

Cosgrove Parish Council

MINUTES OF COSGROVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 via ZOOM commencing 7pm

Present:

Cllrs Mr W Smith (in the chair), Mr C Bird, Mr A Bracey, Mrs S Comerford, Mr M Draddy, Mr D Little, Mr J Proctor & Mr D Smith

Also present were Mr D Everett (Clerk), Cllrs Mr I McCord (SNC) & Mr A Walker (NCC) and 1 resident

1. Apologies for Absence

Late apologies Cllr Mr P Roberts (work commitments)

2. Member Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes for Approval of the Zoom Meeting dated Wednesday 4th November 2020

The Minutes of the meeting 4th November 2020 were approved unsigned

4. Clerks Report to include Noisy Sports, Northampton Road

- Noisy Sports, Northampton Road; Bus Services update;
- Cosgrove Caravan Park > Clerks Comment/complaint re NA (Circulated + other CosPC comments (Cllr D Smith et al) > see Min:9;
- Land auction status Stratford Road

5. Public Speaking Time (this is time limited)

None

6 District and County Councillor Reports

(a) Cllr Mr A Walker (NCC)

89 bus update (not Saturdays) review end of December; www Britannia Bus Co (time table); Cosgrove Caravan park discussed + road conditions (clerk to look at 2000 Appeal decision) > SNC/MKC;

(b) Cllr Mr I McCord (SNC)

Scrambling enforcement issues (actions, drone evidence > discussed); Budget is underway; Business support fund: Covid response and enforcement; Separate child and social care scheme/budget; Q on hubs not yet decided.`

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

Nothing further than circulated corres

8. Monthly roundup and issues from each councillor

- Cllr Roberts > x
- Cllr Smith (D) > Village website; litter
- Cllr Proctor > Allotment update / legal fees discussed > clerk to source quote re transfer; War Bench (Styles) > clerk to chaser: Plus action follow ups
- Cllr Bracey > Castlethorpe Road condition
- Cllr Little > Food bank; formulating actions (to be added to minutes Outstanding Issues)
- Cllr Comerford > Road conditions Bridge Road; Parking / Traffic

- **Cllr Draddy** > New bench siting; War Memorial X Roads (discussed): Xmas lights under Covid conditions
- **Cllr Bird** > Litter generally and off A508
- **Chairman** > Spoke on council operations at present and in the future (AGM)

9. Planning

(a) Applications Received

S/2020/1946/NA (MKC 20/01298/FUL) Proposed siting of 40 Static caravans in leau of 70 touring Cosgrove Caravan Park (SNC response 23/11)(see attached)

* We have seen the response from SNC and support the alternative access

As a Parish Council we view the reissued Delivery Management Plan as a piece of fiction with glib assumptions that it reduces the effects on Cosgrove Village.

As the clerk here for more than 27 years I/We have never been advised about deliveries. We would also ask MKC to refer to the 14-17 November 2000 Appeal and the Inspectors decision on the Park The appeal conditions appear to have been watered down over time to the detriment of Cosgrove village and its residents. Cosgrove Caravan Park continue to be a poor neighbour and although joint meetings have been held with the promise of a Park Management Plan which has never materialised . We are left with nothing other than drip- drip and piece meal development that MKC appears unconcerned about as the effects on Cosgrove appear not to be their problem or concern. It is hoped that if permission is give now, or in the future that MKC consider the dire affects any further expansion has on Cosgrove village. We are happy to meet and discuss these issues and repeat previous liaison meetings in the hope of an acceptable outcome or compromise can be found

S/2020/1956/NMA Non material amendment (S/20190785/FUL) to raise roof height over existing Garage. 11 Mansel Close * Noted

INTERIM

S/2020/2110/FUL New dwelling with garage land adjacent to 4 Lock Lane

* **OBJECTION** Outside the village confines in open countryside and lies within a designated Special Landscape Area (SLA). The dwelling design is a repeat of the refused application S/2020/0976/FUL and fails to comply with any of the exemptions that would apply in the open countryside. It is also off of a sub standard private drive contrary to the Highway policy and lies between two public Rights of Way

(b) Decision Notices

Amended Garden Cottage (the Dower House) amendment as curtilage to LB

* Reduction in heights of garage and others etc noted

(c) Enforcement / Appeals

E/20200238 Buckingham Arm, Canal side South, Cosgrove re tree removal etc

* No update on action

(d) Press Notices

None

10. Finance > dealt with by the clerk under agreed delegated powers

(a) The Council to note budgetary control to date (Running Balance attached Agenda)

* Note: The Audit Year Ending 31st March 2020 has been completed without comment and is circulated and posted on the village website

(b) To Note Current State of Finance

Treasurer's a/c: £23,981.28

Business Inst a/c: £26,446.38 (+ CiL payment £5,360.70 > ER)
Earmarked Reserves: £35,125.26
Available Capital: £15,302.40

* CiL Payment conditions to spend > next meeting and or Budget

(c) To Note Accounts for Payment

001981	Clerks Salary:	£393.40 (£374.40 + Petty cash £19)
001982	HMRC:	£93.60 (PAYE)
001983	DNH Contracts:	£60.00 (Environmental > Nov)
001984	NJ Blackwell GS:	£528.78 (Mowing > Nov)
001985	PKF Littlejohn LLP:	£240.00 (Audit fees)(as Min: 10(a) above)
001986	Cumbrian Clock Co:	£198.00 (annual £165 Church Clock maintenance)
001987	Cllr W Smith:	£55.95 (Chairman's allowance Min:4 Nov 2020)
001988	Cllr D Smith:	£25.00 (RBL Wreath Costs as agreed)
001989	Cllr Comerford:	£47.85 (Hamper Min:13)

11. To consider Budget proposals for 2021-2022

Budget principles discussed along with spending requirements especially as new WNC unitary commencing May 2021. The clerk agreed to keep any inflationary rise to a minimum and complete a projected Budget for next meeting

12. Reports of maintenance issues arising

Work agreed awaits > clerk to chase Xroad signage (Give Way and road markings)

** Update: Report dated 15/6 gives time scale of 6 months to complete*

13. Any Items for Next Agenda

State of roads to be reported + Litter issues

* Litter resident picker **RESOLVED** that Xmas hamper < £100 be agreed Cllr Comerford deals
Gas Governor Not yet refurbished

14. Date of next Meeting as Wednesday 6th January 2021 via Zoom at 7pm

With no other business the virtual meeting closed at 9pm

Cosgrove Parish Council
Outstanding Activities (Updated)
December 2020

Most activities are held until further notice

Date	Item	Parish Action	Action by Others
Ongoing	Litter	Additional Litter Bins	SNC to approve (still awaits) CosPC to advise
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) Xroads Give Way markings	Yardley Rd/Castlethorpe 842567 * Approved Plan chased (held) Work ticket 6/12?
	Canal Bridge	Road safety – alternate one way? More damage after hit by vehicle	Not approved by NCC Highways (Unable due to f/w specs on LB structure) ; Latest damage repaired
	Pot holes	Monitored	Slow repairs > some reminders
	Caravan Park traffic	Monitored Latest application?	Deliveries now through Castlethorpe?
	Caravan Park	Liaison to commence	> contact with park management awaits
Ongoing	Blocked drains	When required Especially horse tunnel	Monitoring
On going	Bulb planting	Agreed locations	Resident (HR) dealt and supported
	Benches	Commemorative	Awaits

Note: Most outstanding issue put on hold (Pandemic blamed)