

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via ZOOM

### Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, Mr A Bracey Mrs S Comerford, Mr D Little, Mr J Proctor, Mr P. Roberts & Mr D Smith

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) and 2 residents (TM & BG).

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Draddy (Late apologies via Cllr Proctor) > discussed

### 2. Member Declaration of Interest

None

### 3. Minutes for Approval of the Zoom Meeting dated Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

The Minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 were approved unsigned

### 4. Clerks Report to include Noisy Sports, Northampton Road

- Northants Police ANPR Extension > application for inclusion – response read > not Cosgrove Village (Cllr Smith (D) spoke on recent NHW meeting and 150 ANPR cameras)
- Noisy Sports Northampton Road monitoring continues with recent complaint that SNC are failing to follow own guidelines > Cllr McCord advised that Covid Legislation relaxed the 14 days pa to 28 days (rolling?) during pandemic. MP Andrea Leadsom had been advised of consequences and statutory nuisance

### 5. Public Speaking Time (this is time limited)

Tim Miller Cosgrove Hall advised of vandalism to cottages next to the Church and sought assistance from PC (discussed at length and advice given)

Barbara Gayton spoke on rumours of reduction in Bus Services > clerk deals

### 6 District and County Councillor Reports

Cllr McCord (SNC) Further re Local Plan Part 2 passed (5 Sept deadline); Part 1 under review (2-3 weeks): SNC have taken over 95% of services: Local Government Reform for Northants 6 months > May 2021: CEO, Financial and Monitoring officers in place along with Children's Service;

Q re Planning Cosgrove Caravan Park and MKC discussed at length:

### 7. Correspondence received since last meeting (outlined at the meeting)

In addition to circulated correspondence there are two items N/CALC Emergency Planning Survey and N/ACRE Biodiversity Zoom meeting 12 Nov 4-6pm Both circulated for info/action

### 7(a) Notice to vary Premises licence 'The Challow Building' Furtho Manor Farm OS.

(Circulated along with additional Email from SNC (Dist Cllr)) as affecting A508?)

\* Discussed at length. Agreed representation on serious concerns about the suitability for multi events and traffic volume on what is a narrow farm entrance (although metalled) with egress and access off of an unlit A road (the A508) opposite a junction already an accident black spot, due to a narrow right turn lane into the route to Cosgrove and the wider Milton Keynes (Castlethorpe and Hanslope). Due to public utilities the Highways Authority advised that no improvements can be made (without exorbitant costs) and we are surprised that they have not been consulted

## 8. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Roberts** > Yardley Road
- **Cllr Bracey** > Barred wire fencing back of Quarries is missing? RoW discussed
- **Cllr Bird** > Nil
- **Cllr Comerford** > Park issues& liaison
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > WP concerns re Church and food banks; NHW meeting and update on ANPR. No door to door poppy collections > discussed and **RESOLVED** to donate £50 > RBL
- **Cllr Little** > Village Hal issues and canal path conditions  
VH income concerns and discussed **RESOLVED** to donate PC hall rent > see Note \*
- **Cllr Proctor** > Allotments revised tenancy agreement discussed at length (clerk advised on proposed preparation; Dog Fouling: War Bench and Litter Pick (clerk advised)
- **Chairman** > Proposed that Zoom meeting should start at 7pm discussed and approved; also muted the idea that Street lamps could be a source of Electric charging points in the future? Idea deferred along with Social meetings

\* **Note:** Good will gesture to donate CosPC hall rent (but Cllr Bracey to advise VH Committee on annual donation for village group support (account balance) and is deferred

## 9. Planning

### (a) Applications Received

**S/2020/1639/FUL** Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings along with minor alterations to existing access etc Garden Cottage 14 Stratford Road (next to 16 Dower House LB?)

\* No objections in principal but consider this to be curtilage to the Listed Building despite the comments in the Design and Access statement which affects the setting

**S/2020/1620/TCA** Yew tree front garden – reduce crown to below sloping roof 1 Main Street

\* Noted

**S/2020/1619/NMA** Removal of hedge along western boundary and replace with 1.8 close boarded fencing 42 Bridge Road

\* Observation: that despite the original ecology report on the hedges value, it is no longer maintained as before. Members are concerned that the loss of hedgerow at this time, is to apparently facilitate car parking provisions, when more effort could be made to retain the hedgerow and its wildlife habitat, whatever its value for ecology. The fencing will do little to enhance the sites appearance

**S/2020/1548/TPO** Works on 24 TPO trees as per schedule (TPO 2/1998) The Dairy Prior Road

\* Noted

**S/2020/1565/FUL** Erection of glazed enclosure to existing raised external dinning terrace  
Navigation Inn, Thrupp Wharf

\* No objections

(b) **Decision Notices**

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

(d) **Press Notices**

None

## 10. Finance > dealt with by the clerk under agreed delegated powers

(a) **The Council to note budgetary control to date (Running Balance attached Agenda)**

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£8,479.54
Business Inst a/c:	£39,863.04 (2/2 Precept + Vat)
Earmarked Reserves:	£29,604.56
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£18, 738.02</b>

**(c) To Note Accounts for Payment**

Paid 2/10

001967	David Olgvie Eng:	£1,274.40 (War Bench as agreed)
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001968	Clerks Salary:	£388.40 (£374.40 + Petty cash £14) (£5 owed > Nov)
001969	HMRC:	£93.60 (PAYE)
001970	DNH Contracts:	£60.00 (Environmental > Sep)
001971	NJ Blackwell GS:	£669.66 (Mowing > Sep)
001972	W Smith:	£115.10 (Zoom costs > Reissued Chq1955 cancelled)
001973	J Proctor::	£46.84 (Additional PL poppies and ties)
001974	Royal British Legion:	£50.00 (Donation Min:8)
001975	Cosgrove VH:	£275.00 (Hall rent CoPC Min:8)

**Note: RESOLUTION** Min:7(b) 8 Jan 2020 was completed on 22 Sep > see Running Balance)

**11. Reports of maintenance issues arising**

Pot holes marked awaiting action along with defective Give Way signage at village XRoads

**12. Any Items for Next Agenda**

VH finances and current budget re donation (Cllr Bracey to advise VH Committee)

**13. Date of next Zoom Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm**

With no other business the virtual meeting closed at 9.23pm

**Cosgrove Parish Council**  
**Outstanding Activities (Updated)**  
**October 2020**

**Most activities are held until further notice**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Ongoing	<b>Litter</b>	Additional Litter Bins	<b>SNC to approve (still awaits)</b> <b>CosPC to advise</b>
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Continual review	<b>Bridge Road subsidence NCC monitor only? No action can be Justified; Scruffy yes, dangerous No &gt; NFA at this time?</b>
	<b>Yardley Road</b>	(More accidents > NCC)	<b>Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567</b> * Approved Plan chased (held)
	<b>Canal Bridge</b>	Road safety – alternate one way? More damage after hit by vehicle	Not approved by NCC Highways (Unable due to f/w specs on LB structure) ; <b>Latest damage repaired</b>
	<b>Pot holes</b>	Monitored	<b>Slow repairs &gt; some reminders</b>
	<b>Caravan Park traffic</b>	Monitored	Deliveries now through Castlethorpe?
	<b>Caravan Park</b>	Liaison to commence	> contact with park management awaits
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>	When required Especially horse tunnel	<b>Monitoring</b>
On going	<b>Bulb planting</b>	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	<b>Benches</b>	Commemorative	Awaits

Note: Most outstanding issue put on hold (Pandemic blamed)