West Northamptonshire Council

**County of Northamptonshire** 

# **Cosgrove Parish Council**

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 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 C Peacock & Mr J Proctor

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 (Work injury), Mr P Roberts (Work Commitments) a vacancy remains

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

None

## 3. Minutes for approval of the Meeting dated Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Minutes of meeting Wednesday 4th October 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record

## 4. Clerks Report

- Caravan Park issues affecting the village
- Why CosPC were not part of the A5 Alliance

## 5. To confirm Band / Arrangements for Christmas Celebrations

\* In the absence of Cllr Draddy, Cllr Proctor confirmed that the band agreed last meeting was 'booked' and CosPC **RESOLVED** to accept the booking fee of £250

#### \* Meeting closed to allow public speaking

## 6. Public Speaking Time

The owner of Cosgrove Hall, having read issues in the Minutes and Old Mail, took opportunity to outline the current position and consultation with WNC. He also reported that after further fire damage and Stables break in he awaits recommendations from Police and Fire. There is a plan> more later after a general discussion

## \* Meeting reopened

## 7. WNC Councillor Report

Spoke further on AL5 and recent Highways comments (Highways England and WNC Highways) seeking clarification; SPD was adopted last Thursday (not yet live) and sets policy with important clarification on size and massing; Full Council meeting re reduction from 92 > 77 Cllrs; Health Partnership; Caravan site off A508; Cosgrove caravan park and contact with MKC (Palmer) for response and alleged 5T weight limit (which blights Cosgrove village)

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

- WNC / KKP survey of Sports Facilities
- PCC Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November > Cllr Comerford

#### 9. Allotments

\* Cllr Proctor updated the current position > all ready to go

#### 10. Planning

#### (a) Applications Received

WNS/2022/1741/EIA - Furtho Pit > FUL Planning app response dates & Update (13<sup>th</sup> Jan 23) & Update

\* With serious Environmental issues not covered after the comprehensive Scoping Report more work is required, also the issue of Protective Badgers (advised) along with changes to the proposed entrance from a RAB to T junction access. Generated Waste issues along with surface water runoff Flooding and the issue of existing access to Emmetts Warehouse with apparent proposal to alter/divert pedestrian/Cycle link to OS due to HGV traffic > statement proposals for next meeting

WNS/2022/1999/FUL Proposal side extension to form store/garage, carport and roof storage

area for clients antique memorabilia Little Orchard Main Street

\* No objections

#### (b) Decision Notices

- (c) Enforcement / Appeals
- (d) **Press Notices**

None

4 members of the public left at this point

- 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:	£11,810.70
Business Inst a/c:	£61,722.72 (+ 2/2 Precept) (VAT awaits)
Earmarked Reserves:	£59,022.55
Available Capital:	£14,510.87

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

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002137	Clerks Salary/Petty cash	: $\pounds 474.00 (\pounds 460.00 + \text{Petty cash } \pounds 14)$	
002138	HMRC:	£115.00 (PAYE)	
002139	DNH Contracts:	$\pounds$ 84.00 (Environmental > Oct)	
002140	NJ Blackwell GS:	$\pounds748.84$ (Mowing > Oct)	
002141	ElanCity:	£2,462.29 (SID clerks report re o/s payment)	
002142	OSPC:	£60.99 (Paper and Postage stamps)	
002143	Wicksteed:	£288.00 (Play area inspection)	
002144	LexisNexis:	£131.99 (Arnold Baker Local Council Administration)	
002145	D Smith:/RBL	£67.00 (RBL Wreath + Donation previously agreed)*	
*Note: Added after the meeting			

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#### 12. Street Lighting

PL1 Orchard Close ooo

#### 13. Highways

WNC Highways Thrupp Wharf closure 21-24 Nov for bridge repairs > circulated (but NOT COMPLETED)

#### 14. Caravan Park issues and rumoured planning application

\* Deferred until details known (Cllr McCord/WNC) and liaison again raised

Cllr McCord gave apologies and left the meeting

#### **15.** Play Area inspection report (circulated)

\* Working Party to be agreed

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

- Cllr Draddy > x
- **Cllr Bird** > Spraying new BG ready for queens canopy planting + rowan
- Cllr Bracey > nothing further
- **Cllr Comerford** > Pole issues (clerk to deal)
- **Cllr Proctor** > allotments and lamp poppies
- Cllr Roberts > x
- Cllr Peacock > Budget issues and finance
- Cllr Smith (D) > New Clerk proposals and advert (closing date) 16/11) > to progress

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

New Clerk Contract and job specs

#### **18.** Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.58pm