

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 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 Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC) and 2 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs J Childs (approved maternity leave)

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

Cllr Smith – non personal prejudicial interest in S/2008/1280/P (neighbour)

Cllr Stokes – non personal prejudicial interest S/2008/1275/P (immediate neighbour)

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Minutes of the meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Speedwatch campaign Minute 4(a)

Cllr Harbottle was unable to attend (report by clerk next meeting after OSPC report)

#### (b) N/CALC AGM Minute 8(d)

AGM > Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct @ Billing from 7.30pm

\* Cllr Harbottle attends with the clerk

#### (c) New Dog Control Orders Minute 8(j)

Circulated last meeting – Agricultural land excluded from legislation (use p/footpaths discussed)

#### (d) Gatehouse, Cosgrove Hall outstanding

LB inspection notice now served – action awaits

### 5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

### 6. District and County Councillor Reports

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

Spoke on the Appeal for S/2008/1102/PO and the concern of Planners and the Planning Committee to try and force Pas hand due to the Q over the governments 5 year land bank especially as the Core Strategy has been forcibly delayed. There is also an SNC Place Survey (explained – with 35Q) Heritage letters had been sent to Cosgrove Hall re the Gatehouse, Ice House and gates and he had responded to Cllr Q re Dog Orders and read the legal response of Churchyard –v- Burial Ground He also advised on changes from 1 Oct on Permitted development (which will still need B/Regs)

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

Spoke on a Sustainable Transport Questionnaire and would look at the Bus Shelter finances

### 7. Planning

#### (a) Applications Received

**S/2008/1102/PO** Land off Bridge Road (demolish No.15 and indicative plan for 9 dwellings)

\* **OBJECTION** This application is for development outside the village confines in a Restricted Infill Village. There is also an objection on the proposed vehicle access close to the school, parking criteria not met and small outside living space (given the Inspectors comments on the recent appeal APP/Z2830/A/2057144/NWF highlighted in a recent report to the Planning Committee)

At best these proposals are a cramped backland development and appears contrary to RSS8 in both design and sustainability

**S/2008/1165/CA** Demolish existing buildings and wall. The Stocks

**S/2008/1166/P** Demolish existing buildings etc and erect 7 dwellings. The Stocks

\* **OBSERVATIONS:** Whilst Cosgrove PC support development concern remains that The Stocks access is part of the Grafton Way w/o footpaths. It is also an alternative SRTS > Village Hall which avoids the dangerous blind canal bridge (itself w/o footpaths). There is also concern of road degradation due to plant and machinery, which should require highway inspection before and after development to avoid repair at public expense. The block of seven terraced houses would better fit into the CA street scene if there were two blocks of 3 to mirror the previous development. This would give more amenity space as the proposals are still car dominated. A large specimen tree has been excluded from the plans and should be protected

**S/2008/1172/P** Detached office building with associated parking. Cosgrove Leisure Park

\* No observations

**S/2008/1275/P** Change of roof angle to rear and amend S/2008/0019/P The Old Plough 15 Main St

\* No objections

**S/2008/1280/P** Single storey rear and two storey side extensions 7 Manor Close

\* No objections

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

None

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Appeal** – against non determination **S/2008/1102/PO** despite time-limit not expired

\* Report by Cllr McCord

**(d) Press Notices**

None

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

**(a) NCC Head of Finance**

NCCs ordering and invoice payment process > noted for file

\* **(b) NCC Head of Planning Policy**

Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste development Locations for Waste Development DPD: Supplementary Preferred Options > noted for file – clerk deals

\* **(c) Northampton NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust**

Invitation to attend AGM & Presentation Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept @ Kettering Conference Centre > NFA

**(d) NCC Cllr Services Team Leader**

Empowering Cllrs & Communities Scheme questionnaire > completed

**\* (e) The Ramblers Association**

Letter to councillors re parish footpaths > Cllr Smith – no issues

**\* (f) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

Reps review July / August > circulated for info – Contacts for file > next meeting

**\* (g) SNC Head of Corporate Services**

Standards Committee – Appointment of additional Town/Parish Council Representative > NFA

**\* (h) Communities and Local Government**

The making and enforcement of byelaws – A consultation > the clerk to advise

**\*(i) SNVB**

Invitation to join the Board of Trustees > NFA

**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:	£56.96
Business Call a/c:	£27,478.77
Earmarked Reserves:	£18,137.45
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£9,398.28</b>

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

000958	Clerks Stipend:	£322.50
000959	Petty Cash:	£22.23
000960	NJ Blackwell:	£472.00 (Mowing)
000961	AH Contracts:	£21.57 (Dog bin contract)
000962	BDO Stoy Hayward:	£199.75 (Audit Fees)
000963	E.ON:	£165.73 (PL Maintenance Charges)
000964	SNC:	£167.50 (Application Fees)(Min:4(d))

Note: Notice of NCC Purchase Order for s136 Grass Mowing > pay 31 Dec 2008 (Policy Query)  
> Cllr Walker (NCC)

**(d) Completion of Audit 2007/8**

Notice of Completion > nb. Auditors Notes discussed: i.e The Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit which was approved by council at the May 2008 meeting after the Internal Audit report (NALC advice on Governance was not amended until July 2008) and is now to be reviewed annually. Expenditure Powers questioned – reference to s143 not s137 (submitted that both CPRE & ACRE are correctly s137 not s143 and the Old Mail donation is correct under s137 - accepted)  
\* Report Adopted

**10. Extension to Cosgrove Burial Ground (Enclosure proposals to be agreed)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quotation received (TME agreed) - Application for change of use made > Letter to Mr Miller on proposals

**11. Street Lighting**

**(a)** Village sign illumination #

**12. Highways**

**(a)** The Green street sign is missing

(b) Stratford Road / Dogsmouth bend grips and ditch filled with arisings after tree line cut back requires siding out

(c) Mains Street / Locks Lane broken white line missing – road safety issue

(d) Stratford Road trees strimming had not taken place

**13. To Agree Replacement of Highway Trees**

3 Replacement trees agree through Cllr Stokes – WP required TBA

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

None

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm