

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3th May 2017 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

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

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

In the Absence of the outgoing Chairman (who had resigned last meeting) the Vice Chairman took the Chair and opened the meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr D Smith proposed Cllr W Smith – Cllr Mrs Childs proposed the Vice Chairman

The clerk advised that without a show of hands a paper vote would be appropriate

Cllr Harbottle was duly elected as Chairman (by 4/3)

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman proposed Cllr W Smith which was unanimously carried

3. Declaration of Acceptance (Min: 1 & 2)

Both duly signed Declarations of Acceptance

4. Apologies for Absence

Mr A Walker (Purdah) > report via the clerk

5. Casual Vacancy by Co-Option

CV from Mark Draddy circulated and was unanimously welcomed onto the council. Cllr Draddy signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was issued with Standing Orders and DPI to be completed before next meeting

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

None

7. Election of Working Groups and Representatives

Planning: Full council

Finance: Cllrs Harbottle, Childs, Smith (W) and Stokes,

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

Scrutiny: Cllrs Roberts, Stokes and Welton

Transport Rep: Cllrs Smith (D) and 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

8. Adoption of Standing Orders (as amended), Revised Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment and Asset Register for 2017/2018

Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations & Risk Assessment and Asset Register reviewed without amendment and were adopted for 2017/2018

9. To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Open Meeting held 5th April 2017 as a true record

10. Matters Arising from the Annual Open Meeting > No issues

11. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 5th April 2017

Minutes of the meeting Wednesday 5th April 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) Missing hand rail Horse Tunnel to Towpath Minute 4(a)

Update > clerk deals > discussed and **RESOLVED**

(b) Yardley Road / Castlethorpe turn Minute 4(b)

Latest via Cllr D Smith > Work Instructed

(c) Update on CosPC replacement lighting Minute 4(c)

NHB Funding > £10,000.00 received 12 April

(d) Northants P&CC Meeting Minute 4(e)

Attended by Cllrs D & W Smith who spoke on the item

(e) Verge Damage Manor Close Minute 4(f)

Damage and request for hard standing? NCCs negative response circulated

(f) Solomon's Bridge (2* LB) Bridge Road Minute 12(b)

SNC > C&RT survey report and repair awaits > SNC Conservation Officer?

13. Public Speaking Time

Dog fouling canal towpath and general litter

14. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

No reports

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

The clerk was asked to read out report in his absence

I will only give a Verbatim report to all 11 Parishes I represent including Cosgrove due to the purdah period prior to County Elections 4/5/2017.

NCC: It has been a busy year again this year, what with. The Budget, Devolution and Brexit!!!

Former Revenue budget of £1.2B has now been reduced to £840M. Council Tax is 4.95% being the 4th lowest in the Country. £54M invested in a new building for our workforce, closing 12 older building that were not congenial for working purposes. The County Council over next 4 years will split into 5 depts. namely: Transport, Social Care, Children's Services, Communities and Place as well as Finance. All controlled from the Centre by the Cabinet and 57 Councillors who will continue to scrutinise these services and continue to hold 51% of overall control.

Devolution: Has brought its own problems with the 6 Districts + the Borough and County Council, not being able to agree on Unitary Authority status. This will rumble on for some time.

Brexit: Has had no effect on us yet

Locally: I have dealt with MK Master Plan, Traffic Accidents, Public Transport and A508 issues.

Empowering Councillor Donations: Cosgrove WI for Map; Cosgrove PC towards cost of replacement railings (Main Street / Canal towpath)

Finally: Having been successful in getting Old Stratford Roundabout / congestion into the NCC Transport Strategy have seen £3.5M grant for reconstruction work which will commence late 17 early 18.

15. Planning

(a) Applications Received

(b) Decision Notices

None

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Appeal – Land rear of Linden 14 Main Street against refusal of Cert of Lawfulness (for the whole of St Vincent’s Well field) > discussed

(d) Press Notices

None

16. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

* (a) N/CALC

Membership subs @ £291.29 + £167.00 Internal Audit fees = £458.29

* **RESOLVE** to approve

* (b) NCC

Definitive maps and Rights of Way improvement plan > for file (copy Cllr D Smith)

* (c) A & B Joinery

Invoice for new public nb (as agreed) but exceeded discussed support

* **RESOLVE** to approve (to be added to FAR)

17. 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 (effectively end of year accounts)

Treasurer’s a/c:	£871.07
Business Inst a/c:	£43,670.55 (+ NHB Grant & Vat repay + ½ Precept)
Earmarked Reserves:	£29,205.00
Available Capital:	£15,336.62

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

001662	Clerks Salary:	£344.00
001663	HMRC:	£86.00
001664	Petty Cash:	£15.86
001665	NJ Blackwell:	£650.10 (Mowing Apr)
001666	AH Contracts:	£46.30 (Environmental Apr)
001667	N/CALC:	£458.29 (Min:16(a))
001668	E.ON:	£405.35 (PLs Unmetered supply)
001669	Old Stratford PC:	£200.00 (Use of equipment)
001670	Cllr Stokes:	£20.76 (BG Tap/mileage)
001671	A & B Joinery:	£1,040.40 (New nb village green Min:16(c))

(d) To adopt end of year accounts for Audit

End of Year Accounts ending 31st March 2017 presented signed and formally adopted along with R&P book and necessary accompanying documents

Internal Audit due 12th June prior to submission by 19th June

* Discussed > Web requirements of Transparency Code

18. Street Lighting

Update by Cllr W Smith on start date for street lighting upgrade

19. Highways

- (a) Coffin Walk > dog issue awaits site meeting for accessible site
- (b) Usual outstanding pot holes and line markings
- (c) Enhancement Gangs – siding out?
- (d) The Stocks ‘sycamore growth > Contractor

20. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Litter – especially from caravan park users?> letter re assistance or meeting follow up
- (b) Former Chairman’s resignation > clerk to deal
- (c) Xmas tree showing signs of distress in dry weather > contractor every other day for month
* to be reviewed next agenda

21. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.42pm