

# Culmington Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.00pm on zoom (due to unexpected unavailability of the village hall)

**Attendance:** Councillors Mr A Pike (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting, Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng and Mrs Jo Mear.

- 1.0 **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** Cllrs I Steele, Mrs M Holland and Mr J Turley. Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council)
- 2.0 **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
- 3.0 **Public Involvement Session:** No members of the public were in attendance.
- 4.0 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved and signed by the chair.
- 5.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 6.0 **Planning: 23/00627/LBC** Culmington House Culmington SY8 2DB.  
**Resolved:** Support
- 7.0 **Reports from Representatives**
  - 7.1 Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley had sent apologies
  - 7.2 Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that the repairs to the hall had been delayed by the loss adjuster. There will be a meeting next week to review progress. The next Culmington Parish Council meeting will need to be held elsewhere.
  - 7.3 Flood Committee – Cllr Byng had submitted a report: The River Severn Partnership is working with the Welsh government regarding ‘Slow the Flow’ and Cardiff University has produced its report on ‘Slow the Flow’. Shropshire Highway reported that the drainage problem at the Quarry in Seifton Batch will be addressed in May/June. It is hoped that repairs will be made to the broken pipes outside the pottery, Manor Orchard etc. He acknowledged there is still more jetting and camera work to be done on the village drains. Shropshire Council is planning to set up a new partnership regarding flooding with either the Wildlife Trust or the Rivers Trust.
  - 7.4 South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Steele had sent apologies.
- 8.0 **Environment Agency and Fire Service visit to Laundry Works:** The report from the Environment Agency stated that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service were satisfied with the fire alert and fire prevention measures in place at the site. The site does not carry out washing activities as previously thought and within the building where granulation of plastic takes place, there is sealed drainage which leads to sealed sump. The site currently utilises dust extractor ‘socks’ attached to the end of the plastic granulators which should capture any dust generated as part of the plastic granulation process. He stressed that if there were any further concerns to report the issues on the Hotline: 0800 80 70 60 and provide accompanying pictures if possible.
- 9.0 **Black Poplar near Development Site:** Cllr Seabrook had informed the Clerk that he had considered the drainage plans for the development site and does not think they will damage the black poplar. Mrs Jenny Norton has taken cuttings from the tree.
- 10.0 **New SmartWater kits:** The SmartWater kits have gone beyond their use by date. The Council can purchase a minimum of 50 new kits at a cost of £445. There is not sufficient funding in this year’s budget to purchase them.  
**Resolved:** The Clerk will write an article for Ripples asking parishioners to register an interest in a kit to include in the budget for 2024-5.
- 11.0 **Desilting of Seifton Brook**  
**Resolved:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 12.0 **Priorities for the Policing Charter and Frequency of Renewal of the Contract:**

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**Resolved:** a. Theft from outbuildings b. theft of livestock c. poaching

**13.0 Consider Emergency Rest Centres:**

**Resolved:** Refer to the Village Hall Committee

**14.0 Finance:**

**14.1** Finance Report, Bank Reconciliation and Budget

**Resolved:** Defer to the next meeting.

**14.2** Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) , H Coonick, Clerk (pay including back pay £950.95, travel expenses £32.40, reimbursement £20.70), Information Commissioners Office £35.

**Resolved:** to authorise the above payments

**15.0 Delegation Policy and Donations Policy**

**Resolved:** Deferred to the next meeting.

**16.0 Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Signed by the Chair:

Date: