

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

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

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC), and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Mr A Walker (NCC) & (Mr W Smith)

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

Cllr Welton declared a personal pecuniary interest on Family Application S/2016/3087/FUL

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 7th December 2016

Minutes Wednesday 7th December 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Missing Hand Rail Main Street > canal towpath Minute 5

Missing hand rail Horse Tunnel to Towpath; Quote awaits - £500 NCC pledge from Cllr Walker

(b) Christmas Tree > village cross roads Minute 5

Village Xmas tree planted and lit for Christmas

* Positive comments – thanks to residents involved > to be updated

(c) Caravan Parks Cafe Minute 8(c)

Further exchange of mail re 20 year old permission (only recently implemented in closed season)

* SNC Monitoring Officer suggests NCC monitoring re unacceptable levels of traffic when park is officially closed > result to MKC

(d) Yardley Road / Castlethorpe turn

Chased > NCC to review options asap says HH

5. Public Speaking Time

Cllr Welton spoke on her families application; Further discussion on Min:4(c)

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Spoke on Hanslope garden village extension, infrastructure ex

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

7. Planning

(a) Applications Received

Cllr application who left the meeting

S/2016/3087/FUL Change of use 'barn to full time wedding and events venue' Furtho Manor Farm

* Noted – if minded to approve there maybe traffic issues and need for proper signage

INTERIM

S/2017/0003/FUL Single storey rear extension 5A The Stocks

* No objection

(b) Decision Notices

Stable Cottage, The Priory - Planning Permission required for track reinstatement

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

8. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

*** (a) Letter re Cosgrove Hall**

Concern re Grade 1 listing and rumours

* Discussed > Reply to author copy to SNC Conservation Officer

*** (b) NCC Communications Manager**

Enhancement gangs – 2017 > minor improvements for Cosgrove for next meeting

*** (c) Northamptonshire ACRE**

Request for support via annual subs > £35 next meeting agreed

(d) Utility Arborealist Western Power

Survey Report re highway trees Stratford Road trees and acknowledgement required for 'No Objection' to works carried out (Draft consent required)

* Circulated and completed

(e) The Old Mail

Thanks for recent donation

*** (f) SNC Democratic and Elections Officer Law and Governance**

Community Governance Review – Boundaries Parish and Ward DO WE WISH TO BE INVOLVED? > agreed

9. 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:	£832.35
Business Inst a/c:	£27,052.00
Earmarked Reserves:	£16,855.00
Available Capital:	£11,029.35

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

001636	Clerks Salary:	£340.00
001637	HMRC:	£85.00
001638	Petty Cash:	£11.35
001639	Scott Welding:	£310.00 (BG gates repair)
001640	Cumbria Clock Co:	£186.00 (Annual Church Clock maintenance)

(d) To Consider Budget Proposals for 2017/18 (Draft proposals circulated)

* Deferred to the end of the meeting

10. Street Lighting

(a) PL13 Bridge Road still unconnected after Orchard Close entrance constructed

* SNC Enforcement now deal

11. Highways

(a) Yardley Road entrance to garages breaking up affecting disabled safety

* Report by Cllr D Smith

(b) Annual Footpath Report (Cllr D Smith) < Circulated and for file / minutes

12. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a)

13. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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.

9 (d) To Consider Budget Proposals for 2017/18 (Draft proposals circulated)

Discussed and agreed that dispensation to set precept as charge payers was appropriate and:

That Cllrs declare a disclosable pecuniary interest in setting the budget and

RESOLVED that the Council delegates the power to grant dispensations to the Clerk. The power rests with the relevant authority under section 33(1) of the Localism Act 2011 and the basis is set out under section 33(2) and as the proper officer, grants dispensation (for a maximum period of 4 years) to avoid any doubt on any possible anomaly created by the amended unified Code of Conduct.

* Cllr Stokes gave figures for previous year, Band D fell by a minimal amount and with the need to cover proposed project costs, it was unanimously agreed after further discussion, to increase the draft budget to the higher level as circulated.

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £20,000

With no other business the meeting closed 8.45pm