

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 27th November 2012 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie (in the chair), Mr A Bracey, Mrs F Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mrs H Harbottle, Mr P Roberts, Mr D Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs L Welton
Also present was Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC), Kate Hannelly (SNC Assistant Conservation Officer)(part) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Full council present

2. Members Declaration of Interest and any request for Dispensation (for items on the Agenda)

Cllrs Mr AG Hickie, Mr A Bracey, Mrs F Childs, Mr R Gibbs, Mrs H Harbottle, Mr P Roberts, Mr D Smith, Mr C Stokes & Mrs L Welton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for setting and agreeing the council's precept for 2013/2014 due to the Localism Act 2011

* **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).

As the proper officer, grants dispensation (for a maximum period of 4 years).

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated 30th October 2012

Minutes 30th October 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record

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

(a) 15 Bridge Road Minute 4(a)

Further corres re complaints and a request by L&E to approve lighting scheme prior to adoption by the highways authority (see Min:9(b))

* Lighting scheme approved

(b) Highway issues Minute 4(b)

Main Street / Horse tunnel > No through road sign agreed next financial year

(c) PT Issues from last agenda Minute 4(c)

Cllr Smith spoke on the item and advised NCC action re contract

5. Public Speaking Time

Meeting closed for this item.

6. Presentation by SNC Conservation Officer on proposed review of Cosgrove

Kate Hannelly (SNC Assistant Conservation Officer) was introduced and spoke on Conservation Area Review of Cosgrove, produced plans and outlined proposals and assistance required. Recommendations would be presented to Cosgrove in due course as part of the public consultation

* She was thanked for attending and left the meeting

7. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) Spoke further on the Conservation Area review; Local Plan and Moat Lane proposals; Planning fees have risen by 15%; SNC await Autumn statement on 5th Dec;

Local area finance 19th Dec (agree base rate); Localisation of council tax; Pooling rules for SNC/Northamptonshire; SNC have received £1.2M of the £1.5M allocated to Northamptonshire; Refuse collection Tuesdays – Fridays + additional bin (existing boxes will be transferred to house owners?); Trade Waste dealt separately; Weekly food waste collections start June 2013

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

Not present – no reports

8. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2012/1297/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension 1 Mansel Close

* Previously deferred to site meeting > No objection

S/2012/1317/LBD Demolition of existing garden building to the Cosgrove Hall Gatehouse
Stratford Road

* **INTERIM OBJECTION** This is a Curtilage LB and is part of the Lodges history and should be retained (part demolished therefore application is retrospective) response **CONFIRMED**

S/2012/1332/FUL Change of use from garage to dwelling (retrospective) Badgers Farm
Northampton Road

* This PC are minded to **OBJECT** (not only because it is retrospective) but as it also fails to meet the criteria of the NPPF especially Section 4 and para 55 in addition to SNC Local Plan Policy G3(O) and Para 2.14; Policies H6, EV16 & EV17. Being that it is not a re-use of a farm building, nor is it of substantial construction or in keeping with the general design or character of the area. The applicant also fails to demonstrate the need in open countryside as laid out in planning guidelines as it is a garage whether or not in need of some conversion to make it habitable

(b) Decision Notices

Withdrawn - Two detached houses with detached garages. Land at former Cosgrove House, Stratford Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

(d) Press Notices

None

9. Correspondence (list at the meeting)

* **(a) Wicksteed Playscapes**

Annual Inspection due @ £45 > **RESOLVED** to agree

* **(b) L&E Consultancy**

Lighting layout Development of Bridge Road for approval > see Min:4(e)

(c) N/CALC

Notes on precept dispensation > Budget proposals

(d) SNC Community Safety Officer

Problem solving issues re anti-social behaviour in play areas > noted for file

(e) CPRE Northamptonshire

Outlook – Autumn 2012 edition and invitation to Christmas Carols @ Cranford Hall > circulated

(f) PSA Association – Volunteering Services Manager

New helpline and advice, support and information people living with PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) > circulated – poster nb

(g) BDO LLP

Changes re local councils extranet details (Auditors) > noted for file

(h) Lloyds TSB

Online Payment Control > previous decision to continue with existing procedures – for file

*** (i) SNC CEO**

Press release on Food Waste Collection Scheme Funding > previously circulated by e-mail

(j) Community Safety Partnership – Northamptonshire

Community Day of Action Thursday 6th December > previously circulated by e-mail

10. Adoption of amended Code of Conduct (circulated with Agenda)

*** RESOLVED “That**

- 1 the revised code of conduct adopted by the South Northamptonshire Council be adopted as the revised code for members of the Cosgrove Parish Council with effect from 27th November 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct, and**
- 2 the clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of South Northamptonshire Council of the passing of the above resolution.”**

11. Finance

(a) The Council to approve budgetary control to date (with Agenda)

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

(b) To Approve Current State of Finance

Treasurer’s a/c:	£157.57
Business Call a/c:	£17,045.48 (Incl: s136 NCC mowing grant)
Earmarked Reserves:	£10,964.93
Available Capital:	£6,374.72

(c) Payment agreed of outstanding accounts listed below by unanimous decision

001288	Clerks Salary:	£273.26
001289	HMRC:	£68.40 (PAYE)
001290	Petty Cash:	£10.30
001291	NJ Blackwell:	£557.70 (Mowing)
001292	Aylesbury Mains Ltd:	£140.13 (PL repairs)
001293	AH Contracts:	£46.30 (Dog Bins Oct)
001294	Barcham:	£678.00 (Replacement trees)

(d) To consider Budget proposals (circulated at the meeting)

Deferred to the end of the meeting

12. Street Lighting

(a) Faults reported and repaired (PL19 Main Street awaits)

(b) PL33 Stratford Road ooo

13. Highways

- (a) Stratford Road flooding inspected by NCC/MGWSP but said not to be due to the Scout Camp ditch issues previously reported – but the Dogsmouth? due to mud run off
* NCC sent further photos (supplied by 40 Stratford Road (2 occasions)) indicating ditch o/s Camp entrance > to be excavated and piped? (residents present)
- (b) Cllr Stokes spoke on Main Street drainage issue and asked the clerk to assist with any know plans

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

- (a) Cllr Gibbs gives notice of moving – website maintenance after? > Old Mail

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th January 2013 commencing at 7.30pm

The Chairman wished Cllrs and those members of the public present, a Merry Christmas and healthy happy New Year

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.

11(d) To consider Budget proposals (circulated at the meeting)

Minimum of £15,750 proposed and discussed due to financial constraints and outgoings

PRECEPT

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £16,000

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm