

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at the Village Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

(face coverings are optional)

Present:

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

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr P Roberts (Work), Mr D Smith (other) & Mr I McCord (WNC > Wicken)

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

None

3. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 2nd February 2022 were approved and signed as correct record

* Q raised about the addition of Cllr McCords report after the meeting > reason accepted

4. Clerks Report (Including Allotment Agreement for Signature)

- Allotment Agreement for signature (Chairman and clerk) witnessed Cllr Proctor

- Guard rails > Main Street to Canal towpath response received and deferred due to H&S comments

- Furtho Pit 'fighting fund' > the clerk clarified advice on any legal fee donation viz.:

* As payment is NOT authorised by s101, s111 or s144 LGA 1972 (as amended); then only s137 LGA (Free Resource) can apply but has very strict guidelines (Class 4 Influence / Class 7 Public information COULD apply, but many of payment is restricted and outlined

- Operation London Bridge > Flag protocol etc. reminder

** Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

5. Public Speaking Time

Q raised about the clerk statement on legal fees (donation) and referred to planning solicitors comments previously circulated > discussed at length and an exchange of views, especially as a planning application has yet to be received and whilst the CosPC would respond to any application it is also open to others to also respond and would be encouraged to do so

There was also request for @deer' signs as Muntjac were active in Stratford Road

** Meeting reopened after public speaking*

6. WNC Councillor Report

Report read by the Chairman in absence and would form part of the minutes

WNC Budget The WNC Budget was passed by full council last week. The Council tax bills will be appearing soon. An amendment I tried to put to remove the green waste charges was defeated by the administration and so there will be a £42 per bin per year charge from 1 April. WNC have been putting out leaflets to inform residents of this change and you can sign up on the WNC website.

Planning WNC Members had one of their regular planning briefing sessions last month. We were given an update on the Local Plan Part 1 preparations. The officers reported that they had a higher level of response than anticipated and this may take more time than envisaged to work through.

Approx. 1,700 responses had been received and they were processing these still
300 replies on the call for sites – a mix of existing sites in the SHLAA and new ones – these are being processed

Of interest to us were the early indications of levels of response

The highest level of objections were received on the question about Vision – 526 responses

Option 5b – the proposed 6000 houses at Old Stratford / Deanshanger A5/A508 – 442 responses

Option 4b – the proposed 4500 houses Towcester South and Racecourse – 409 responses

Housing and Economic needs assessment – 398 responses

Option 5a – proposed up to 5000 houses at Long Buckby – 386 responses

Option 3a east of DIRFT – 335 responses

There was also substantial support for Northampton as a location for growth – 377 responses.

This is still very early but encouraging that the work we all did to get the word out, encourage responses and make the points about option 5b, 4b, the lack of vision and the potential for Northampton to take more seems to be borne out in the replies.

Gypsy and Traveller Site Appeal The date of the proposed Gypsy and Traveller site off the A508 between the two Yardley Gobion turn offs has been set for 26 July.

Frontier Development / Furtho Pit Nothing to report – no new information to share on this one we still await the application

Bus Services I have been in discussion with Britannia Bus to try to get an improved service and I am hopeful that there will be additional services added in the next few weeks. If and when this is confirmed then I will advise the PC and others to try to get this service back to something like its pre covid offer.

WNC Big Conversation WNC are engaging in a big conversation, the PC will probably have an email from them, anyone can take part and give feedback to WNC.

NTFC Land Deal Despite holding a special council meeting and then a special cabinet meeting WNC deferred the decision again the proposed land deal with Northampton Town Football Club. This may come to the March Cabinet meeting when maybe Cabinet will make a decision.

Fly Tipping I have been in contact with waste services to have fly tips removed from Cosgrove and the Bridleway in Ashton. If there are others do let me know and I shall contact them.

