

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 via ZOOM commencing 7pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, 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), TC (BCS) and 1resident

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr M Draddy (unwell)

2. Member Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes for Approval of the Zoom Meeting dated Wednesday 3rd February 2021

The Minutes of the meeting 3rd February 2021 were approved unsigned

4. Clerks Report to include

*This is to clarify that the annual review of Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regs, Financial Risk Assessment, GDPR, Fixed Asset Register along with Internal Control Effectiveness, have all been reviewed and updated where necessary.

* This would normally be carried at Annual PC Meeting in May

- Horse Tunnel chased inspection and water damage (still in use)
- Flooding > Action update including Dogsmouth > Highways negative response circulated requesting Street Doctor report when necessary
- Planning issues > Cosgrove Hall and the alms cottages - SNC Enforcement response circulated (*This was looked at in depth a few years ago (By enforcement and by conservation). The main house had been gutted and was in a very poor state. There was not much left which "made it special" i.e worthy of listing and as such any repairs would have left us with a facsimile of the original building. The owner would need to make an application to rebuild the property and it was felt that this was more appropriate than a repairs notice which would only require the building to be made safe. The only incentive for the owner to rebuild would be the potential that the use of the land could be considered to be abandoned if the house falls down and no application to develop is made in a timely manner. This however would be a fairly long time span, years rather than months. With respect to the Alms Houses, there has been no change on these, they are not being monitored proactively at present and there is no action proposed at present.*)
- Playing Field update

5. Allotments

The clerk outlined solicitors Qs and his discussion with Cllr Proctor and advised that dealings with GUH should be formalised through him and to pass on his contact details

The clerk then responded to his Email and confirmed that 'no opportunity for funding due to house building in Cosgrove had been lost,' as only developments of more than 10 dwelling give scope for any planning gain; A new initiative of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) had meant that £5,360.70 as previously reported, had been Earmarked for Projects (Running Balance) yet to be agreed. Solicitors fees already accepted, will be paid on completion and after a further exchange of views, the Chairman advised that all future Legal Matters would be dealt with by the clerk

6. Public Speaking Time (this is time limited)

TC (BCS) spoke on canal restoration issues (obstruction to RoW > discussed); looking at the feasibility of restoring the old swing bridge and his planning application for the OS Cut
He then left the meeting

7 District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Spoke on interim WN unitary council and Cabinet issues; looking at outstanding highway issues Castlethorpe Road / Yardley Road; how Planning would be dealt with; Elections (last date 24/3) for registration and would forward details to the clerk; Rule of 6 bubble 6 May and encouragement to postal vote

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Last annual report circulated and added to the Minutes

8. Correspondence received since last meeting (outlined at the meeting)

- **Gas Governor replacement** Delay reasons circulated (near completion)

9. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Smith (D)** > Planning in open countryside; FP and litter
- **Cllr Proctor** > Litter pick **RESOLVED** that chair would purchase LPs for Cllrs and forward invoice to the clerk
- **Cllr Little** > Tracker; Responding to Emails (provider issues >discussed no action); 42 Bridge Road update
- **Cllr Comerford** > Village library (Church vs VH) discussed and deferred; Email security*
- **Cllr Draddy** > x
- **Roberts** >.All good
- **Bracey** > x
- **Bird** > Litter pick; FP condition Fix my Street
- **Chairman** > Dates for grass cutting > village litter pick JP to enquire SN; SID moved to Bridge Road for traffic flow and to consider 20mph;

* Clerk to remove non-cosgrove.org addresses from distribution list

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

INTERIM S/2021/0372/LDP Certificate of Lawful Permission by BCS for the creation of raised timber planting beds for community use to grow plants. Pathway and earth works. Land west of Locks Lane

* No objection But Q whether this should be a FUL not LDP application as it's sited between 2 public footpaths RD7 & RG9

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

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

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

Interim Audit circulated for adoption

* **RESOLVED** to adopt

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£20,995.75
Business Inst a/c:	£27,446.46
Earmarked Reserves:	£35,055.26
Available Capital:	£13,386.95

(c) To Note Accounts for Payment

Paid 16/2

001998 TDP Ltd: £437.14: (Styles Bench)

001999 Clerks Salary/Petty cash: £398.20 (£374.40 + Petty cash £23.80)

002000 HMRC: £93.60 (PAYE)

002001 DNH Contracts: £60.00 (Environmental > Feb)

002002 OSPC:: £120.00 (50% clerks PD)

002003 W Smith: £103.32 (replacement Flags)

12. Reports of maintenance issues arising

Horse Tunnel; Dog's Mouth bend, blocked footpath BCS; Replacement/leaning telegraph poles

13. Any Items for Next Agenda

14. Date of next Meeting as Wednesday 7th April 2021 via Zoom at 7pm

With no other business the virtual meeting closed at 8.45pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities (Updated)
March 2020

Most activities are held until further notice

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Ongoing	Litter	Additional Litter Bins	SNC to approve (still awaits) CosPC to advise?
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Continual review	Bridge Road subsidence NCC monitor only? No action can be Justified; Scruffy yes, dangerous No > NFA at this time?
	Horse Tunnel	Entrance leak (The Stocks)	<i>Reported and chased re delayed inspection/action</i>
	Yardley Road	(More accidents > NCC) Xroads Give Way markings	Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567 * Approved Plan chased (held) Work ticket 6/12?
	Canal Bridge	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) ; Latest damage repaired
	Pot holes	Monitored	Slow repairs > some reminders
	Caravan Park traffic	Monitored Latest application?	Deliveries now through Castlethorpe?
	Caravan Park	Liaison to commence	> contact with park management awaits
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required Especially horse tunnel	Monitoring
On going	Bulb planting	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	Benches	Commemorative	Approved x3