

Cosgrove Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Cosgrove Parish Council held on **Wednesday 1 April 2026** at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr D Smith (Chair), ~~Cllr C Bird~~, Cllr A Bracey, Cllr S Comerford (Vice Chair),
~~Cllr J Proctor, Cllr P Roberts~~

Mrs J Evans (Clerk to the Council)

The meeting opened at 19.30 hours. Ward Cllr McCord was in attendance. There were 3 members of the public present.

CPC/26/04/1 There were three absences: Cllrs Proctor and Bird were working and Cllr Roberts had a family commitment. Cllr Dabbs was also working.

CPC/26/04/2 There were no declarations of interest.

CPC/26/04/3 The Minutes of the meeting of 4 March 2026 were approved unanimously.

CPC/26/04/4 There were no Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

CPC/26/04/5 Public Speaking

Concerns were raised about the persistent on-street parking adjacent to the crossroads outside the school on Yardley Road. The vehicles are too close to the junction and are impeding visibility.

Clerk to request West Northants Highways to install double yellow lines.

It was suggested further 20 mph signs were needed on Yardley Road.

Clerk to request additional signs from West Northants Highways.

The Stop3000Trucks pressure group reported they had asked for permission to display the scale model of the proposed warehouse development at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting, but this had been turned down. The applicant's agent, Framptons, had raised objections.

Cllr McCord stated that the draft Local Plan consultation had now closed. He noted there was a permission in principle application for up to four dwellings on the land next to Glyndeborne, 60 Stratford Road.

Responses needed to be in by 22 April 2026.

Clerk to draft response

CPC/26/04/6 The Clerk's report is appended to these Minutes at Appendix A.

CPC/26/04/7 Finance

(a) The update on current finances in comparison to the 2026-2027 budget is appended to these Minutes at Appendix B.

(b) The payment schedules, circulated ahead of the meeting, were approved. Payments totalling £4,468.50 on Appendix C were authorised retrospectively from the 2025-2026 budget. Payments totalling £1,272.32 shown at Appendix D were authorised.

(c) The trial balance for 2025-2026 was received and is appended to these Minutes at Appendix E. The balance in the bank at 31 March 2026 was £44,962.62.

CPC/26/04/8 Councillor updates

Cllr Bracey noted that the tyres below road level on the left as you approach the A508 on Northampton Road have still not been removed. Delivery of the tree cage for the new tree in Meadow View Cemetery was in hand.

Cllr Comerford reported that the road repairs to Bridge Road and Main Street at the junction with Lock Lane had been carried out. The last remaining patch on Bridge Road opposite the cottages was too deep for the repair that was applicable for the other areas and will be repaired later.

Cllr Smith had reported on FixMyStreet the car parts left at the side of Station Road near the junction with Yardley Road. The amount of litter on Station Road was disappointing. It was decided to request a bin for the layby on Yardley Road.

Action: Clerk to liaise with street cleansing about a bin and emptying thereof.

CPC/26/04/9 Planning It was decided to make no comment on 2026/0814/LDE Lawful Development Certificate for use of land for a commercial builder's storage and distribution yard at Furtho Pits, Old Cosgrove Road, Old Stratford.

CPC/26/04/10 Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting (AAPM)

- (a) The draft Agenda was agreed.
- (b) The proposed list of speakers was agreed.
- (c) It was **resolved** to spend up to £125 on printing the annual questionnaire and flyer for the AAPM
- (d) It was agreed Councillors and volunteers would deliver the questionnaire and flyer. Cllr Comerford volunteered to meet and greet attendees, Cllr Bracey will make the official welcoming remarks, Cllr Roberts will be asked to give the vote of thanks and Cllr Proctor will be asked to manage the PowerPoint presentations. It was agreed to invite the members of the WNC Strategic Planning Committee to a private viewing of the warehouse development model before the start of the AAPM.

Action: Clerk to send invitation to speakers, arrange printing and distribution of questionnaire and flyer to volunteers, finalise Agenda, prepare PowerPoint presentation for the meeting, invite WNC SPC members, liaise with speakers to receive advance copies of any presentations for upload to the Parish laptop.

CPC/26/04/11 It was **resolved** to appoint the volunteer to manage IT support.

Action: Clerk to liaise with HugoFox to set up an additional email for use by the volunteer and to give administration rights to the volunteer.

CPC/26/04/12 Rectory Grounds and Meadow View Cemeteries

- (a) The unscheduled, emergency tree work to three dangerously unstable trees in Rectory Grounds Cemetery (RGC) was authorised retrospectively.
- (b) It was **resolved** to undertake repairs to the footpath side of the RGC wall.
- (c) No decision was taken about what to do with the newly exposed area of ground in Meadow View Cemetery.

Action: Clerk to seek three quotations for wall repairs. Clerk to bring proposals about the newly exposed area of ground in MVC to a subsequent meeting.

The meeting was felt to be effective as it finished broadly on time.

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 6 May 2026**. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the first item of business will be the election of the chair.¹

The meeting closed at 20.54 hours.

¹ Local Government Act 1972 ss 15(2) and 34(2)