

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Culmington Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr J Turley, Mrs J Watts. Cllr C Motley (Shropshire council) H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A Pike, M Holland and J Mear.
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
- 3.0 Public involvement session:** No members of the public were in attendance, but parishioners had asked councillors to raise two issues: a) to request consideration for a further defibrillator for the parish. As the Parish Council has only a very small amount of reserve which has been ring-fenced for a further Vehicle Operated Sign it was decided to ensure the public know about the Ring Round system for the defibrillator at the village hall. b) A hedge on Corve View to be trimmed as it was causing a problem for road users. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the householder concerned.
- 4.0 Minutes:** The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 were approved as correct. Prop Cllr Byng 2nd Cllr Alderson.
- 5.0 Matters Arising:** a) The Clerk has written to Shropshire Council requesting a sign at Burley and for earlier verge mowing. b) Cllr Turley would like to thank Mr Lewis, the Environmental Maintenance Contractor, for his work on Seifton Lane.
- 6.0 Community Governance and Boundary Review –** The Clerk has had no response from the owner of The Pheasantry yet. A letter will be sent to the households affected by potential boundary changes in Vernolds Common, Seifton Batch and Sparchford. The Clerk will contact Vicky Turner (Place Plan Officer) to discuss the issue of the inclusion of Seifton in the Diddlebury Cluster.
- 7.0 Reports from Members**
 - 7.1 Shropshire Council –** Cllr Motley reported that the Local Government Association Team review of finances had a positive outcome. They will now do a Communications Review. The Government has decided to give Shropshire Council two-year role over funding which will make budget planning slightly easier. The Children's Services has been rated 'good' by Ofsted. There are 609 children in the care of Shropshire Council. The Local Transport Working Group are looking at how to improve bus services and will resubmit a bid to Government with the backing of Philip Dunne MP. They are also bidding for Levelling Up funding. The Local Plan is now being examined at the local stage.
 - 7.2 Village Hall –** Cllr Mear sent a report which the Clerk read out. The AGM is on 7th July. Lots of activities have been organised for the coming months including a tractor pull on the 16th October raising funds for MS and the Village Hall.
 - 7.3 Flood Committee –** Cllr Byng reported that an open Google Group is being set up for Culmington FAG. The River Severn Partnership is discussing 'Slow the Flow', leaky dams and holding water back in Wales. John Bellis is being reminded of the need to desilt Seifton Pool. 'Fix my Street' website should be used to report blocked drains alongside other issues Shropshire Council is responsible for. The group will contact Andy Keyland (Shropshire Council) regarding the 3 days of jetting that has occurred and what the maintenance schedule is for drain clearance.
- 8.0 Planning:** 22/02632/FUL - Installation of 2No. replacement oil tanks with new bunded polyethylene tanks each on a hardstanding base together with 1.8m fencing and gate. Elsie Manor, Seifton. The Council unanimously resolved to support the application.
- 9.0 Finance:**
 - 9.1** The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation were reviewed, and Cllr Steele signed the Bank Reconciliation. As of the 27th June 2022 the bank account holds £11,946.69. Prop Cllr Alderson 2nd Cllr Byng. Unanimous.

- 9.2** Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £196 for Invoices 116, 124, 137 and 164. Election 2021 Recharge £100. HMRC Clerks Tax £85. Prop Cllr Byng 2nd Cllr Watts. Unanimous.
- 10.0 Update on Desilting Seifton Brook:** The contractor has quoted £713 and the Ecologist £192 for the desilting on Seifton Lane. The costs were accepted. The 19th August is set as the day to carry out the work. Prop Cllr Byng 2nd Cllr Alderson.
- 11.0 Update on Funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign:** The costs of signs have increased considerably since last year. Not all quotes for a VAS have been received so this matter has been deferred until the September meeting. The request to extend the speed limit to Clay Lane will be made to Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police.
- 12.0 Update on Laundry Works:** Despite the Clerk contacting both the Environment Agency regarding fire safety and West Mercia Police regarding lorry parking there has been no response from either organisation.
- 13.0 Parish Council Website and Planning:** The Clerk has transferred most of the information from the old website to a free service provided by Hugo Fox. Cllr Byng will proofread before it goes live at the end of July. The domain name of **culmington.org** will remain the same. Mr Jeff Williams will no longer be responsible for updating the website and the Council thanked him for his voluntary work on the website over the years.
- 14.0 Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6th September 2022:** a. Pipe in Cllr Turley's field on Seifton Lane b. Update on Desilting of Seifton Brook, c. Vehicle Activated Sign and Speed Limit

Signed by Chair:

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