

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 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 & Mr C Stokes

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D Smith (Family commitments) & Mrs J Storey (Hospital visit)

### 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> October 2009

Minutes of the meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Payphone The Stocks Minute 4(b)

Decommissioning update > the kiosk will be removed asap

#### (b) Flooding issues - The Green Minute 11(f)

Original report resurrected and sent to AW as officer level has changed (reason for delay) and awaits Fit for Purpose statement. NCC/MGWSP advised re regular gully clearance required w/o waiting for flooding. EA state no further forward (relief channel from weir) because The Priory has not flooded despite the problems > The Green. Residents will be advised with copies of the report replies for Insurance Purposes

#### (c) Bus Shelter Notice Board Minute 4(a) Oct

Received delivered to Cllr Smith > for installation

#### (d) Pocket Park initiative Minute 8(l)

\* Cllr Harbottle (Cllr Gibbs) deals

### 5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

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

Not present – Cllr reports previously emailed to members for info and update

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

Not present – no reports

### 7. Planning

#### (a) Applications Received

S/2009/1092/FUL Single storey rear extension. 3 The Stocks

\* No objections

## **Interim**

**S/2009/1104/FUL** 1.8M high fence along part of the southern boundary – Retrospective permission sought for 2 years. 2 Bridge Road

\* Whilst the PC had requested that the unkempt conifer hedge be removed for road safety, visual and amenity purposes (as it was neglected by the applicant). We are dismayed that a new hedge, planted not on the applicants land but on highway verge in front of the 1.8M fence (subject to the retrospective application) and is apparently being allowed to remain. The PC have been very supportive of the original application which indicated a 1M fence with what should have been a hedge planted garden side of the fencing to soften the impact. This would have caused the applicant to consider maintenance in the future. If allowed to remain we will find ourselves in the same position as before with any maintenance of the hedge falling to the local rate payer which is unacceptable

This retrospective application is only acceptable if the hedge is removed otherwise the original application should be enforced

## **(b) Decision Notices**

**Withdrawn** – 4 terraced house (old PO site) 6a Stratford Road

(The clerk attended the site meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Nov SNC panel report supported PC objections)

**Approval not required** – Grain storage building. Manor Farm, Stratford Road

**Permit** – Change of flue to comply with building regs. 11 Main Street

## **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

## **(d) Press Notices**

None

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

### **\*(a) E.ON / Central Networks**

Unmetered Supply Certificate for renewal

\* Completed by the clerk who also raised charge code discrepancies. Since reviewed and £32.03 CR to account

### **\*(b) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Annual fees £34 approved (Annual Report & Accounts circulated for info)

### **\*(c) SNC Economic Development Strategy**

Copy of the SN 'State of the District's Economy 2009' report and Questionnaire

\* Report circulated for info and comments for January meeting > Cllr Harbottle

### **\*(d) SNC Leader**

SN Local Strategic Partnership Workshop 10<sup>th</sup> December (10-3pm @ Seawell Valley, Towcester 'A Sustainable Rural Economy?')

\* The Economic Development Strategy 2010 – 2014 circulated for info > Cllr Harbottle

### **\*(e) NCC Head of Communications & Marketing**

Spotlight – Report to the people 2009 > circulated for info and questionnaire completion

\* Cllr Harbottle Deals

### **\*(f) Chair of Potterspury PC**

Open email re Old Mail finances > previously circulated (Further email from Old Mail treasurer)

Invitation to attend Potterspury VH (re Old Mail finances) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 8pm

**\*(g) Brown & Baden**

Family landscape/ground maintenance company seeking to expand into area by tendering for village maintenance > Quote agreed

**(h) Northants/CALC**

S137 limit raised to £6.15 per elector from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 > Noted for Precept consideration

**\*(i) Towcester Partnership / The South Northants Bus Co Ltd**

Towcester Partnership (NCC/SNC) project for the provision of a youth and community vehicle for SN Area including workshops / six mobile broadband laptops etc. > Cllr Gibbs

**(j) Northamptonshire Link**

SNVB Link Up Newsletter circulated for info and possible action > poster nb

**\*(k) SNC Electoral Services**

Election Polling Station & Count Staff required for next election > nb and Old Mail

**(l) NHS Northamptonshire**

Annual Report 2008/9 circulated for info. Invitation to Q or discuss issues

**(m) CPRE**

Voice magazine circulated for info

**\*(n) SNC Leader**

PC Reception @ 7.30pm Wed 16 December at SNC > 2 members RSVP > NFA

**\*(o) Victim Support**

Appeal for Funds? – Annual Report circulated for info > declined letter

**\*(p) Rural Services Network**

State of Rural Services report due 2010 - on line survey requested > Cllr Roberts

**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:	£75.78
Business Call a/c:	£16,056.67 (Incl Vat repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£9,823.58
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£6,308.87</b>

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

001042	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001043	Petty Cash:	£5.85
001044	NJ Blackwell:	£458.39 (Mowing)
001045	N/ACRE:	£34.00 (Annual subs Min:8(b))
001046	Greenbarnes Ltd:	£496.75 (Bus shelter nb Min:4(a) Oct)

Note: R&P book submitted for signature and Internal Control approval

**10. Street Lighting**

**(a) PL16 & Bend sign illumination Bridge Road**

(b) PL31 (Control Box Cover loose)

**11. Highways**

(a) Footpath obstructed at night Bridge Road o/s School > police

(b) Horse tunnel leaks (high water level?) l> BW

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

(a) Budget proposal submitted for 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010 meeting

(b) Replacement tree imminent > Chairman deals

(c) PC Assistance re VH acoustics cost for VAT purposes agreed

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Includes Finance Meeting)(Budget proposals submitted by the clerk) &  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The Chairman wished members and Cosgrove residents a Merry Xmas and Healthy Happy New Year