

# Culmington Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023** at **Culmington Village Hall.**

**Present:** Councillors Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr Ian Alderson, Mrs M Holland, Mr I Steele. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Temporary Chair), Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts
2. **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
3. **Public Involvement Session:** None
4. **Minutes:** To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.  
**RESOLVED** that both were a correct record and signed by the vice chair.
5. **Community Governance and Boundary Review:**
  - 5.1. Consideration of Potential Changes to Parish Boundaries at Seifton Bache: Councillor Byng and the Clerk had met with Cllr Robert Povall (Diddlebury Parish Councillor). Cllr Povall would propose to Diddlebury Parish Council that either they agree a change of boundary at Seifton Bache or that Diddlebury Parish Council request that Seifton is removed from its 'Cluster' and becomes 'Open Countryside' for planning purposes. The Clerk has not heard from Diddlebury Parish Council regarding the outcome of their last meeting.
6. **Highways**
  - 6.1. Decide on the Site of the Speed Indicator Device at the Eastern Entrance to Culmington Village.  
**RESOLVED:** to request that the post for the sign is situated to the south of the pottery on the western verge.
7. **Reports from Members**
  - 7.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the results for the first two quarters of the financial year show a saving of £10 million. The Council is making savings by redesigning services. The Social Care teams are speeding up discharges from hospital. There is now a demand responsive bus service in the Pulverbatch area which is a trial, and she hopes will spread to other areas.
  - 7.2. Village Hall Committee– Cllr Mear had sent a report. There have been some great new events over the last few months. They are still receiving donations as a result of the tractor run.
8. **Correspondence**
  - 8.1. Sherry Woolgrove – Storm Babet – Councillors were not aware of any homes being flooded during the storm.
  - 8.2. Shropshire Council – Telephone Box at Vernolds Common although in Stanton Lacy Parish it is within the area that may be transferred to Culmington as a result of the boundary review.

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**RESOLVED:** to inform Stanton Lacy Parish Council that they would prefer the telephone box to be retained with its telephony as the area is very remote and has poor mobile phone coverage.

9. **To Consider Work on the Sweet Chestnut Tree in Culmington Village:** Deferred to the next meeting.
10. **Finance:**
  - 10.1. Consider the Draft Budget for Finalisation at the January 2024 Meeting: The draft was considered, and minor alterations requested. It will be presented again at the January meeting and the precept will be set.
  - 10.2. Authorise Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance Inv 419) £68, H Coonick, (Clerk Salary including the pay award backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 £899.60 and Travel Expenses for Oct-Dec £10.80).
11. **Elect a Chairperson for the Next Meeting:** Cllr Matthew Seabrook will remain as temporary chair.
12. **Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024:**
  - a. Budget and precept
  - b. Bio-diversity Statement
  - c. work on the sweet chestnut
  - d. community governance review.

Signed:

Date: