

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 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 (from Min:6), Mr D Smith & Mr C Stokes

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC), Mr A Walker (NCC) and 4 members of the public (although 3 left the meeting after learning that the Caravan Park were not attending)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs J Childs (poorly child), Mrs J Storey (family commitments) & Mr P Roberts (would be late)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Minutes of the meeting 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Cosgrove Hall Gate House + Enforcement Issues Minute 8(c)

SNC Enforcement – still outstanding (Cllr McCord spoke on the item) There was now an additional concern that the curtilage wall of the LB was cracked, bowing and showing signs of collapse!

\* It was agreed to write to the owner (Registered letter) and advise the PCs concern > copy SNC

#### (b) 2 Main Street > flooding from canal Minute 8(g)

Further flooding and further exchange of E-mails read > Cllr Gibbs deals

#### (c) Speeding M/Cycles Minute 10(a)

Letter of complaint acknowledged – awaits policing response

#### (d) Deanshanger Beat Safety Community Panel Latest Meeting

Attended by Cllr Gibbs & Cos NW > Minutes of last meeting circulated

#### (e) Yardley Road Water Leak Outstanding

Still leaking NCC/AW deal? E-mails read > the clerk to chase and advise

#### (f) Cosgrove House Demolition (permitted) Minute 18(a)

Planning Enforced has seen the site secured

### 5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

During this item Cllr Roberts arrived

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

On the following Committees - 'Social & Community Review & Development' & 'Resources

Review & Development' Spoke on the Interim Housing Consultation and without prior reference

to CosPC as the need for strategy haste given recent Appeal Decisions and SNC Policy Proposals Would look into the 44 point assessment not 48 as published raised by Cllr Stokes. Proposals to be presented to Development Control Committee 4pm 13 July

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

Spoke on the Admin re-organisation due to savings required due to budgetary deficits due to the economic downturn. Stressing that Shire Counties are less supported financially by Central Government

**7. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2009/0460/P** To demolish and replace the former dairy building and concrete yard with 6 b&b & 2 holiday lets. Elm Tree Farm, Thrupp Wharf

\* Whilst there was concern about the unsustainable location given SPG and PPS7 which has been considered along with the pre-application reports from Tourism and Planning. It was considered that there may be a case for no objection to the application, despite failing to meet the Planning Criteria on sustainability

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

**Permit** – Twenty chalet boarding cattery at Badgers Farm, Northampton Road

\* Amazement on the approval under dedicated powers - the clerk to enquire justification and advise

**Permit** – Extension to both sides and a vehicular crossover. 1 Yardley Road

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**(d) Press Notices**

None

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

**\* (a) SNC Waste Campaigns Officer**

Give or Take Day Guide (Avoid Landfill) Suggested events > NFA Cosgrove is already proactive

**(b) Resident letter (anonymous)**

State of old PO > already actioned complaint noted

**\* (c) CPRE Annual Subscription Renewal**

\* **RESOLVED** to approve

**(d) Carillion WSP**

Notice of A5 Trunk Road repairs w/ends 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July (8pm – 6am) > Diversions  
Additional daytime drainage repairs weekdays (50mph) between Portway and OS RABs

\* Noted for file & posted nb

**\* (e) NCC Volunteers Coordinator**

Support for PPWs, Highway Reps & Tree Wardens via the clerk > Cllr Smith deals

**\* (f) Letter to Old Mail Potterspurty Editor**

Complaint about AOM Report and electioneering from Potterspurty Cllr

\* Discussed - the criticism dismissed as unfounded - the Chairman may respond later

**\* (g) Resident letter 2B Stratford Road**

Re – The Recreation Area (copied to Cllrs)

\* Contents noted > invitation to attend PC meeting

**\* (h) West Northamptonshire JPU**

Emergence Joint Core Strategy. Website contents not ready until after 6 July. 6 week consultation

\* Action – for circulation when available

**(i) N/CALC**

Notification of AGM @ Moulton Village Hall Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 for 7.30pm

\* Cllr Harbottle & Clerk to attend

**\* (j) N/CALC**

Training re Planning Aid (Planning Framework & Development Control) > NFA

**(k) MKC Spatial Planning**

Acknowledgement of Consultation response and Login and ID for database > for file

**(l) NCC Rights of Way**

Copy letter to residents re RG7 The Green/ footpath improvements previously advised

**(m) Highways Agency**

New Area 7 north of OS RAB. South remains Area 8 > noted for file

**\* (n) CPRE West Northamptonshire**

Supper Party Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm > NFA

**(o) NCC/MGSWP Highways**

New Parish Enhancement Gangs works schedule > front line image > complaints to clerk

**\* (p) N/CALC**

Training on the Code of Conduct if required 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July > NFA

**(q) ACRE Village Viewpoint**

Latest edition circulated for info

**\* (r) Circulated Letter re Church Finances**

Discussed > Old Mail response agreed

“Although the Parish Council is a secular apolitical organisation and has no responsibilities towards the upkeep of the village church, St Peter and St Paul, we are concerned that the Church is coming under ever increasing financial duress. Whether or not you are a churchgoer the Parish Council consider that the residents of Cosgrove and visitors to the village would be greatly saddened to see the demise of such a historical and beautiful building which is at the centre of our community. Recently you will have received a request for a contribution/s to the upkeep of the Church and for those of you who may see it appropriate a donation, no matter how small or large, will help to ensure that we and our heirs continue to enjoy such a wonderful feature”

**9. Finance**

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

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

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

Treasurer’s a/c: £74.17

Business Call a/c: £15,136.78 (+ VAT Repayment)

Earmarked Reserves: £10,614.95 \*

**Available Capital: £4,596.38**

\* Note: Surplus after Bus Shelter build = £791.37 > Notice board agreed

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

001010	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001011	Petty Cash:	£13.95
001012	AH Contracts:	£22.18 (Dog bin contract Jun)
001013	NJ Blackwell:	£450.97 (Mowing)
001014	Aylesbury Mains:	£186.30 (New PL31 upgrade > o/s Church)
001015	Aylesbury Mains:	£62.16 (Repair PL21 Park Close)
001016	Aylesbury Mains:	£109.45 (Repairs to PL 34 Scout Camp)
001017	CPRE:	£29.00 (Annual Subs Min: 8(c))

**10. Street Lighting**

No reports – Cllr Smith to inspect Mansel Close

**11. Highways**

(a) Slow signs and white line markings > installation imminent

(b) NCC to reconsider 40mph limit Stratford Road or footpath in vicinity of Scout Camp before tragedy > Clerk meets with Highway Manager Friday 3 July @ 10am

(c) Hedge The Stocks (part) removed prior to extension. Replanted with double row of beech!  
To screen lap fencing? SNH / Planning issue > the clerk to deal

(d) Blocked gully opposite old PO additional to the problems Min:4(e)

\* If Yardley Road is foul water > OFWAT if AW fail to deal with 7 days

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

(a) Awards for All next meeting re playing field fencing

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm