

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, Mr A Bracey, Mr D Little & Mr D Smith
Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mr M Draddy & Mr P Roberts (late apologies - work commitments), Mr J Proctor (away) & late apologies Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC) (meeting) report below

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 8th January 2020

The minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 8th January 2020 were signed as true record

4. Clerks Report

- BG Walnut trees felled > check surface damage – Location of replacement trees (or new BG Corners? approved)
- Leak issues The Stocks > CRT response circulated to all > CosPC to arrange site visit
- Gas Governor The Stocks awaits site visit (Cabinet details unreadable)
- Electrics The Stocks Bus Shelter (feasibility report awaits)
- 20mph during school times is a legal limit as a result of Safe Routes to School scheme
- Resident complaint about lack of CosPC news (planning) in Old Mail > advice given
- Web Site? Deferred > Cllr Smith (D)

5. Public Speaking Time

Commemorative bench and historic street signs (deferred); Commemorative bench and historic street signs (deferred); Approval for BCS access into field from Stratford Road (discussed at length); CRT obligations to residents re 2* listed canal bridge and outstanding repairs? Cosgrove Caravan Park Wardens family (Mrs Bird and assist) spoke on the park (all new homes now delivered via Castlethorpe (only used homes leaving site via Cosgrove) > Liaison agreed

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Belated report

SNC has published its budget and will go to full council at the end of the month the Council Tax rise is £5 a year

The Structural Change Order is still going through the parliamentary process, we have been told it will be debated in the House of Lords next week. My guess is we will have it by the end of this month. When I was speaking to the senior civil servant from MHCLG at a meeting last week his response to a question of “what if the deadline is missed?”, was “it will not be missed”. He also confirmed that the five year land supplies that exist would continue for 5 years in the new authority until a new local plan was sorted.

The process of designing the new council, in outline has just begun. Up until now it has been a process of data discovery. We aim to have an outline, a Strawman, to use the jargon, by end of March. The actual decisions on the final structure is for the elected Shadow Council to take. The minimum to get to that point is being done, but that is still a big amount of work.

MK Council have published their Vision 2050 as to how they see the growth of MK City and the wider 'Greater MK Area'. In the MK view of the world they envisage development in all the neighbouring authorities but also have ideas to link these to their mass transit systems to meet the needs of the MK area till the mid point of the century. It remains a fact that MK cannot plan or impose anything on anyone outside its municipal boundary. I am finalising a meeting with MK Council for all the parishes along the A508 / A5 south of Towcester to meet at The Forum, Wed 18 March 19:00 hrs and let MK present their view. I have asked them to have public engagement with our communities about this vision. Please put the date in your diary, more information will follow shortly as I just agreed the date / venue with them earlier today. Kate will be writing to all the Parish Clerks shortly.

Apologies again

Cllr Ian McCord *Leader Member for Cosgrove & Grafton Ward*

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

No reports

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

(In addition to corres already circulated)

(a) SNVB Community Bus

TADD reminder circulated > also for day hire

(b) War Horse Bench

Resident via Wendy Page re commemorative Bench > Grant application?

(c) Parking Stratford Road during darkness house (40mph)

To avoid an offence under the RV Lighting Regs > Must be facing the right way with lights on (Parking directly below a street lamp facing the correct way may attract caution only)

8. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- (a) Cllr Little** > Planning issues and Cllr training
- (b) Cllr Bracey** > Castlethorpe / MKC proposals > A508
- (c) Cllr Bird** > Trees and litter of builder
- (d) Cllr Draddy** > x
- (e) Cllr Roberts** > x
- (f) Cllr D Smith** > School PTSA & Litter Pick > liaise clerk
- (g) Cllr Wallace** > x
- (h) Cllr Proctor** > x
- (i) Chairman** > Speed gun training

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2019/2449/FUL Vari condition (Garage) Plot 2 Cosgrove House, Stratford Road > Noted

S/2020/0009/NMA Convert wing of dwelling (S/2019/1271/MAF) into additional dwelling (retrospective) amend internal arrangements. 3 The Stables, Priory Road > Noted

INTERIM

S/2020/0109/TPO Fell Oak (TPO): The Dairy, Priory Road

S/2020/0097- 0101/COND Various conditions re The Dairy, Priory Road

(b) Decision Notices

Approval BCS application for access off of Stratford Road > discussed

(c) **Enforcement / Appeals**

(d) **Press Notices**

None

10. Finance

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

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

Treasurer's a/c: £2,529.56

Business Inst a/c: £37,616.73

Earmarked Reserves: £21,120.25

Available Capital: £18,670.84

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

001910 Clerks Salary: £356.80

001911 HMRC: £89.20 (PAYE)

001912 Petty Cash: £14.96

001913 DNH Contracts: £84.00 (Environmental > January)

001914 NJ Blackwell: £706.61 (Reissued replaces 1895 lost? cancelled)

001915 Aylesbury Mains: £288.00 (PL renumbering > Min:11(a)) < ER

001916 Local Landscapes: £1,945.00 (BG Tree removals x 2)

001917 OSPC: £137.50 (50% Professional fees SLCC/ CPD)

(d) **To Consider Historic Street Signs and cost**

Proposal circulated and **RESOLVED** to approve

11 Street Lighting

(a) PL numbering by contractor completed

12. Highways

(a) Chase defects

(b) Hedge O/S Dower House completed (Safety conditions) > letter of thanks

13. Proposed work programme (projects for the coming year) > working on issues

14. Councillor Questions and Items for Next Agenda

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th March 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

With no other business the meeting closed at 8.37pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
February 2020

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Ongoing	Dog fouling	New Dog bin top of steps Main St/Towpath	Installed and well used Weekly emptying top of TP May BH > Oct by CosPC contractor
	Litter	Additional Litter Bins	SNC to approve (still awaits) CosPC to advise (delayed)
	PL numbering?	Contractor approval	Completed
Ongoing	Highway Issues	Continual review	Bridge Road subsidence NCC monitor only? No action can be Justified; Scruffy yes, dangerous No > NFA at this time
	Yardley Road	(More accidents > NCC)	Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567 * Approved Plan chased
	Stratford Road	Tree line encroaches	Road width reduced > NCC again
	Canal Bridge	One way considered	Not approved by NCC Highways (Unable due to f/w specs on old structure) Damage not yet repaired
	Pot holes	Monitored	Slow repairs > some reminders
	Caravan Park traffic	Monitored Awaits decision	Large new Mobile Homes delivered via Castlethorpe
	Caravan Park	Liaison to commence	Meetings agreed with new site warden
	Salt Bin	Yardley Road	Returned as a parish asset
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required Especially horse tunnel	Monitoring Site visit awaits
Ongoing	Bulb planting	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	Living Tree	Xroads	Planted