

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith, (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs F Childs, Mr M Draddy, Mr P Roberts, Mr D Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs L Welton

Also present were & Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) & Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC); (Mrs H Harbottle (late apologies))

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record

### 4. Public Speaking Time (this is limited to 15 minutes)

A508 closure issue raised along with insistence that Old Cosgrove Road surface had been trenched and poorly reinstated by Gas Contractors contrary to NCCs response

### 5. District and County Councillor Reports

#### (a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Appeal result circulated (Min:10(c))

#### (b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

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

#### (a) LGAS

General Data Protection update > note for file (from May 18)

#### \* (b) SLCC

To ensure CosPC is compliant (Data Protections as above; empowering ourselves (already in hand) Conference (CPD) @ Whittlebury Hall 31<sup>st</sup> Jan (confirm by 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan)

\* Clerk willing to attend @ £75.00 (50% OSPC) > **RESOLVED** to agree

#### \* (c) N/CALC

Notification of membership fees / Internal Audit fees > For budget considerations

#### \* (d) N/CALC

Response to NCC budget cuts > circulated (comments supported)

#### \* (e) Norbus

Petition re NCC Budget cuts to bus services etc > circulated

#### \* (f) NCC Highways

Notification of works A508 Northampton Road > to use street doctor re any issues > noted

**\* (g) NCC Trading Standards**

Newsletter circulated along with notification of consultation (closed 1 Dec) on proposed budget cuts which if approved will seriously diminish protection for consumers and legitimate businesses > circulated (also part of the E Petition Min: 6(d) & (e)) > Noted for info

**\* (h) NCC Highways**

S136 Grass Mowing contract **RESOLVED** to approve

**7. Clerks report and on Matters Arising**

**(a) Litter – request more Litter bins**

\* Awaits SNC inspection (Cllr McCord assists), parish may need to provide costing (locations?)

**(b) Playground Inspection**

Inspection report re-circulated > Cllrs Roberts and Draddy to meet and advise

**(c) Bench**

Buddy Scott's quote for metal bench circulated > 3 seat bench agreed (Next Agenda)

**(b) Caravan Park Deliveries / Bridge Safety Minute 4(d)**

Awaits NCC initiative on HGV restrictions report

**(e) Speed through village Minute 4(e)**

Cllr W Smith to approach NCC and distributors / suppliers of SIDs and report back

**(f) Living Xmas tree for cross roads Minute 4(f)**

Planted > twice weekly watering ufn? to be confirmed

**(g) SNC Peer Challenge Minute 4(g)**

Cllr Welton attended on CosPCs behalf

**(h) Cosgrove Park Planning Issue outstanding**

SNC response re lake infill > permitted due to 2016 application

\* Copy circulated including Mr Emmett (complainant)

**(i) Ideas for Planned discussion and Decision sheet**

Cllr Child spoke further on the item

**8. Monthly roundup and issues from each Councillor**

**(a) Cllr Roberts** speed through the village > 40mph still an issue

**(b) Cllr D Smith** spoke on Dogsmouth grips dug out; Bridge Road pl still not connected; and on fp RG3 stile to be replaced by Kissing Gate (NCC/Landowner agreed funding)

**(c) Cllr Stokes** highlighted existing danger issues with Dower House hedge Stratford Road and Cosgrove Hall at church entrance > NCC

**(d) Cllr Draddy** tree at Xroads – switch on 19<sup>th</sup> and spoke on the event@ 7.45pm (70' lights on hedge)

(e) **Cllr Bracey** caravan park delivery issues are also a concern to Castlethorpe PC when delivered via Fox Covert Lane (and seek action)

(f) **Cllr Welton** spoke at length on SNC PEER Challenge she attended. One theme of discussions were those PCs who are on the borders of the county

(g) **Cllr Childs** spoke on the difficulties of accessing NCC in any way other than the internet; In future request Cllr Walker to be clearer about how to involve those residents who do not, or have regular access to the internet (e.g. Bus Service cuts)

(h) **Cllr W Smith** confirmed contractor had not replaced pl o/s Navigation (to advise); Speed Watch and Truvelo SIDs details > to be circulated

## 9. Work programme and planned discussions / presentations

Cllr Childs to put forward topic proposals for next meeting

## 10. Planning

### (a) Applications Received

None

### (b) Decision Notices

**Refused** > new dwelling to replace mobile home Cosgrove Lodge Hotel

### (c) Enforcement / Appeals

**Appeal Dismissed** > CLU for St Vincent Wells Field

### (d) Press Notices

None

## 11. Finance

### (a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date

\* **RESOLVED** to approve budgetary control by unanimous decision

### (b) To Adopt Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£714.90
Business Inst a/c:	£28,074.48 (+ VAT repayment)
Earmarked Reserves:	£15,022.71
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£13,766.67</b>

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

001724	Clerks Salary:	£344.00
001725	HMRC:	£86.00 (PAYE)
001726	AH Contracts:	£291.46 (Environmental Oct/Nov)
001727	NJ Blackwell:	£250.20 (Final Mowing part Nov)

Note: E.ON invoices shows £431.62 (£453.20 + vat) = CR -v- £316.49 (£332.31 + vat) outstanding invoice of £120.89 CR = PL Upgrade saving > clerk advised enquiry details to confirm

## 12. Street Lighting

(a) Orchard Close residents complain 2 PLs ooo > developer responsibility / SNC

(b) No other reports

### **13 Highways**

- (a) Outstanding issues > listed and updated attached + Old Cosgrove Road surface
- (b) The Green -v- Manor Close verge issue – precedence > NR from NCC > chase

### **14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

- (a) Finance meeting after January meeting (Full Council)

### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.42pm

Followed by Christmas Fare > Happy Christmas to all

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**Cosgrove Parish Council**  
**Outstanding Activities**  
**December 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Parish Action</b>	<b>Action by Others</b>
Ongoing	<b>Dog fouling</b>	New Dog bin top of steps Main St/Towpath <i>Continues on footpaths and Towpath</i>	<b>Installed and well used</b> <b>Monitor after additional spraying</b> <b>&amp; signs in place &gt; ongoing</b> (Old Mail)
2018	<b>Litter</b>	Additional Litter Bins	<b>SNC to approve (awaits)</b>
	<b>PL numbering?</b>	In house completion	project for 2018
Ongoing	<b>Highway Issues</b>	Continual review	<b>Bridge Road subsidence 832331 *</b> <b>Old Cosgrove Rd surface 897080</b> <b>Stratford Rd tree line 866007 *</b> <b>Xroads hedge obstruct 893772 *</b> <b>Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567</b> * (Reinstruct as no result) <b>Same location 902386 missing</b> <b>Give Way sign (WT = 3m)</b>
		The Green damaged verge	Complaint made re NCC opinion and inconsistent verge policy
	<b>Canal Bridge</b>	Request Bridge one way (Unable due to f/w specs on old structure)	Site visit (NCC) awaits re safety issues Bridge Road / Main Street
	<b>Pot holes</b>	Monitored	
	<b>Caravan Park traffic</b>	Monitored Awaits decision	Photos sent to endorse NCC Highways comments that Main St/Bridge Rd unsuitable for large vehicles and caravan deliveries
Ongoing	<b>Blocked drains</b>	When required	<b>Monitoring</b> The Stocks missed <b>903442</b>
Ongoing	<b>Bulb planting</b>	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt