

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 26th February 2013 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs F Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mrs H Harbottle, Mr P Roberts & Mrs L Welton

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr D Smith, Mr C Stokes (away) & Mr I McCord (SNC) Cabinet meeting on Finance

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

None (Latest advice from DCLG on dispensation re Precept - 'believes' not required > unhelpful?)

* Therefore dispensation granted by the clerk remains until next election

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 29th January 2013

Minutes 29th January 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Canal & River Trust Minute 8(c)

Response by BCS circulated with details beyond cut and licensing > thanks to Cllr Harbottle

(b) Community Speed Watch Minute 8(f)

£450 + VAT fee to participate, now withdrawn due to negative feedback. Now requires 20% (or 500) resident pledges to support + nominated co-ordinator and 10 volunteers > Noted - NFA

(c) Cosgrove Website Minute 12(a)

Details from Cllr Gibbs that Cllr Smith / another will take over

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item.

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Planning - Car gate' whether CosPC support latest Planning brief previously circulated. (Enforce or wait?)(see Min:7(c)); Budget - freeze for 3rd year. Other highlights will be extra investment in the Housing department and additional funds for the Welfare Reform program as it may impact on SNC. The joint working continues to bear fruit and full council will receive a report detailing how the first year has gone, which is beaten the business case and delivering more savings than we first identified; New Homes Bonus consultation should begin early March. Due to parish concerns to have a co-ordinated response due to lack of consultation period (i.e. monthly meetings) so on this one I am proposing a 3 month time period. However, I suspect I will be criticised for building in more delay!! But bear in mind it is a 6 year funding stream at best. The figures should be part of the consultation but to date Cosgrove have accumulated:- TOTAL in pot £3667 (2011-12 - £776 x 3 / 2012-13 - £670 x 2) These payments are made for 6 years (providing no change of policy by government) so you could decide to apply now or let this build for a larger project Nothing has been accumulated for Bridge Road ten houses, the three at the old shop, nor the two in the Hall Grounds, nor the part finished one down by the Green that seems to have resumed building, and the Gate Lodge that may come back into use. That could add another 17 which could eventually yield up to £30k

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2013/0114/FUL 2 detached dwellings with detached garages and associated works

Site of Cosgrove House, Stratford Road (amended plans?)

* We confirm our original response that *'In principal, a development for two dwellings is supported, but when considering drawings and officer pre app comments, we are concerned that not all recommendations have been considered, especially as to appropriate scale and design and whether a further reduction in scale for both properties should be considered as indicated'*. Whilst the latest application appears to have addressed some of the concerns there appears no evidence that the scale has been reduced and comments of windows have yet to be addressed. We also support the officers' recommendations about perimeter trees.

S/2013/0170/FUL Two storey side extension 1 Mansel Close (amended plans)

* No further observations

INTERIM

S/2013/0181/FUL Variation of Condition 2 of permission S/2012/0845/FUL to reposition dwelling in order to revise the access to parking area 6A Stratford Road

* Redesign of access is supported

(b) Decision Notices

Approved – Division of land for equestrian use 13 The Green

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Update on Cosgrove Hall gates application (after court case) (see Min:6(a))

* Discussed at length > To request enforcement action asap

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

(a) Care & Repair – Daventry & South Northants

Leaflet and advice on service for the disabled and elderly > circulated / nb

(b) Northamptonshire ACRE

Communities face hurdles to secure Planning Minister's cash handouts (Neighbourhood plans)

* Noted and circulated for info (supports decision for Parish Plans)

*** (c) SNC Public Health**

SNC website for action Info and contact numbers re flooding; Since SNC supply of sand bags were withdrawn 2011 (NCC are now responsible for Strategic planning of flood risk areas); those at risk to register with the EA and info to NCC re (Note: clerk retains some aqua sacks > Newsletter)

(d) South Northants Homes

Guide to Welfare Reform > circulated for info

*** (e) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Annual subs of £40.00 > **RESOLVED** to approve

*** (f) Wicksteed Leisure**

Annual inspection report and fees > **RESOLVED** to approve

9. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date (with Agenda)

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

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c:	£501.00
Business Call a/c:	£13,807.53
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,343.93
Available Capital:	£3,964.60

(c) Payment agreed of outstanding accounts listed below by unanimous decision

001306	Clerks Salary:	£273.26
001307	HMRC:	£68.40 (PAYE)
001308	Petty Cash:	£16.98
001309	NJ Blackwell:	£486.00 (Middle cemetery maintenance) *
001310	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£54.71(PL repairs)
001311	AH Contracts:	£30.86 (Dog Bins Jan)
001312	N/ACRE:	£40.00 (Annual Subs Min:8(e))
001313	Wicksteed Leisure:	£54.00 (Play Equip – Annual Inspection (Min:8(f))

* Note: Discussed > BG Earmarked Reserves

10. Street Lighting

(a) PL5 Manor Close & PL33 Stratford Road ooo

11. Highways

(a) Trees on The Green await investigation > clerk to chase

(b) Yardley Road village signs need replacing and could not be cleaned (Cllr Harbottle)

* Gateway signs had been requested > reminder

(c) Yardley Road overgrown vegetation dealt with by Cllr Welton

12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) New Homes Bonus decision for next agenda (see Min:6(a))

(b) Amended plans for the access to 15 Bridge Road > the clerk to raise issues and report Especially on road width, lack of footpaths, sewage and perimeter (Plans due next meeting)

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2013 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.08pm