

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th August via ZOOM

Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 1 resident (BG part).

Apologies:

Cllrs Mr C. Bird, Mr D Smith (Work commitments) & Mr I McCord (SNC)(report attached)

1 Approval Minutes of the Zoom Meeting dated Wednesday 1st July 2020

* The Minutes of the meeting 1st July 2020 were approved unsigned

2. Clerks Report

Play Area closure

* Chairman reported that after public request a supervised clean by parents had taken place and the play area reopened > Chairman to monitor

Burial Ground

* Complaint of damage to headstone after tree removal > laid down as loose, no damage complainant informed

Environmental Services

* Clerk deals with Contractors Waste Transfer notes

New Planters

* Mowing contractor advised on possible damage > who contacted Chairman

3. Noisy sports issue (Dogsmouth)

* Rumours discussed (quite past weekends) awaits SNC enforcement on excess days. Residents keeping log

4. Caravan Park Traffic and latest MKC Planning Application

* Deferred to planning after discussion > Photos of Bridge Road surface to the clerk

Cllr Walker gave his input and agreed to support the PC and supported site meeting > clerk deals

5. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2020/1187/FUL Variation of Condition 2 (Plan) & Condition 11 (Finishes) The Dairy, The Prior

* The comparison drawing on application S/2020/1187/FUL is not from the previously approved application S/2019/1372/FUL and misleads, as the drawing appears to from the previously withdrawn application S/2019/0776/FUL

Because it is the incorrect drawing, the changes look very minor when in fact they are not and this needs to be addressed

Also noted that there is a comment made from Carol Ann Murphy stating she owns various addresses in the area and supports the application. This is in fact not true as two of the addresses she includes are owned by Mr and Mrs Cousins who make comment. The addresses in question are "The Byre Stable Cottages and Stable Cottage Road to Ivy Cottage."

On the application S/2019/1372/FUL the location plan shows an area in blue which are not owned by the applicant as a large part of this land is owned by Mr and Mrs Cousins and needs to be addressed

There are also inconsistencies on the size of the building 16.5M 17.0 M as the original building was much smaller.

MKC 20/01298/FUL 40 static caravans in leau of 70 tourers Cosgrove Caravan Park (MKC area)

* Discussed at length await SNC Comments and prompt from Cllr McCord (SNC)(attached)

Still not listed on SNC Planning Register as Neighbouring Authority app

6. Finance > dealt with by the clerk under agreed delegated powers (notification later)

(a) The Council to note budgetary control to date

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£2,396.16
Business Inst a/c:	£36,522.88
Earmarked Reserves:	£29,099.56
Available Capital:	£9,819.48

(c) To Note Accounts for Payment

001956	Clerks Salary:	£388.40 (£374.40 + Petty cash £14)
001957	HMRC:	£93.60 (PAYE)
001958	DNH Contracts:	£84.00 (Environmental > July)
001959	NJ Blackwell GS:	£1,095.06 (Mowing > July)
001960	SNAST:	£20.00 (Annual subs)
001961	E.ON	£385.00 (Street lighting energy)

7. End of Year Accounts including Internal Audit Report (previously circulated)

* Signed by clerk and chairman for AGR Submission > to be added to the website

8. Reports of maintenance issues arising

(a) Bridge Road condition and caravan traffic as Min:4

* Further discussed at length > opinions shared

(b) Yardley Road Xroad and Bridge Road

* Worn road markings and faded Give Way sign > highlighted by the Chairman > NCC

9. Northants Police ANPR Extension > mail circulated

* Discussed > CosPC project for cameras previously deferred due to costl > clerk to make case for ANPR extension due to caravan park and main crime area

10. Any Items for Next Agenda

Allotments update (Cllr Proctor)

Added

District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) It is good to see that the work at Cosgrove has been ongoing throughout the lockdown period, I want to place on record my thanks to Wayne and all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their enormous efforts over the past months. The Forum is in phase two of a four phase response. The next step will be to have some of the staff coming in and working

socially distanced but the normal number of 200 will be more like 60. Clearly there will be many working from home for all or a substantial part of the week for a long time to come. There has been a recent spike in Covid cases in Northampton with concerns also in Kettering and Corby. These are not at the scale where a local lockdown is required as we saw in Leicester, Manchester and today in Aberdeen, but we need to remind people to follow the rules very closely. Until that concern is past we will also postpone the opening of The Forum. I am aware that there have been a few planning issues and I have referred cases to building control as they came up. Site visits restarted a couple of weeks ago and I know that the Motor Cross area on Stratford Road was looked at. There are permitted development rights of 14 uses a year and I know neighbours have keeping good logs to aid enforcement. The Environmental Health staff are monitoring noise whilst they are yet to conclude their investigations I know from previous case work that the bar for statutory nuisance is quite a high one and it may be unlikely that what may be deemed annoying is sufficient to be classed as statutory nuisance under the legislation. I am not the expert but I don't want to build an expectation that noise nuisance law can be applied here, I think using the planning route would be a better and easier one as it is in use 14 times or not. I have spoken to the head of planning about the Cosgrove Caravan Park application to MK and requested that SNC do a lot more than the perfunctory no comments. I have requested that we ask that MK to condition this for access via the track near Castlethorpe and not the Cosgrove entrance. I shall update you when I get more information. At SNC the waste crews continue to collect about 25-30% more than average, as lock down as caused a lot of tidying up of homes and gardens and shed clear outs. With all meals taken at home food waste also has risen. All the SNC services have been running since lockdown with the exception of the leisure centres. They have reopened in Towceter and Brackley for dry side gym work the pools are not open as yet. The refurbishment of Towcester Centre for Leisure will commence in August. Work continues on the creation of the new West Northants Council which is still scheduled to go live on 1 April 2021. This week we have had interviews for the position of Chief Executive and an announcement will be made on that outcome shortly. The other statutory officer positions are being recruited and are due for interview first week of September. The planning for the new council is ongoing with groups looking at all the different areas Council Tax harmonisation, how to split up the county council assets and liabilities, branding and communications, vision and culture, senior appointments, budget preparation, civic issues and equalities, drafting the new council constitution, etc is all underway.

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Nothing further

11. Date of next Meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2020

With no other business the virtual meeting close ay 8.47pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities (Updated)
August 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
	Yardley Road	(More accidents > NCC)	Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567 * Approved Plan chased (held)
	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 not yet repaired > traffic signals in operation
	Pot holes	Monitored	Slow repairs > some reminders
	Caravan Park traffic	Monitored	Deliveries now through Castlethorpe > contact with park manage advised
	Caravan Park	Liaison to commence	
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required Especially horse tunnel	Monitoring
On going	Bulb planting	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	Benches	Commemorative	Awaits

Note: Most outstanding issue put on hold