

# Cosgrove Parish Council

## MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

### Present:

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

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr I McCord and 0 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs F Childs (unwell), Mr M Draddy (family commitments) & Mr A Walker (NCC)(away)

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

None

### 3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

None present

### 5. District and County Councillor Reports

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

Spoke on SNC restructuring and internal recruitment: Keeping eye on National Infrastructure review; Proposed cross route corridor (Oxford/MK/Cambridge) east expansion? Discussed at length

*With no further Qs he gave apologies and left the meeting after Min: 10 taken at this point*

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

Away - No reports

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

#### \* (a) SNC Finance

Parish Precept 2018/2019 request + NHB update > Budget proposals

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

Precept update, subscription & Internal audit fees > Budget proposals

#### \* (c) Addleshaw Goddard LLP

The Stocks former Transco (Gas) lease agreement for signature (original Fax copies unacceptable / hard copy sent not received?) re signed by Clerk and Chairman as requested

### 7. Clerks report and on Matters Arising

#### (a) Public Transport - NCC Cuts

Nothing further from NCC or Cllr Walker > comments to NCC had been made

#### (b) Request for more Litter bins

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

**(c) Playground Inspection**

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

**(b) SNC/BCS Meeting** Clerk to attend SNC Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan re tree issues in the CA and on scheme proposals

**(e) Yardley Road/ Castlethorpe turn** another accident - Photos > NCC Highways  
\* Project review chased

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

**(a) Cllr Roberts** Play inspection awaits

**(b) Cllr D Smith** Footpath reports and Quarries offer; Grips at the Dogsmouth bend cleared > thanked for his (community) efforts

**(c) Cllr Stokes** Hedge Dower House bend still an issue > would chase NCC Street Doctor

**(d) Cllr Draddy** Not present > no reports

**(e) Cllr Bracey** Pot holes Station Road causeway > NCC Street Doctor

**(f) Cllr Welton** No reports

**(g) Cllr Childs** Not present > no reports

**(h) Cllr W Smith** Parking on the Xroads verge by village sign and on Truvelo speed signs > to circulate

**9. Work programme and planned discussions / presentations**

Cllr Childs to put forward topic proposals > deferred to next meeting

**10. Planning**

**(a) Applications Received**

**S/2017/2936/FUL** Change of use from agricultural land to green burial ground Badgers Farm Northampton Road (A508)

\* Observations as agreed about Funeral Cortège and access off A508 (HE have no apparent objection as circulated, but Highways have lane and turning requirements to be imposed)

**S/2017/2985/FUL** Demolition of existing dwelling and garages and erection of 5 dwellings

Bridge View 42 Bridge Road (amended plan after previous application was withdrawn)

\* Support the principle of development although may be seen as an overdevelopment of the site; Should seek a mix of stone and brick to mirror other recent canal side developments; Must also seek to preserve the CA canal location and the adjacent Grade 2\* Solomons Bridge. The Traffic Survey somewhat irrelevant done in February when the caravan park is closed.

**(b) Decision Notices**

**(c) Enforcement / Appeals**

**(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:	£743.21
Business Inst a/c:	£27,075.70
Earmarked Reserves:	£15,022.71
<b>Available Capital:</b>	<b>£12,796.20</b>

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

001728	Clerks Salary:	£344.00
001729	HMRC:	£86.00 (PAYE)
001730	Petty Cash:	£21.35
001731	AH Contracts:	£61.73 (Environmental Dec)

### (d) To Approve Quotation for new three seat bench and agree location

Quotation circulated **RESOLVED** to approve £400 + £150 fitment. Location discussed and deferred until ready to site

## 12. Street Lighting

(a) Unconnected PL Bridge Road Orchard Close still unconnected > Cllr Smith (W) to chase

(b) PL at Navigation PH to remain (not upgraded)

## 13 Highways

(a) Pot hole list getting bigger due to repair delays > the clerk asked that members report via Street Doctor and advise

## 14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Precept

## 15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

### **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.

**PRECEPT** Budget requirements discussed along with RFOs recommendation to Budget list (examples 1-3 circulated)

Discussed and agreed by majority 6 – 1 that example 3 be agreed

\* **RESOLVED:** That the precept be issued for the sum of £21,250.00

**Cosgrove Parish Council**  
**Outstanding Activities**  
**January 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  (Another accident > NCC)	<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> <b>* (Reinstruct as no result)</b> <b>Same location 902386 missing</b> <b>Give Way sign (WT = 3m)</b>
	<b>Awaits response</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> <b>(WT within 3 Months)</b>
Ongoing	<b>Bulb planting</b>	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt
	<b>Living Tree</b>	Xroads	Planted