficult to further gauge the visual impact that the removal of these trees will have. The current site description makes comment that there are no exceptional trees, although as a group would be worthy of TPOs if they were not in the CA. The existing street scene indicated in the computer graphic picture shows the new housing viewed from Stratford Road and the new proposed access as much elevated and visually intrusive and would therefore dominate the street scene and not blend in especially during the winter months and is unacceptable. The report also fails to properly indicate the existing bus stop lay-by, instead pointing to the hard standing on parish land where a new bus shelter is to be built after the original was removed. We would also wish to see what proposals are intended for the existing entrance and cross over.

This application should be refused for detailed plans (that would normally be required in a CA) as the proposals in outline are without merit and wrongly concludes that only Greystones is affected. Policy EV9 also indicates that the proposals would only normally be permitted where they respect the established character of the area, use traditional materials appropriate to the area (and this part of the village environs) and that the loss of trees and wall which contribute to the character of the area need to be properly assessed. In outline, these considerations have not in our view been met.

**S/2008/0669/CA** Partial demolition of factory building. The Old Brewery, The Stocks

\* Supported – no objection

**S/2008/0683/P** Construction of 30 berth canal marina. Isworth Farm, Northampton Road

\* **OBJECTION** on road safety grounds – the proposed entrance is on a Red route where a number of fatal accidents have occurred

**(b) Permission Granted / Refused / Recommended to Committee**

**Permit** – Demolition of house and associated buildings CA. Cosgrove House, Stratford Road

**Permit** – Single storey side extension. 2 Bridge Road

**Permit** – Partial demolition of factory building CA. The Old Brewery, The Stocks

**Withdrawn** Single storey front, two storey side and single storey rear extensions. 7 Manor Close

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**(d) Press Notices**

None

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

\* **(a) CPRE**

Annual membership renewal @ £28 > approved

\* **(b) SNC Head of Planning & Leisure**

Rescheduled meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June > Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July (Update on the Joint Core Strategy)

\* Clerk unable to attend > Cllr Harbottle or the Chairman?

**(c) Lloyds TSB / Commercial**

New service conditions > noted for file

**(d) NCC Head of Financial Operations**

Changes in the Council's Ordering & Invoice Payment Process > noted for file (this will allegedly speed up payment)

**\* (e) SNC Strategic Housing Manager**

Stakeholder Questionnaire and Housing Survey > Clerk deals

**(f) British Red Cross**

Dial-a-wheelchair (delivery / collection service) details circulated > nb

**\* (g) NCC Chair Local Area Agreement Board**

Executive Summary for comment > Chairman deals

**\* (h) E.ON Central Networks**

Agreement for Unmetered Electricity Connections – Reference 578 signed.

**(i) West Northamptonshire Planning Unit**

Parish Councils Survey – Rural Issues for Core Strategy and DPDs > completed by the clerk 16/6

**9. Finance**

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

\* **RESOLVED** to approve. (Not all members were able to open E-mail attachment)

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£67.41
Business Call a/c:	£31,105.48
Earmarked Reserves:	£25,290.58
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£5,882.31</b>

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

000941	Clerks Stipend:	£322.50
000942	Petty Cash:	£22.05
000943	NJ Blackwell:	£516.69 (Mowing)
000944	CPRE:	£28.00 (Annual subs Min:8(a))
000945	Max Engel Solicitors:	£934.38 (Professional fees re LR & transfer of BG)
000946	ABB:	£165.73 (PL maintenance)

**10. Street Lighting**

No reports

**11. Highways**

**(a)** Yardley Road / Stratford Road overgrown hedge

**(b)** Stratford Road alongside Cosgrove Hall hedge overgrown to danger

**(c)** Coffin Walk weed kill required

**(d)** Tree (x3) replacement required Stratford Road (for September Agenda)

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

None

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm