

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mrs H Harbottle (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mr D Smith, Mr W Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs L Welton (from Min:5)

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) and 2 members of the public

Chairman introduced Polly Bratton who had agreed to take notes of meetings for > Old Mail

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs F Childs (holiday), Mr P Roberts (unwell) & Mr I McCord (SNC)(another meeting)

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 7th February 2018

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 7th February 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

None

5. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Absent but had circulated reports for info

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Spoke on the removal of bus / library subsidies as of 1 April (90 bus ceases in July (isolation))
Alternative plan to A is B > PCs supplement by donation for route costs SS to Towcester via villages? (details of usage and proposed costing next meeting); Further savings required and why
NCC had put forward a budget proposal (outlined); Highway Maintenance – gritting - Trading Standards - support for outside groups all affected; Elderly and young mums especially affected. Failure of NCC to increase Precept at all over a number of years also discussed.

Note: With the removal of public transport TADD can still be used for medical appointments (booking required)

With no further Qs Cllr Walker gave his apologies and left the meeting

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

* (a) Old Mail request for annual donation

* **RESOLVED:** That the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area and its inhabitants - namely a donation of £250 to The Old Mail

(b) SNC

Clerks Forum at SNC = 2 Dates June & November noted

(c) EON

Increase in Unmeterred energy supply (PLs) from 9th April 2018 > noted

(d) Nationwide

Clerks pension - change in Terms and Conditions (result of legal and regulatory changes) > noted

7. Clerks report and on Matters Arising

(a) Review of Local Government Ethical Standards

* Circulated > compliance agreed

(b) SNC Funding Fair @ Towcester Racecourse Wed 16 May

* Circulated prior to last meeting > attendees deferred to nearer the time

(c) NCC Budget (HMG Inspectors to report mid March)

NCC subject to Notice re Finances etc (rumours abound) although budget now set

(d) Request for more Litter bins - Held

* No further progress > Brochure to Cllr W Smith

(e) BG Extension padlock and chain (after latest removal)

Padlock for next meeting

(f) Cosgrove Hall

As circulated > SNC were waiting for the owners to make an application for rebuilding / repair

8. New General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 25th May 2018

Clerk spoke on changes and was working through 20 templates ready for May AGM

9. Monthly roundup and issues from each Councillor

(Chairman reminded council of circulated e-mail re subject reports only)

(a) Cllr D Smith FPW update and had attended NW meeting

(b) Cllr Stokes Observations re TPOs canal CAr

(c) Cllr W Smith Bridge Road / Orchard Close new connection (absorb costs as agreed)

Spoke on Pot holes and verge parking > discussed

10. Work programme and planned discussions / presentations

Proposals > deferred to next Annual Meeting

11. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2018/0453/NMA Change top opening window to first floor bedroom to side opening window for fire escape purposes 1 Mansel Close

* Noted

S/2018/0383/FUL Rear conservatory 18 Bridge Road

* No objections

S/2018/0382/TCA Topping of four small ash trees Old Buckingham Arm, Cosgrove Marina

* Noted (observations that previous TCAs have not been completed)

(b) Decision Notices

Withdrawn Development of 5 dwellings 42 Bridge Road
Refused roof lights front and rear to provide living space 6 The Tannery

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

12. 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:	£758.30
Business Inst a/c:	£26,827.33
Earmarked Reserves:	£15,047.71
Available Capital:	£12,537.92

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

001738	Clerks Salary:	£344.00
001739	HMRC:	£86.00 (PAYE)
001740	Petty Cash:	£16.02
001741	AH Contracts:	£61.73 (Environmental Feb)
001742	Cosgrove VH:	£245.00 (Hall Hire 2017/18)
001743	Old Mail:	£250.00 (Annual s137 Donation Min:6(a))

13. Street Lighting

(a) Bridge Road / Orchard Close connection completed

(b) PL34 loose wiring (wind affects)

14 Highways

(a) Notification of A508 night time road closure > circulated

(b) Yardley Road inappropriate Yellow Lines not effectively removed

(c) Bridge Road near VH entrance serious subsidence > clerk to report again

15. To approve continuation s136 Mowing Contract (NJ Blackwell)

RESOLVED that contract be continued UFN

* To include the regular spraying of Coffin Walk

16. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th April 2018 AOM commencing at 7.00pm followed by April PC Meeting

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.32pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
March 2018

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