

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs F Childs, Mrs H Harbottle, Mr D Smith, Mr W Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs L Welton

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC), Mr W Moore (Aylesbury Mains) and 6 members of the public

Before the meeting was opened Mr Moore gave a presentation on behalf of our street lighting contractors on alternative upgrades to existing PLs. It was agreed to upgrade PL31 o/s the church as an example. He was thanked for attending and left the meeting

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr P Roberts (family illness) & Mr A Walker (NCC) away

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of Meetings dated 2nd December 2015

Minutes 2nd December 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record (save an account correction at Min:10(c))

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (for information only)

(a) Lighting upgrade Minute 4(a)

* Discussed and agreed further to replace (quote required) 3 x concrete columns in Mansel Close. Cllr W Smith would continue to investigate SSE Quotes re energy costs (previously circulated); NHB scheme to cover upgrade costs also being considered

(b) MKC / SNC Meeting re Caravan Park Minute 4(c)

Chairman and clerk attended 3rd December 3pm @ SNC (MKC included ward member and Castlethorpe PC) Chairman & Cllr McCord spoke on the item

* Clerk to chase response after meeting and request Feb/Mar site meeting to equate closed season conditions (and static caravans and touring caravan numbers) followed by a meeting June/July when the park is officially open

5. To Approve BG Tree Work

> Deferred

6. Public Speaking Time

Caravan Park Construction & Delivery vehicles; Dog fouling raised

7. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

SNC Settlements agreed - Consultation soon; NHB discussed and the proposed exclusion of dwellings if site is won on appeal; Also considered reduction from 6 > 4 years (unless spent); Core Strategy / Policies etc.; Local Plan Part 2 (Review of Confines and housing allocation soon > 2020)

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2015/2824/TCA Thin existing side branches overhanging canal to allow dredging and boat access etc; fell water damaged trees as necessary and replant saplings in hedge row and other maintenance work; Opposite Lock Lane Cosgrove Marina

* Noted - NFA

S/2015/2924/TCA Remove 11 poplar tree and one apple, thin and crown 1 plum; The Barley Mow

* **OBJECTION** sent - re removal of trees affecting setting of historic landscape in a CA around a LB. Other than an aerial view, there appears to be no justification and whilst there is a group of poplar trees grouped close together ill maintenance in our view does not justify removal. (Cllr D Smith advised on apparent wall damage, boundary of new development)

S/2015/2959/HRN Removal of hedgerow between fields; Drift Farm Yardley Gobion

* Noted No observations

S/2015/2777/FUL Proposed first floor extension 40 Bridge Road

* No Objections (reduction in size noted)

(b) Decision Notices

Refusal Boundary condition The Stocks

No Objection Retrospective removal/trim linear trees side of Buckingham Arm

Refusal Contamination report 6a The Stocks

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal Notice Land at Furtho Pit, OS (After previous refusal and later app withdrawn) appeal is back to original 2010 OUTLINE approval with amendments?

(d) Press Notices

None

9. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) Northants Police via PCSO**

Reminder about emergency planning > noted and discussed

*** (b) NCC Social Care**

Public Consultations re Health and Wellbeing Boards re 4 x Priorities > circulated and deferred

*** (c) Northants CALC**

Important changes in External Audits after closure of Audit Commission > noted and to resolve:

* **RESOLVED** 'that Cosgrove Parish Council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body Arrangements for the procurement of external audit' (Current fee remains £200) > NFA

10. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

* **RESOLVED** to approve provisional end of year budgetary control by unanimous decision

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£181.66
Business Inst a/c:	£26,013.75 (+PCC Donation > mowing)
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,109.23
Available Capital:	£10,086.18

(c) To Approve Accounts for Payment (list of outstanding accounts at the meeting

001545	Clerks Salary:	£306.65
001546	HMRC:	£76.60
001547	Petty cash:	£18.08
001548	AH Contracts:	£30.86 (Dog bins Dec)
001549	Aylesbury Mains:	£56.40 (PL Repair)

(d) To Agree Budget Proposals (circulated with Agenda)

Deferred to the end of the meeting

11. Street Lighting

(a) PL19 Main Street & PL13 Bridge Road ooo

(b) PLs o/s Church & The Green chased as reported early December but no Invoice yet received (see Min:4(a))

12. Highways

(a) The Stocks Hedgerow overhanging footpath

(b) Bridge Road > Main Street subsidence getting worse

(c) Stratford Road church bend subsidence

(d) Manor Close surface breaking up exposing base concrete (Frost damage?)

(e) Yardley Road / Castlethorpe Road junction another accident > road closed

(f) Stratford Road o/s Dower House hedge still requires attention > letter

(g) Grade 2* listed 'Solomons' bridge deteriorating condition

(h) Bridge Road / Locks Lane road signage still not carried out

13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Bio-degradable sprays re dog fouling > clerk deals

14. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting by the reason of its confidential nature.

Deferred re contracts

5. To Approve BG Tree Work

4 Quotes received > two considered at £550 & £450 (who advises July only, as walnut trees weep and are damaged in the dormant season).

RESOLVED that Quote from Local Landscapes be agreed with work to start in July

10(d) To Agree Budget to set precept

RESOLVED that the precept for 2016/2017 be set at £17,000 (a rise of 1.2%)

Base Rate discussed on current Electoral and Housing levels

* **RESOLVED:** That the precept be issued for the sum of £17,000

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm