

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

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

Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) and 0 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Harbottle seconded by Cllr Roberts that Cllr Hickie continue as Chairman

* Cllr Hickie willing to accept the nomination to sign Declaration of Acceptance before next meeting

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Roberts seconded by Cllr D Smith that Cllr Harbottle continue as Vice Chairman

* Cllr Harbottle accepted the nomination and signed the Declaration of Acceptance

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs F Childs (work commitments), Mr AG Hickie (family commitment), Mr I McCord & Mr A Walker (NCC) (SNC AGM)

4. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

Planning: Full Council

Finance: Cllrs Childs, Stokes, Hickie and Harbottle

General Purpose: Cllrs Bracey, Smith (W) and Stokes

Scrutiny: Cllrs Hickie, Roberts, Stokes and Welton

Transport Rep: Cllr Smith (D) / the clerk

Parish Path Warden: Cllrs Smith (D) & Smith (W)

Whalley's Charity: The clerk

RESOLVED That where appropriate and subject to agreed conditions, the clerk would continue to act and deal with matters under Delegated Powers which would be reported to the Chairman (or Vice Chairman) and at the next meeting of the Council

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

None

6. Adoption of Standing Orders, Revised Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessments for 2014/2015

RESOLVED That SO's as amended, Revised Code of Conduct, Finance and Risks Assessments previously adopted, reviewed and amended along with a new Internal Audit 'Terms of Reference' be formally adopted for 2014 / 2015 along with Internal Audit Requirements (as agreed)

* Copies of SOs, Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure and adopted Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment had been previously copied to all members

7. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 2nd April 2014

Minutes 2nd April 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) **Update on Flooding issues - The Green** Minute 4(b) & 8(c)

AW > MGWSP still investigation defects – work ticker not yet allocated (E-mail read)

(b) Planters Minute 13(b)

Deferred

(c) Play Area grant application outstanding

Update by Cllr Roberts

9. To Adopt Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting dated 2nd April 2014

Minutes of AOM dated 2nd April 2014 were adopted as a correct record

10. Matters Arising from the Annual Open Meeting

None

11. Public Speaking Time

No public present

12. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Grand Union Canal Conservation Area I got an email to say they had extend the time period to make comment or receive comments from members whose wards the Grand Union Canal passes through.

Bee Keeping I have circulated a few items of correspondence about this application. All I know about bee keeping can be written on the back of the honey pot label, with plenty of space left for the complete works of Shakespeare, so I have asked for an agricultural study and assessment.

Google tells me that 12 bees make a teaspoon of honey. A hive has 20kg of saleable honey. It is £4 a pot retail. This operation I think will need to be quite large to justify the investment.

How many bees? Do they have the necessary area to go out and do what bees do?

Should the enterprise fail, what next? Could this domestic looking proposal be easily converted to domestic use? There were many contradictions in the application, no toilets, but space for school bus. We all know that a bus load of children will not need the toilet! No employment but space for many cars and light trucks. Solar power mentioned as the energy source, yet nothing on the plans showing solar panels. Planning enforcement have also had a look at the work done to date to ensure that it is compliant, I have not heard back from them yet as to their view.

ACE & COSGROVE LODGE Nothing to add at present

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

13. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2014/0502/MAF Building to be used in apiculture. Northampton Road

* **OBJECTION** Appears inappropriate, unsustainable and unviable as an agricultural venture as the application is said to be small scale, although 10 parking spaces and a space for a bus is proposed.

There are no toilets facilities provided (especially if education facilities are to be proposed)

We support the District Cllrs request for an Agricultural Assessment and require a Highway impact survey due to its location on the bend close to the A508 turn. It has a Public Footpath through the site and is adjacent to the Milton Keynes Scout Camp where camping, outside activities, camp fires and Bar-B-Qs regularly takes place and is in our view totally inappropriate as a location for such a business proposal. Additionally, we are concerned about the amount of tree felling and ground clearance that has taken place and whether this is in affect an 'engineering operation' as the land is designated as an important wildlife site. It is also our view that the 'Agricultural Building' is of a domestic appearance and easily converted to domestic use if the apiculture business fails.

S/2014/0521/TCA Pollard one sycamore tree to 6M and raise crown height by 2M of second sycamore tree. Rear of 48 Bridge Road (part retrospective)

* **OBSERVATIONS** Although (part retrospective) we are concerned that important canal side trees outside of the applicants control in the Conservation Area have been seriously damaged without permission, affecting the important canal side landscape.

INTERIM

S/2014/0615/OUT Construction of 8 x 2 bed apartment within the footprint of the existing building and associated car parking (Outline) The Stocks

* Discussed at length with observations. When full plans are received > the clerk to respond and circulate as required

- (b) **Decision Notices**
- (c) **Enforcement / Appeals**
- (d) **Press Notices**

None

14. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

(a) **N/CALC**

Membership subscription (£152.96) + Internal Audit fees (£155) = £307.96

* **RESOLVED** to approve

(b) **Wicksteed Leisure**

Annual Inspection Reports (no serious issues) > Cllr Roberts

15. Finance

(a) **The Council to approve budgetary control to date**

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

(b) **To Approve Current State of Finance**

Treasurer's a/c:	£303.99
Business Call a/c:	£24,174.42 (+ ½ Precept)
Earmarked Reserves:	£14,268.10
Available Capital:	£10,210.31

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

001405	Clerks Salary:	£300.00
001406	HMRC:	£75.00 (PAYE)
001407	Petty Cash:	£22.60
001408	AH Contracts:	£46.30 (Dog Bins Apr)
001409	N/CALC:	£307.96 (Annual Fees + Int Audit fees) (Min:14(a))
001410	NJ Blackwell:	£777.70 (Mowing/maintenance (Mar/Apr))
001411	NWBS:	£153.00 (Clerks Pension)
001412	Cosgrove VH:	£500.00 (Annual Donation)
001413	E.ON:	£231.96 (PL Energy)

(d) **To Approve End of Year Accounts for Audit (including R&P Book for signature)**

* **RESOLVED** R&P Book presented and signed along with End of Year accounts for Audit (Internal Audit report at year end read also presented – no issues for attention)

16. Street Lighting

No reports

17. Highways

No reports

18. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

(a) Latest Crime issues discussed > Suggestions to NW and next meeting

(b) Development at The Stocks (Min:13(a) > members to visit site and report

19. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th June commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm