

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3rd AUGUST 2022 at the Village Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

(Face coverings remain optional)

Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

Before the meeting John Lay of Western Power updated CosPC on WPs plan to remove the 5 outstanding telegraph poles and the current power issues with the upgrade (a generator is to be sited at the area outside the church entrance Stratford Road (for 4 weeks) to maintain the two halves of Cosgrove during the upgrade)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr I McCord (WNC)(Holiday) & Mr M Draddy (via Chairman)

2. Casual Vacancy

Co-option awaits - interest shown by person present (awaits CV for Co-option next meeting)

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

None

4. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 6th July 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 6th July 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record

5. Clerks Report

- Mansel Close Farmhouse application > clerks comments emailed to members > NOW (WNC (PS) has advised that responses on comments page are as 'neighbour'. Therefore PCs to submit response on the Planning Register notification link for inclusion as a PC response > noted).
- Complaint via WS of late display of draft minutes at bus stop nb (but already on website) advised
- Play Area attended inspection requested > 8 – 10 weeks
- Live camera feed complaint after BCS w/e (although turned away?) discussed > NFA
- Complaint of late display of Draft Minutes bus shelter before next Agenda (although on website)

6. Allotments

Cllr Proctor gave an update (awaits water connection formal approval after aborted start stopped)

** Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

7. Public Speaking Time

Matting in the play area issues (in hand as Min:5); speed of traffic through the village > 20mph? discussed; Canal bridge footway for pedestrians?; AL5 (Furtho Pit) > Old Mail canvass

** Meeting reopened after public speaking*

8 WNC Councillor Report

SPD consultation runs till 18 August clerk to compile report with Cllr McCords suggestion whos report is fully endorsed

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

- Further Cllr McCords SPD notes > circulated
- NALC/SLCC proposed salary increase notified > deferred
- WNC App to explore (boost local economy > circulated)

10. New SID Report

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

WNS/2022/1494/FUL Demolition of existing house and the erection of 5 dwellings and ancillary works Colmwood House 29 Bridge Road

* Given the departure from the original approval for two dwellings, there is real concern about the inadequate drainage system and infrastructure especially given the experience of the 5 house development opposite (S/2018/1624/FUL) and we **OBJECT** on those grounds.

We therefore seek the necessary assurance from Kier and Anglian Water that the existing problems at the lower end of the village, which are still not rectified at time of heavy rain, is not made any worse. There is also the overcapacity of the sewage system at The Green due to the expansion of the caravan park

West Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy Consultation on Part 2 and SPG

* Discussed response to follow

(b) Decision Notices

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

12. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

* **RESOLVED** to adopt

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£9,049.63
Business Inst a/c:	£59,966.37
Earmarked Reserves:	£59,608.33
Available Capital:	£9,407.57

Cllr Bird gave apologies and left the meeting at this point (work commitments)

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

002116	Clerks Salary/Petty cash:	£398.00 (£384 + Petty cash £14) * Note 2
002117	HMRC:	£96.00 (PAYE)
002118	DNH Contracts:	£120.00 (Environmental > Jul)
002119	NJ Blackwell GS:	£489.86 (Mowing > Jul incl credit re VH charge)
002120	NPower:	£520.71 (¼ PL Unmetered Supply)*

* Note: E.ON in the change to E.ON Next / NPower re unmetered supply have advised a credit of £108.69 on previous ¼ charge due on 1 Aug by chq? (Account issues > complaint)

* Note 2: Deferred from Min:9 it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed clerks salary proposed increase be back date to Apr 1 2022 (even through the clerk declined to the previous increment back to Apr 21 in order to give a salary parity for the new clerk when in post ion 2023

13. Street Lighting

Horse tunnel lamp day burning > reported by Cllr Smith(D) missed by the clerk last month

14. Highways

Cross Roads obstruction - bend into Yardley Road > danger Cllr Comerford spoke of police response > DYL request

Fix my Street re damaged finger post Bridge Road bridleway entrance reported

Cllr Roberts gave apologies and also left the meeting at this point

15. Caravan Park

Issues outlined > to consider liaison > Chairman to consider given previous history

16. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Draddy** > np
- **Cllr Bird** > x
- **Cllr Bracey** > Station Road Causeway repair + now Gas Repairs
- **Cllr Comerford** > BCS Festival help car parking outlined > noted for future events
- **Cllr Proctor** > signage and another issue TBA
- **Cllr Roberts** > x
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > 42 Bridge Road
- **Cllr Smith (W)** > School hedge corner by village sign maintenance (Donation tbc)

17. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th September 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.24pm