

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 at the Village Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

(Face coverings remain optional)

### Present:

Cllrs Mr D Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, Mr A Bracey, Mrs S Comerford, Mr M Draddy, Mr C Peacock (From Min:4),

Also present were Cllr Mr I McCord (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

### 1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mr D Smith (Current Vice Chairman) was unanimously elected as Chairman (after the sudden resignation of the former Chairman Mr W Smith)

### 2. Declaration of Acceptance

Cllr Mr D Smith duly signed the Declaration of acceptance as the newly appointed Chairman

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr J Proctor (family commitment) & Mr P Roberts (unable > via Chairman prior to meeting)

### 4. To formally welcome Carl Peacock as a Duly Co-opted Member of the Council and to complete the necessary paperwork

(A new vacancy arises after the resignation of Wayne Smith > notices posted)

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

None

### 6. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record

### 7. Clerks Report

- Chased Playing field registration
- Cosgrove allotment paperwork
- Sudden resignation of Chairman Wayne Smith > notice posted
- Unitary Council finance warning (existing contracts > Mowing?)
- Stagecoach issue (not Cosgrove) > circulated

### 8. Allotments

Awaits water connection and formal approval > discussed and deferred

\* The clerk advised on his discussion with Cllr Proctor and the previously allocated fund indication. As monies cannot be paid direct to him (or allotment committee who have yet to set up an account)

**RESOLVED** that an Allotment fund (Earmarked Reserves) be allocated with £2K allowing Cllr Proctor (or allotment committee) to purchase necessary equipment in CosPCs name in the interim

\* *Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

### 9. Public Speaking Time

Cosgrove Hall; condition (trespass) > no heras' fencing? Integrity of the LB after 7 years especially the swimming pool safety.

\* *Meeting reopened*

## **10 WNC Councillor Report**

Reported on planning approval after appeal, for travellers site off A508 (YG Parish) bordering Cosgrove > conditions discussed; AL5 Furtho Pit EIA and (Planning app); SPD Comments and he would examine documents and report back; DPC concerns of OS RAB and AL5 affecting Deanshanger and the planning apps proposed; Northampton Gateway (rail link issues) and Towcester AL plans discussed; Changes to Stagecoach 88 (not affecting Cosgrove?); Highway Kia contract and issues outlined and WNC Notice of Concern re costings and current budgets  
*With no Qs Cllr McCord gave apologies and left the meeting*

## **11. Correspondence received since last meeting (list at the meeting)**

- Queen's Green Canopy - Autumn Push
- PF&CC Meeting dates for diary > circulated
- Volunteering clearing local waterways, rivers and ditches > request .
- External Audit Report > Min:14(d) \* Comments noted
- BCS Open Day Sat 16 Oct commencing 11.30am > Locks Lane > circulated

## **12. New SID Report**

YR and BR solar. SR powered. (Chairmans report) > data collection awaits

## **13. Planning**

### **(a) Applications Received**

#### **INTERIM**

#### **WNS/2022/1741/EIA Furtho Pit Old Cosgrove Road OS**

Erection of 9 x employment units comprising circa 69,744sqm GIA. of floorspace within Class B2 or B8 Uses, with ancillary class E(g)(i) offices and E(g)(ii) research and development, together with country park, ground re-profiling in the country park, new vehicular access from the A508 and associated site infrastructure, including lorry parking. Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement

> Comments on EIA due date 06/10/2022 (awaits case officer allocation)

\* Discussed

\* Note **WNS/2022/1494/FUL** Demolition of existing house and the erection of 5 dwellings and ancillary works Colmwood House 29 Bridge Road > Response by developers agent circulated re overcapacity of drainage system > states Kier and AW do not need to be consulted?  
Objection to remain > WNC planners decision

#### **West Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy Consultation on Part 2 and SPG**

\* CosPC Response circulated > Website

### **(b) Decision Notices**

**-Refused** LDP for Garden Room 44A Bridge Road (> FULL application?)

**Note:** Change of use Furtho Pit and Pickering's area for storage Old Cosgrove Road

\* Planning Policy comments noted awaits case officer and decision (OSPC to Q policy guidance as outside AL5 red line)

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

### **(d) Press Notices**

None

## 14 Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

\* **RESOLVED** to adopt

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

Treasurer's a/c:	£17,080.41
Business Inst a/c:	£49,968.28
Earmarked Reserves:	£59,756.33
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£7,292.36</b>

### (c) To Note Accounts for Payment (Proposed DS seconded AB and carried unanimously)

002121	Clerks Salary/Petty cash:	£930.00 (£460 adjustment =£1,145+ Petty cash £14)*
002122	HMRC:	£229.00 (PAYE)(6m Adjustment)
002123	DNH Contracts:	£84.00 (Environmental > Aug)
002124	NJ Blackwell GS:	£310.04 (Mowing > Aug)
002125	Hickford Lighting:	£300.00 (SID Works PL7 Stratford Rd)
002126	Wayne Smith:	£28.61 (Lock and hose clips for new SID attachment)
002127	CPRE:	£36.00 (Annual subscription)
002128	PKF Littlejohn LLP:	£240.00 (Audit fees Min:12(d))

\* Note: Previously **RESOLVED** to increase clerks salary back date to 1 Apr 2022 (even though the clerk declined a previous increments backdated to Apr 21) This gives a salary parity for the new clerk when in post in 2023. This includes 6/12 backdated increase as shown in Running Balance

### (d) Completion of 2021/22 Audit > Notice of conclusion of audit posted

External Auditors report noted and discussed > NFA – Website updated

Remittance attached = £240

## 15. Street Lighting

Reports outstanding; Overgrowth obstructing new lamp by bridge > agreement with land owner (via Chairman) and for Hickford Lighting to deal

## 16. Highways

Issued discussed and deferred (Casualty Reduction and 20mph)

## 17. Caravan Park

Deferred to next agenda

## 18. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Draddy** > no
- **Cllr Bird** > Tree whips delivery and planting?
- **Cllr Bracey** > Station Road Gas Repairs
- **Cllr Comerford** > nothing further
- **Cllr Proctor** > x
- **Cllr Roberts** > x
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > PLs and SIDs
- **Cllr Peacock** > Team training

## 19. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

Working Party for tree planting and clerk's replacement transfer

**20 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.07pm