

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 27th October 2009 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs J Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mr D Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs J Storey.

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)(part) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs H Harbottle (Charity meeting Northampton) & Mr P Roberts (absent),

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 29th September 2009

Minutes of the meeting 29th September 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) N/b for new shelter Minute 4(b)

Cllr Smith reports > details circulated and agreed

* Note: Repair of roof carried out > thanks to Colin Styles

(b) Payphone The Stocks Minute 4(c)

Decommissioning update

(c) NCALC Minute 8(b)

The clerk attended AGM Wed 14 October 2009 and reported on the item. Slight rise agreed in Subs > Finance meeting

(d) School Travel Plan Minute 12 (a)

School Travel Plan now received > discussed along with new hall proposals (Min:7(a))

Cllr McCord arrived during this item

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Reported on further delay imposed on the Core Strategy (Interim CS yet to be tested) (12months?) Also on the requirement to recruit election staff to assist (next May?) after General Election

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Not present – no report

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2009/0942/FUL Demolition of existing shop and residential accommodation. Replace by 4 terraced dwellings + associated parking, landscaping and boundary fencing. 6 Stratford Rd

*** Whilst Cosgrove Parish Council have no strong views on the retention of a ground floor shop (see S/2006/1373/P) due to questionable viability. This is a consideration for the SNC Economic Advisor; although her previous comments attached to a pre-application consultation about a shop at the Cosgrove Caravan Park did not make it clear that it was seasonal (Easter to October end).**

We OBJECT to the application now submitted for 4 terraced dwellings (not 2 plus a first floor flat over a ground floor shop) as we consider this to be an overdevelopment of the site which would give a shoehorned effect and be incongruous and visually impact on the street scene opposite a conservation area.

We also question the parking provisions for 4 dwellings given its location next to and opposite bus stops close to the village crossroads and village school. There will be little scope to turn within the site leaving vehicles to reverse into the road contrary to current policy and road safety. 3 dwellings would alleviate much of this danger and would not be opposed. The submitted photographs of the existing derelict shop are from the original 2006 application and fail to show properly the current street scene and the recent elevated side extension of 8 Stratford Road.

(Cllr McCord requested to ensure to DC Committee if approved under delegated powers)

S/2009/0960/AGD Grain storage building. Manor Farm, Stratford Road (for information only)

* Permitted development NFA

S/2009/0987/RG3 School hall extension etc. Cosgrove Primary School, Bridge Road

11 Main Street (NCC Application)(for information only)

* SNC have no objections > NFA already supported

(b) Permissions Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) NCC Volunteers Coordinator**

Annual Highway Representative Conference Wed 9th Dec reminder

* Clerk attends as Cllr Smith unable

*** (b) SLCC National CPD Manager**

CPD course 10 – 4pm on 9th November @ Minster Lovell, Oxford to help Clerks and Chairman of rural Parishes / TCs to deal with management of Common Land, Village Greens and Rights of Way

* NFA

(c) CPRE Northamptonshire

CPRE Response circulated to EM Regional Plan Options consultation and time scale (Cosgrove is outside the area of expansion but have commented on the effect on planning growth and the road network affects on Cosgrove and area) + Various invitations / E-mails > previously circulated

*** (d) Community Panel Meeting minutes**

Circulated by Cllr Gibbs which raised comments about SIDs use and those purchased by OSPC

* Clerk spoke on the item

*** (e) Deanshanger PC**

Request from Ward member (also current SNC Chair) re Cosgrove's response to WN Emergent Core Strategy > Advised (Thanks suggested area group for strategy - awaits further proposal)

(f) NCC Fair Trading Officer

Free Electric Blanket Test – 26th & 30th October @ Northampton. No time for Old Mail > nb

(g) SNC / Northamptonshire Licensing Unit

Consultation 3 year review of Gaming Act 2005 > circulated for info only

*** (h) Northants Police (Special Recruitment Administrator)**

Special Constables – Recruitment drive

* For next newsletter

*** (i) NCC Pocket Parks Officer**

Information pack circulated for consideration > discussed any suggestions next meeting

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:	£44.68
Business Call a/c:	£16,679.93
Earmarked Reserves:	£9,823.58
Available Capital:	£6,901.03

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

Direct Debit	ICO:	£35.00 (Annual fees)(Information Commissioners Office)
001035	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001036	Petty Cash:	£20.03
001037	AH Contracts:	£14.79 (Dog bin contract Oct)
001038	NJ Blackwell:	£463.16 (Mowing)
001039	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£135.84 (PL repairs)
001040	E.ON:	£238.58 (PL Energy)(Vat level explained)
001041	Cancelled (Barcham tree replacement - Chairman deals)	

10. Street Lighting

No reports

11. Highways

(a) Annual MGWSP inspection Q re Mansel Close and area markings

(b) Lock Lane potholing remains

(c) 2 Bridge Road update requested

(d) Dog fouling issues > Old Mail and SNC Environmental Health

(e) Parking Bridge Road near Xroads on footway continues despite Police attendance > again

* Clerk to consider letter drop in situation does not improve

(f) Flooding issues The Green (the clerk to contact EA, NCC/MGWSP, AW & BW re apparent lack of action and advise The Green residents

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

(a) Finance Meeting (Full Council) 5th Jan 2010 (Precept requirements required by end of Jan)
the clerk to draw up draft for November meeting

(b) Old Mail financial position > circulated to precept report

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th November 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm