

Culmington Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr Ian Steele

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.00pm at Culmington Village Hall

In Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chairman), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Ms J Mear, Mr M Seabrook. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Parish Clerk/RFO)

1. Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence: Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland and Mrs J Watts.
2. Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting: None
3. Public involvement session: None
4. The Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th October 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed. Prop Cllr Pike 2nd Cllr Mear.
5. Matters Arising: None
6. Reports from Members
 - 6.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council are trying to reconcile the budget with the government's recent budget. The costs of Children and Adults Social Care continues to climb and it is not clear how Council can access the monies promised for social care. They have been told by the government that they cannot raise council tax by more than 3%. There is no news on the Rural Services Delivery Grant or the New Homes Bonus. SC are making a large bid (£98m) for funding to transform bus services to include a ring and ride type scheme and electric/hybrid/hydrogen buses. There is a meeting planned for Parish Chairs and Clerks to begin considering the parish boundaries and the benefits of joint parishes.
 - 6.2. Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that the coffee mornings had restarted and the curry night had been successful.
7. Finance:
 - 7.1. The Finance Report was reviewed and accepted. Prop Cllr Seabrook 2nd Cllr Pike. The balance in the account as of 6th October 2021 is £9,058.20. A bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Mear.
 - 7.2. Authorised Payment to: D Lewis £97.50 for Invoices 84 and 91 (Environmental Maintenance). Prop Cllr Turley 2nd Cllr Pike.
 - 7.3. The Draft Budget was reviewed and will be adopted at the January 2022 meeting.
8. Correspondence:
 - 8.1. Invitation from Superintendent Bill (West Mercia Police) re: Local Policing Charter – Clerk will attend.
 - 8.2. Sebastian Littlefair, Environmental Maintenance Officer re: Laundry Works
 - 8.3. Heathcote Bartlett, Highways Engineer, Shropshire Council re blocked drains at Church in Culmington. Arranging another visit by the jetting team.
9. Water Leak at Castle barn Bank – The Clerk has reported this to both Shropshire Council and Severn Trent. Severn Trent have investigated the issue and have 'raised a job'. Cllr Motley will raise the issue with the Portfolio Holder.
10. A two-acre piece of land is for sale in the village of Culmington. The Parish Council is not in a position to purchase. Cllr Mear will arrange a public meeting to discuss the matter.
11. Cllr Steele and a parishioner attended a meeting of parishes along the B4368 and B4365 organised by Munslow Parish Council to discuss speed and noise of traffic. A joint report will be produced by a working party.
12. The Clerk will request that the bin, presently on the green by the telephone box, is moved to the entrance to the footpath beside the Village Hall to encourage less littering especially of dog waste. Incidents of littering should be reported to Shropshire Council. The Clerk will investigate the cost of signs and if they are for footpaths they can be paid for from the Footpath budget.

- 13.** Councillors considered the boundaries of the parish and will propose that there should be changes to the boundaries at: Sparchford, Vernolds Common, Seifton Batch but not The Pheantry. Cllr Steele will present these proposals at the Boundaries meeting on the 23rd November.
- 14.** Items for the Next Meeting: Adopt the budget and set the precept.

Signed:

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