

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6th JULY 2022 at the Village Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

(Face coverings remain optional)

### Present:

Cllrs Mr D Smith (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs S Comerford, Mr M Draddy, Mr J Proctor, & Mr W Smith (maybe called away before end of the meeting))

Also present was Cllr Mr I McCord (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr C Bird (work commitments) & Mr P Roberts (via WS)

### 2. Casual Vacancy

Co-option awaits

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

None

### 4. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record

### 5. Clerks Report

- Cosgrove Hall Cottages Min:9 previous meeting. WP had emailed re draft minutes, to state that she had not met the developer and the reason why.

- Clerks role (Chairman's mail re replacement) discussed further

### 10. New SID (Cllr W Smith) *Taken at this point*

Proposal outlined and the reason **RESOLVED** to approve principle and estimate cost of approx £1,875 (WNC Highways Casualty Reduction Unit)

\* Cllr W Smith to progress and report back

### 6. Allotments > deferred to the end of Min:16

*\* Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

### 7. Public Speaking Time

- Dog Bin towpath top of tunnel steps is full (> to look at resizing? and emptying dates)

- Allotments > deferred as above

*\* Meeting reopened after public speaking*

### 8 WNC Councillor Report

Gave apologies for June meeting and next meeting (on holiday)

The *Planning Policy committee meets 28 June to approve Local Plan Plan period to 2039 not 2050*

So land / housing numbers will be reduced? And suggested that we argue to take out 6k houses, as it would only ever be viable till the end of plan period if it is to be predicated on MK Mass Transit system

**SPD consultation now out** and runs till 18 August

Areas that I think we need to consider

1: the use of the Swan Valley units as the reference point for Large Units seems odd – comparing unit size to a site adjacent to the M1 and those by the A508 and in a residential area is not a sensible comparison

2: we should push to say that no single unit including car parking and ancillary buildings should take up more than say 15% of the total area

3: we should try to say that no large units should be on the Cosgrove site – this only seems explicit on the Woolgrowers site at Towcester

4: rather than say ‘anything along the Stratford Road needs to be developed sensitively’. We should try to get that rather loose definition tightened up – not sure if we can get restrictions to no 24/7 use, but we should at least ask for it – make sure that lighting is correct etc

\* Need to drum up local support so there are resident comments and not just those from the vested interests.

I am also sure there will be other things the PC will want in addition

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

- Play area complaint (tile gaps) and request for more equipment

\* Cllr D Smith stated that website requests ideas from residents > no suggestions

- Play area complaint re damaged wooden climbing frame (?)

- WNC notice of annual electoral canvass (has commenced—mostly by email otherwise by personal house calls)

- N/CALC requesting Cllrs to complete survey > circulated for action

- Cllr Smith reports WP Email re Church roof?

#### **10. New SID (Cllr W Smith)**

\* taken after Min:5 Clerks Report

#### **11. Planning**

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

**WNS/2022/1276/FUL** Conversions of coach house storage building to annexe single-story bathroom extension to existing cottage outbuilding, raising the ridge height of existing car port and adding a kitchen annexe to the rear existing carport and natural swimming pool to the south of The Old Dower House 16 Stratford Road

\* Noted (as CosPC neither supports or objects to proposals)

#### **West Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy Committee > 28 June 2022**

Appendix A – South Northants Local Plan Part - Employment Allocation Supplementary Planning Document and

Appendix B – Consultation and Engagement Strategy

\* Report = 261 pages > all relevant to Furtho Pit (Cosgrove /Old Stratford) > copied and circulated

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

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

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

None

*Cllr McCord gave apologies and left the meeting at this point*

#### **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: £12,166.12

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Business Inst a/c:        | £59,965.84 (+ Vat repay't) |
| Earmarked Reserves:       | £60,000.33                 |
| <b>Available Capital:</b> | <b>£11,131.63</b>          |

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

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| 002108 | Clerks Salary/Petty cash: | £398.00 (£384 + Petty cash £14)  |
| 002109 | HMRC:                     | £96.00 (PAYE)                    |
| 002110 | DNH Contracts:            | £84.00 (Environmental > Jun)     |
| 002111 | NJ Blackwell GS:          | £1,165.64 (Mowing > Jun)         |
| 002112 | N/CALC:                   | £609.65 (Annual subs)            |
| 002113 | SNAST NHW:                | £25.00 (Annual donation)         |
| 002114 | Arthur J Gallager:        | £641.45 (PC Insurance Min:12(d)) |
| 002115 | Arnold Thomson:           | £462.40 (Legal fees re BG LR)    |

**(d) To consider insurance renewal 1 Aug 2022 (circulated with Agenda) and to approve a 3 year fixed term contract**

\* **RESOLVED** to approve renewal and fixed term contract

**13. Street Lighting**

New PL > part tree obstruction and old BT posts still remain after replacement and PL refitting

**14. Highways**

Cross Roads obstruction - bend into Yardley Road > danger (DYL request?)

**15. Caravan Park**

Issues outlined > to consider liaison meeting again after last Bridge Road/Main Street blockage by miss-routed deliveries?

**16. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor**

- **Cllr Draddy** > to look at damaged planter
- **Cllr Bird** > np (Email to relook at Bridge Road, 20mph and DYL at crossroads)
- **Cllr Bracey** > Station Road Causeway / parapet issues reported > to chase
- **Cllr Comerford** > x
- **Cllr Proctor** > x
- **Cllr Roberts** > np
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > young resident DoFE awards scheme (litter picking) > details re Ins
- **Cllr Smith (W)** > x

**6. Allotments** > deferred to the end of Min:16

Presentation on progress and proposals on the investment in village allotments

\* Discussed and **RESOLVED** that CosPC agree £2k start up support (to be reviewed after year 1)

**17. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

WS Q: 3 Mansel Close Farmhouse applications? (clerk to advise by email after meeting)

**18 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm