

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd February 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 D Little, Mr J Proctor & Mr D Smith

Also present were Cllr Mr I McCord (WNC), Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr M Draddy & Mr P Roberts (Other)

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

None

3. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 5th January 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 5th January 2022 were approved and signed as correct record

4. Clerks Report

- Furtho Pit >1 Clerks comprehensive report submitted for approval > For file agreed) + Further mail from A5 Alliance and corres from MP Dame Angela Leadsom re WNC planning
- Planning issues NA re Caravan Park not shown; either Cosgrove Applications list, nor at the end of PCs listing at NA, Nor by the Application No.
- Gigaclear Box /Parish land > until LR proof no further action is considered by Gigaclear

** Meeting closed to allow public speaking*

5. Public Speaking Time

After a copy email to a resident from Cllr McCord was produced and read out by the Chairman regarding land adjacent to Stratford Road, there followed an extended frank exchange of views as to when 'Furtho Pit' became AL5 (Furtho Pit + Adams land), the timing and knowledge of when that description became known to him (Cllr McCord)

** Meeting reopened after lengthy public speaking*

6. WNC Councillor Report

The WNC Budget was due for approval; The Green Bin charges (sent back to Cabinet) have been agreed and he gave his own assessment on the finances involved; He also spoke on the Caravan Park NA (For Info Only) and reported that it was now visible on WN website (as of 4pm?)

As his report was interrupted by further comments and by a continuation of Min: 5 issues

**** The following report received after the meeting, is added here for accuracy.***

'What WNC is now proposing to do is to have a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that will add new guidance to the policy in place for all the AL sites. That is not to remove the allocation or rip up the local plan as I have seen some get excited about, but to put some restraint. I don't know what the precise details of what is being thought about are, but it could contain details of the height, design, massing, etc. It may well state that no one building can be greater than x% of the total site, or greater than x sq metres in floor space.

This SPD will require consultation and no doubt the developer community will push back and threaten legal action. It will not stop their applications, nor will it stop them going to appeal. I believe the time to get the SPD in place will be about 6 months. Once in place, the planning committee locally, or the inspector if it goes to appeal must take into account all relevant planning policies **on the day they seek to determine the application**, not at the time of application. I think we are now in a race with the developers to try to get some greater control on these sites as their applications are way in excess of anything that was envisaged by myself and colleagues when we allocated those sites’.

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

- Roade PC and planning issues NA (as Min:4)
- Northants Police Neighbourhood Alert (Cllr Comerford registered as CosPC (PLR))
- NJ Blackwell Garden Services mowing quote for 2022 for approval **RESOLVED** to approve
- WNC Tree Policy & Strategy Task and Finish Scrutiny Review (previously circulated > **Cllr Bird**)
- Asset Mapping (previously circulated)

8. Queens Green Canopy (Co-ordinated by WNC)

Clerk had re-circulate original corres

* Discussed along with the previous email exchanges - and a ‘**WP**’ to consider options and sites

9 Asset Mapping Group WP to be agreed (copy email with Agenda)

Further mail re allocated grant of £242.75 (from N/CALC via HMG grant) deadline for claim is 5pm Fri 18 March 2022) > **Cllr Little**

10. Planning

(a) Applications Received

WNS/2022/0005/NA (For information Only) NA consultation for the proposed siting of 25 static caravans (to remain on pitch all year round) in lieu of 40 touring caravans on the eastern section of Cosgrove Park (21/03346/FUL) Cosgrove Park Main Street Cosgrove Old Wolverton Milton Keynes

* Issues had been raised as to where the application sits in WNC/Cosgrove Application list for transparency

* **OBJECTION** This continual drip drip of allegedly replacing touring caravans with Static Caravans has got to stop, as it totally unfair for the well being of the residents of Cosgrove.

In response to 20/01298/FUL, Proposed siting of 40 static holiday caravans in lieu of 70 touring, Cosgrove Park. Peter Gittins DipTP MRTPI NAPE Principal Planning Officer Development Management- General Developments Planning Team wrote:

*Whilst the inclusion of a ‘Delivery Management Plan’ as part of the above application is welcomed, as previously stated in relation to withdrawn application S/2020/1165/NA, we still have concerns about the proposed access arrangements in principle, and for the movement of caravans from Bridge Road via the T-junction onto Main Street in the village of Cosgrove. We would request instead 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. **What now?***

WNS/2022/0099/FUL Single storey extension (re submission of WNS/2021/1731/FUL) 17 Main St

* Resubmission noted – No objection on changes

WNS/2022/0062/TCA 1. Conifer (leylandi) Height reduction on boundary with Stratford Road;

2. Laurel – height reduction, hedge runs along land boundary with Stratford Road 2 ash-fell

3. Liquid Amber/American Gum- fell 4. Various m Ash- fell The Old Dower House

WNS/2022/0065/LBC Replace 2 doors The Old Dower House 16 Stratford Road > **Noted**

Interim

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

(b) Decision Notices

WNS/2021/1985/SCC Scoping opinion issued for Land at Furtho Pit Old Stratford/Cosgrove

Cllr McCord left the meeting

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 WS seconded DS and carried unanimously)

002074	Clerks Salary/Petty cash:	£398.00 (£384 + Petty cash £14)
002075	HMRC:	£96.00 (PAYE)
002076	DNH Contracts:	£60.00 (Environmental > Jan)
002077	Npower commercial:	£236.16 (PL Unmetered supply)
002078	Cllr Smith (W):	£491.88 (Microsoft 365 Business Basic) *
002079	Peter Simkins:	£44.00 (Bench Painting as agreed)

* Previously agreed and discussed

(d) To Approve Budget forecast (circulated with Agenda)

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

12 Street Lighting and update

Some power poles to remain for a further 6/7 months? (info from Cllr Comerford)

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

4 members of the public left the meeting at this point

13. Highways

Safety issues remain > to consider 20mph especially Bridge Road and Main Street review awaits

Other Fix My Street issues still outstanding

14. Village Bus Service (is Cosgrove experiencing the same as other Rural SN Villages)

* Discussed especially the single bus a day (0940) > Stony Stratford – Milton Keynes (Not Sat/Sun) (Potterspurty service to Sponne school withdrawn, hence the rumours that 89 was being withdrawn)

15. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- **Cllr Draddy** > x
- **Cllr Bird** > Looking at trees

- **Cllr Bracey** > (clerks note illegible!)
- **Cllr Comerford** > Dog walker issues
- **Cllr Proctor** > Allotment update
- **Cllr Roberts** > x
- **Cllr Little** > Nothing further
- **Cllr Smith (D)** > Rail the wrong side of the steps from Horse Tunnel > Towpath
* Discussed at length
- **Cllr Smith (W)** > document for signature?

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- Quote for replacing hand rail steps to towpath

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the official meeting closed at 09.37pm/