

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at the Village Hall Commencing at 8pm
(after an open forum presenting current local planning issues)

Present:

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

Also present were Cllr Mr I McCord (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr C Bird & Mr P Roberts (Work commitments), Mr M Draddy (away?)

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

None

3. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 4th November 2021

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 4th November 2021 were approved and signed as correct record

4. Clerks Report and latest on Gigaclear and Allotments

- Playing Field Gigaclear box update > awaits LR evidence before Gigaclear commit
- Allotments > Progress awaits water supply decision > Cllr Proctor to advance
- New lamp connections Bridge Road (WPD cancelled and repaid in full) awaits Hickford Lighting quote and action (> March?) > Cllr D Smith to liaise issues

** Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

5. Public Speaking Time

Cosgrove CP issues raised (lake infilling/tree cutting) Cllr McCord (Breach of Planning); Flooding > The Green & drains; Report that Ruth Burnham (WNC Flooding Officer?) was unaware of any such flooding issues in Cosgrove (> Cllr McCord) and discussed at length.

** Meeting reopened after lengthy public speaking*

6. WNC Councillor Report

Current Planning Review – WNC/Northampton (city status?); MKC Rapid Transport Link?; Green Bin costs suspended for review; Deanshanger Ward Members and the 3 Cllr Parish allocation.

7. Correspondence received since last meeting (list at the meeting)

- CPRE response to WNC Spatial Strategy > circulated and noted
- Framptons (Furtho Pit) request meeting to present proposals > Discussed see Min:9(a) > deferred

8. WNC Spatial Strategy response (Draft circulated prior to Agenda)

* Discussed and **RESOLVED** to submit the clerks report as Cosgrove Parish Council's response

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

WNS/2021/1970/SCR Screening opinion for Solar Farm Land south of Church End Potterspury (Between Yardley Gobion and Potterspury) > awaits EI decision

To Note WNC/2021/1985/SCO Furtho Pit OS is a Scoping application required by the EA decision for WNC/2021/1628/SCR Screening opinion (SNC plan AL5 copies circulated)

* Awaits formal planning application

(b) Decision Notices

None

10. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

* **RESOLVED** to adopt

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£3,445.51
Business Inst a/c:	£52,850.41` (2/2 Precept)
Earmarked Reserves:	£39,757.39
Available Capital:	£16,538.53

(c) To Note Accounts for Payment (list at the meeting)

15/11

002062 NJ Blackwell GS: £485.42 (Mowing > Oct) replaced 2058 (Bank issue)

002063 Clerks Salary/Petty cash: £398.00 (£384 + Petty cash £14)

002064 HMRC: £96.00 (PAYE)

002065 DNH Contracts: £60.00 (Environmental > Nov)

002066 NJ Blackwell GS: £541.52 (Mowing Nov)

002067 Towcester Studio Band: £200.00 (Fees Min 15)

11. Street Lighting and update

Some power poles remain? Clerk has chased Open Reach/WP > Cllr Somerford

12. Highways

Safety issues remain > review awaits (Castlethorpe Turn/Yardley Road and Xroads drainage)

Flooding at the Xroads and Main Street/The Green

* It was noted that Mowing Contractor was attending on Wednesdays (Wheelie Bin collection day)

13. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Draddy** > Xmas lights in his absence
- **Cllr Bird** > x
- **Cllr Bracey** > x
- **Cllr Comerford** > Open reach –vs- WP re posts Liaison; Police alert contact
- **Cllr Proctor** > Allotments
- **Cllr Roberts** > x
- **Cllr Little** > Tracker apologies
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > Stratford Road overhanging trees success
- **Cllr Smith (W) Chairman** > Power to new VAS posts chased; competition re infrastructure

14. Microsoft 365

Further discussed > Proposed Cllr Proctor seconded Cllr D Smith and **RESOLVED** to proceed

15. Christmas Lights switch on (and Brass Band agreement)

Discussed and unanimously carried and **RESOLVED** to pay £200.00 to Towcester Studio Band

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the official meeting closed at 9.12pm

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