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

- Northants ACRE > Zoom event 30th March 5-7pm 'How to green up your community' > Cllr Little
- Voluntary Transport Blog circulated for info
- WNC confirm no elections May 22 > next is May 2024
- Netwise Alert > result of Russia conflict > circulated
- Request for additional dog bin Coffin Walk > either end agreed request to contractor
- Speed Watch campaign and dates raised by the chairman > site agreed

8. Queens Green Celebrations and RBL offers

Trees discussed > Cllr Bird deals & **RESOLVED** that the 2 x RBL Post signs and Flag agreed

9 Asset Mapping Group WP progress and caution (Clerk to comment)

Discussed and Cllrs unanimously agreed to withdraw from the scheme and details/photos taken of current CosPC Assets (FAR) would be kept on stored on file for record > clerk to advise

Members of the public left the meeting at this point

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

WNS/2022/0005/NA Update Cosgrove Caravan Park MK

* WNC formal response not added to application docs as pre 1 Feb > circulated and reads:

I refer to the above Neighbouring authority consultation for the proposed siting of 25 static holiday caravans (to remain on pitch all year round) in lieu of 40 touring caravans on the eastern section of Cosgrove Park. I can advise you that we have received the following comments from highways, I would ask that the LHA are consulted on this as the main site entrance is within South Northants; there looks to be ongoing highway issues which will require looking into and assessing before planning permission is granted. We have also received comments from Cosgrove Parish Council who are concerned that themselves and local residents in Cosgrove who are most affected by the proposal are not being given an opportunity to comment. They are extremely concerned about the access arrangements and the further intensification of the site. Concern is also raised about the drip feeding of applications and the absence of a Masterplan for the future of the site. I attach the comments received from Cosgrove Parish Council. With regards to West Northamptonshires comments on the above application we still have concerns about the proposed access arrangements in principle, and for the movement of more caravans and also the intensity of the use now allowing all year around access to the caravans and the impact on the village of Cosgrove and its residents. The current access is from Bridge Road over a Grade II listed bridge which is very narrow and also via the T-junction onto Main Street in the village of Cosgrove. Earlier responses suggested that access is gained via the track that leads to Fox Covert Lane immediately to the north east of the application site. We consider that this would prevent potential, highway safety issues and avoid nuisance to local residents. We would also request that we are asked to approve these access arrangements.*

WNS/2022/0135/TCA Reduce by 20/30% various trees and remove deadwood from tree & B Ash, Tree C Beech & Tree D Silver Birch Reduce by 20/30% 42A Bridge Road

WNS/2022/0313/TCA T1 Oak (work required to make safe and to comply with highways legislation; T2 & T3 Sycamores crown lift and works; T5 & T6 sycamores crown lift over highway; T11 Chestnut sectional dismantle close to ground & T12 Chestnut crown thin and remove dead, dying or rubbing branches Medlar House, Stratford Rd

WNS/2022/0183/COND & WNS/2022/COND re approval Garden Cottage 14 Stratford Rd

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Enforcement 42 Bridge Road re Decking, fencing and tree work w/o planning permission

(d) Press Notices

None

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

* **RESOLVED** to adopt

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£21,659.72
Business Inst a/c:	£31,764.64
Earmarked Reserves:	£39,812.39
Available Capital:	£13,611.97

(c) To Note Accounts for Payment (Proposed DL seconded JP and carried unanimously)

002080	Clerks Salary/Petty cash:	£398.00 (£384 + Petty cash £14)
002081	HMRC:	£96.00 (PAYE)
002082	DNH Contracts:	£60.00 (Environmental > Feb)
002083	Cosgrove VH:	£233.00 (Hall Hire 2021/22)
002084	Clerks CPD Fees:	£120.50 (50% / OSPC Clerks professional fees)

(d) Approve Budget forecast

* **PRECEPT** issued for the sum of £23,500.00 > circulated Budget & Approved

(Given latest cost implications does the Budget forecast allocation to be reviewed after Year End)

12 Street Lighting and update

New Lamp Bridge Road > awaits Hickfords Lighting > Chase costing/time scale

13. Highways

Safety issues remain > to consider 20mph especially Bridge Road and Main Street review awaits
Other Fix My Street issues still outstanding

14. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Draddy** > Coffin Walk tree arising and leaf debris > Queens pagoda? Next meeting
- **Cllr Bird** > Trees (Silver Birch/ Cherry re Min:8)
- **Cllr Bracey** > Station Road condition > AB to Fix My Street
- **Cllr Comerford** > NW and police liason > April meeting?
- **Cllr Proctor** > Allotments allocation soon
- **Cllr Roberts** > x
- **Cllr Little** > Nothing more
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > x
- **Cllr Smith (W)** > Sid delivery (and holiday apologies)

15. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

Annual Open Parish meeting > Deferred to Jubilee period

Clerks successor for further discussion

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the official meeting closed at 09.53pm