

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at the Village Hall, Bridge Road

Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, Mr A Bracey, Mr M Draddy, Mr D Little, Mr J Proctor, Mr P Roberts, Mr D Smith & Ms T Wallace

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllr McCord (SNC) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Full council - Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC) Family commitments

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

None

3. To Sign and Approve Minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 4th December 2019

The minutes of the Meeting dated Wednesday 4th December 2019 were signed as true record

4. Clerks Report

- BG Walnut trees to be felled 20/21st January
- Leak issues at The Stocks (advised that in hand –delayed by Xmas)
- Hedge o/s Dower House letter sent (will be cut) members notified of sad death of Mrs Skipper

5. Public Speaking Time

The Stocks (details of corres); Gas Governor condition: Commemorative bench;

6. District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

General Election over > Unitary proposals continue.; SNC increase 5% to include Voluntary sector; Planning issues; SNC LDO consultation extnded

(b) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

In absence reports 'After election Unitary is expected to continue'

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

(In addition to corres already circulated)

(a) Northants Police and ANPR

* Chairman had circulated comment (Costs?)

(b) Nationwide BS impending closure of Gross interest a/c's (Clerks Pension)

* NWBS to close at financial year end and pension gratuity > **RESOLVED** Clerks account with annual pension payment > direct to the clerk (IR approved scheme prior to work place pension)
No tax liabilities

(c) SNC Precept letter > Min:10(c)

(d) N/CALC Local Elections

* To consider the need to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections > Discussed to Old Mail
(Clerks Note: If applications exceed 9 then an election will be required)

8. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- (a) **Chairman** > ANPR comments circulated;
- (b) **Cllr Bracey** > n/r
- (c) **Cllr Bird** > The Priory (builders foam rubble)
- (d) **Cllr Draddy** > Play area (to draw up proposals); Xmas lights > possible electric supply near Bus Shelter?; Gas Governor condition
- (e) **Cllr Roberts** > Play area inspection proposals > hold
- (f) **Cllr D Smith** > Footpath report issues (discussed)
- (g) **Cllr Wallace** > Play area and ANPR
- (h) **Cllr Proctor** > Play area hedge
- (i) **Cllr Little** > PT / buses; Navigation footpath condition > My Street

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

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

(b) Decision Notices

Cladding Stratford Road

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

Badgers Farm Condition re landscaping before Highway requirements > Cllr McCord

(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)

001904	Clerks Salary:	£356.80
001905	HMRC:	£89.20 (PAYE)
001906	Petty Cash:	£1242
001907	DNH Contracts:	£60.00 (Environmental > December)
001908	NJ Blackwell:	£501.86 (Mowing November late invoice)
001909	E-ON:	£389.24 (PL Energy)

(d) To Consider Precept Proposals

Deferred to the end of the meeting

11 Street Lighting

- (a) PL numbering by contractor approved > awaits

12. Highways

- (a) Cllr D Smith submitted annual Footpath Wardens Report (circulated)

* for file (copy attached to Minutes)

(b) **NCC 2020/2021 Grass Mowing s136**

* **RESOLVED** to approve

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 5th February 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

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.

10(d) To Consider Precept Proposals

The clerk outlined his recommendations given budget control and finances. There was some discussion on ANPR financing and what is an acceptable precept increase. Current recommendation although increases precept means Band D remains the same by pennies as 2019/20

RESOLVED: That the precept be issued for the sum of £22,750

With no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities
January 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
	PL numbering?	Contractor approval	project for 2019/20
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	Photos sent to endorse NCC Highways comments that Main St/Bridge Rd unsuitable for large vehicles and caravan deliveries
	Caravan Park	Liaison to commence	Meetings requested
	Salt Bin	Yardley Road	Returned as a parish asset
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required Especially horse tunnel	Monitoring
Ongoing	Bulb planting	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	Living Tree	Xroads	Planted