

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 29th September 2009 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr D Smith (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs J Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mrs H Harbottle & Mr P Roberts,.

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC)(part) & Mr A Walker (NCC), Laura Welch (SNC Strategic Housing Officer) and 4 members of the public

Mrs Welch addressed the meeting about a proposed housing survey before the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie & Mr C Stokes (away), (Mrs J Storey (abroad?)) & Mr I McCord (SNC) would be late

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 25th August 2009

Minutes of the meeting 25th August 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Outstanding Highway Issues Minute 11(c)

Clerk reported on further meeting with NCC/MGWSP Highways on Safety issues discussed on 2* Listed Canal Bridge and request for 'mirror' and other outstanding items especially SRTS and The Stocks > the clerk to monitor (including follow up re pot holing and heave/subsidence around manhole Main Street o/s Old School House

(b) N/b for new shelter Minute 12(c)

Cllr Smith reports > proposals for next meeting

(c) Payphone The Stocks Outstanding

Decommissioning update (as disconnected) > clerks response to BT Payphones supported
Cllr McCord arrived during this item

5. Public Speaking Time (taken before Item 4)

Meeting closed for this item

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Reported on outstanding issues and planning policies > New Year. Discussed especially on affordable/social housing and priority for local people/connections

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Reported on NCC policies and NBC proposals and West Northamptonshire pressures, part of the EM expansion area. Future pressures discussed and whether the timing of any change of government will alter priorities

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2009/0720/FUL + Amendment Ground floor and first floor extensions to side and rear.
4 Yardley Road

* Interim response: No objection / comment on party wall legislation (now amended) > see 7(b)

S/2009/0862/FUL Change of flue to comply with building regs (Amendment to S/2008/0019/P)
11 Main Street

* Supported – needed to comply with building regs

(b) Permissions Granted / Refused / Recommendations to Committee

Permit – Elm Tree Farm, Thrupp Wharf. Replace dairy building with 6 B&B & 2 Holiday lets

Permit – 4 Yardley Road , first floor extensions side & rear (as 7(a) above))

Permit – The Bungalow Main Street, detached bungalow (outline)

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) The Old Mail**

Request for Annual financial assistance (£105 allocated at Budget)

* **RESOLVED:** That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants namely a donation of £105 towards the cost of producing The Old Mail

*** (b) NCALC**

AGM Wed 14 October 2009 @ 7.30pm Moulton Village Hall

* The clerk attends on behalf of council

*** (c) NALC Employment Briefing**

2009/2010 National Final Salary Award Revised Scales

* Deferred to Annual Budget at clerks request. Car users allowance increase > 60.1p

RESOLVED to agree to keep at 40p to avoid VAT liability

*** (d) SNC Strategic Housing Officer**

Prior notice of housing needs survey > request to attend a PC meeting (address before meeting)

SNC (Parish Council Newsletter) on Housing Needs Surveys > circulated

* To Old Mail seeking support for completion when posted to villagers in November

*** (e) SNC / Citizen Advice Bureau**

Recession Impact Advice Pack > circulated for info and comment next meeting

(f) Information Commissioner's Office

Renewal notice (£35 by DD) > for file no action required

*** (g) Northants Police**

Details of Distraction Burglaries > circulated + Old Mail & website

*** (h) NCC Programme Manager Adult Learning Service**

Informal Adult Learning Project > circulated for info

*** (i) NCC Traffic Manager**

Consultation on the proposal by NCC to operate a Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works to minimise highway disruption by Utility Companies > circulated for comments before end of November

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:	£84.15
Business Call a/c:	£18,098.60
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,614.95
Available Capital:	£7,567.80

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

001028	Clerks Stipend:	£341.50
001029	Petty Cash:	£18.71
001030	AH Contracts:	£14.79 (Dog bin contract Sept)
001031	OSPC:	£23.82 (Copy costs and Stamps)
001032	The Old Mail:	£105.00 (S137 donation > Min:8(a))
001033	NJ Blackwell:	£451.09 (Mowing)
001034	Colin Styles:	£3,594.56 (Village Hall extension (donation – VAT paid))

(d) To consider Dog Bin Fixed Term Contract until 31st March 2012

* No action agreed - but seasonal weekly collection to be considered at Budget consideration

10. Street Lighting

(a) PL13 out again after repair, PL14 ooo? + PL40 Navigation > Aylesbury Mains deals

11. Highways

(a) A5T overlaying (quiet surfacing) - complete by 28th Nov 2009 > details circulated + website

(b) Coslast House Hedge not cut back as promised > Cllr Smith deals

(c) Verge o/s 23 Main Street requires attention > Contractor

(d) Bridge parapet damage? / Road/bridge gaps over bridge

(e) Cllr Smith gave an update on his footpath report

(f) Obstructing Wheely Bins Bridge Road > the clerk had requested assistance from owner/letting agent after last meeting. Obstruction remains contrary to policy > SNC

(g) Yardley Road positioning of 30mph sign and street lamps > the clerk gave history and PCs observations prior to development of Elm Farm Buildings which were ignored by NCC Highways

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

(a) School Travel Plan? (Any request for highway improvements or restrictions depend on this)

(b) Boats overstaying beyond the Canal Bridge and unofficial access to Manor Close?

(c) Cllr Gibbs gave info on the website update being carried out

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th October 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.04pm