

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs H Harbottle (Parent Teachers meeting)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

#### (a) Playground – WREN Application Minute 4(a)

Pending approval

#### (b) Guide to Community Grants 2013/2014 Minute 4(b)

Scheme > previously deferred and discussed with NHB > NFA at this stage

#### (c) SNC Local Plan – Issues Paper Consultation Minute 4(d)

Important contents (Rural Settlement Hierarchy & Town/village confines)

\* No further member comments – Due to time constraints > Clerk had sent support for village confines (requiring amendment) along with the changes in village facilities

### 5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item

### 6. Update on Flooding issues - The Green / Dogsmouth / The Stocks

(i) Exchange of E-mails circulated and discussed with affected home owners re The Green

\* Clerk to arrange site meeting with MGWSP / AW and if necessary EA and householders affected

(ii) Dogsmouth flooding issues now said to be resolved by MGWSP (late erection of flood signs)

(iii) The Stocks raw sewage flooding dwellings and near horse tunnel due to blocked pipes (Wet wipes etc) although resolved > Old Mail

### 7. District and County Councillor Reports

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

Spoke on Hanslope Parish wind turbine; Advice on NHB discussed; Local Plan > consultation (close to Core Strategy > Insp in March) consequences if rejected or back for amendment; SNC Budget frozen; Police 2% / NCC 1.99% rise

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

Budget process (spoke on mop attendance!); Recommendation for no cut backs Highway Maintenance / Public Transport rise of 1.9% (Band D = £12); Wind Farm Hanslope also discussed as MKC/Applicant failed to properly assess NCC access route (unsuitable?)

## **8. Planning**

### **(a) Applications Received**

**S/2014/0064/FUL** Seven dwellings with car park. 9 The Stocks (old Factory site)

Corres received and discussed.

\* **Supported** but would to see stone' construction more in keeping with the CA rather than the render shown. We also question whether the window design overlooking the canal is appropriate. Further, due to the serious flooding issues in the lower village affecting both foul and storm water, CosPC seek assurance from AW as to the suitability of the current sewer system given past statements that some of the problem sewer run in Main Street, is the Parish Councils responsibility, which it is not.

Current problems at Main Street / The Green have now been identified but not yet resolved.

### **INTERIM**

**S/2014/0131/FUL** Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of S/2011/0736/FUL (detached dwelling and car port) to allow development to be built. Lock Lane (clerk advised on history)

\* Noted - no further observations

### **(b) Decision Notices**

**Approved** – Two storey rear extension 42 Main Street (Comment that reduced size was noted)

**Approved** - Fell T1 Ash Medlar House (TCA noted > no observations sent)

**Approved** – Grant prior approval Single storey rear extension 5 The Stocks

**Approved** – Lawful development permission Single storey side extension Ivy Cottage, Priory Lane

### **(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**Old Post Office** site insecure and unsightly / HS issues (Cllr Stokes / Clerk deals) > s215

**Cosgrove Hall** awaits enforcement (advice on latest issue)

(Condition of former Cosgrove House site? Raised)

### **(d) Press Notices**

None

## **9. Correspondence (list at the meeting)**

### **\* (a) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (WN/JPU)**

Part 1 Strategy Plan proposed modifications > circulated / response by 25 Feb 2014 which must only relate to matters of legal compliance and soundness given the four elements > NFA agreed

### **(b) ICO**

Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations and publication guidelines

Re Agendas and Minutes under model scheme > noted for file and for approval at Annual Meeting

### **(c) E.ON**

OFGEM changed the definition of micro-businesses > new contract guidelines awaits

### **\* (d) Northamptonshire Highways (MGWSP)**

Satisfaction survey - along with fault reports > (clerk to deal)

### **\* (e) Wicksteed Playscapes**

Annual Safety Inspection due Spring @ £45 per play ground > agreed

### **(f) Nationwide BS**

Notification of Investment Protection > noted for file

**(g) NCC / MGWSP Highways**

Rights of Way Northamptonshire Newsletter > Cllr Smith

**(h) GOV.UK**

A fair deal for councils and fair bills for taxpayers > circulated for info

**(i) SNC Head of Finance**

Precept request > Min:10(d)

**\* (j) SNC Conservation Officer**

Cosgrove Conservation Area Appraisal (Draft for Consultation 10 Jan – 21 Feb 2014 previously circulated (Part of amended CA boundary due to Canal Conservation Area) > discussed

\* **RESOLVED** that members wished to see the area around The Stocks / Barley Mow and its surrounds kept in the CA and not excluded, due to an important wall, its settings and historic interest. Other amendments (and inclusions) are supported

**10. 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: £338.48

Business Call a/c: £18,634.59

Earmarked Reserves: £12,608.93

**Available Capital: £5,938.37**

\* Burial Fees received for Elizabeth Broady & Neville Smith

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

001382 Clerks Salary: £600.00 (Dec/Jan)

001383 HMRC: £150.00 (PAYE)

001384 Petty Cash: £17.75 (incl: Mileage)

001385 AH Contracts: £92.58 (Environmental Nov/Dec/Jan)

001386 NJ Blackwell: £487.00 (Clear middle churchyard)

001387 Aylesbury Mains: £32.76 (PL The Stocks) (Min:11(a))

001388 E.ON: £237.10 (PL Energy)

001389 SLCC: £197.00 (MILCM /SLCC Membership Fees) (50% OSPC)

**(d) To Approve Precept (Budget recommendations attached)**

**RESOLVED:** That the precept be issued for the sum of £16,400 (Band D = £74.21 > £75.75 pa)

**11. Street Lighting**

**(a)** PL25 (The Stocks - Barley Mow side of the Horse Tunnel) > service fault found after repair Western Power to deal by 21/2/14

**(b)** PL 20 Park Close / Main Street ooo

**(c)** Yardley Road PL9 ooo

**(d)** Road Sign Bridge Road o/s VH still ooo

**12. Highways**

**(a)** 24 Yardley Road cross over muddy mess > SNH and update - awaits repair

- (b) Further RTAs Yardley Road / Castlethorpe turn > NCC/MGWSP
- (c) Give Way sign Yardley Road > A508 defective
- (d) Siding out required Yardley Road? > Minor Works programme

**13. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda**

- (a) Dog Fouling (> Old Mail) additional signage to be considered?

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.54pm