

# Culmington Parish Council

Chair: Cllr Ian Steele

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7.00pm**  
**at Culmington Village Hall.**

In Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mrs M Holland, Mr M Seabrook. Cllr Mrs C Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO). Six members of the public.

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence Received:** Cllrs I Alderson and J Watts
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Item 6.1 Cllr Mear, Item 6.2 Cllrs Holland and Turley.
- 3.0 Public involvement session:** Item 6.1 Public 1 stated that this was now a smaller proposal and the applicants had taken note of comments and discussed the plans with neighbours. They appreciate the changes and now have no objections. Item 6.2 Public 1 has already lodged an objection but is concerned about the increased traffic on a single-track lane with no passing places and includes a working farm. The road floods and this planning will exacerbate this issue. Public 2 objects and were concerned by the increase in traffic, the flooding issues and building in 'Open Countryside'. Public 3 (letter read by Clerk) Objects due to building in 'Open Countryside', flood risk, local amenity, access and a restrictive covenant.
- 4.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022** were approved as a correct record and signed. **Prop Cllr Holland 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Seabrook. Unanimous.**
- 5.0 Matters Arising:** None
- 6.0 Planning:**
  - 6.1** Reference: 21/05912/FUL (validated: 06/01/2022) The Old School, Culmington. Cllr Mear left the meeting for this item. Concerns have been addressed and Council resolved to support the application. **Prop Cllr Seabrook 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holland Unanimous.**
  - 6.2** Reference: 22/00106/OUT (validated: 20/01/2022) Proposed Dwelling To The North Of, Seifton Lane, Seifton. Cllrs Holland and Turley left the meeting for this item. Resolved to Object due to Open Market Housing in Open Countryside, Flooding issues and increase in traffic on Seifton Lane. The letter from Diddlebury Parish Council to be forwarded alongside the reasons for objection to Shropshire Planning. **Prop Cllr Byng 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Seabrook. Unanimous**
- 7.0 Finance:**
  - 7.1** Payments Authorised: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £75, Village Hall Hire Fee £150 **Prop Cllr Seabrook 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Turley. Unanimous.**
  - 7.2** Cllr Alderson authorised as Signatory for Banking. **Prop Cllr Turley 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holland. Unanimous.**
- 8.0 Reports from Members**
  - 8.1** Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that Jane Disley (Flood Action Group) asked her to represent the FAGs in the south of the County on Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council finances cannot sustain the losses at Acton Scott Working Farm. A public survey of ideas for the farm's future is underway on Shropshire Council website. The government is moving towards more cycling infrastructure which is of concern in rural areas with narrow roads. The government funding for Bus Service Improvements has been reduced and is over subscribed and the outcome of the SC application is not yet known.
  - 8.2** Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that there will be a meeting regarding the plans for the Jubilee on the 15<sup>th</sup> February. A pudding night is planned and coffee mornings are going well.

- 8.3** Flood Committee – Cllr Byng reported that there is a meeting soon. There has been no news on drains being cleared more frequently.
- 8.4** South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Steele reported that Council Leader Lezley Picton has attended the meeting and the main discussion was on the potholes. He also reported on the Chairs meeting with Tracy Dark (Planning Enforcement) where attendees reported concerns on the lack of feedback on reports to Planning Enforcement.
- 9.0 Correspondence**
- 9.1** Sebastian Littlefair, Environment Officer – awaiting response from him regarding Laundry Works.
- 9.2** Water Leak at Castle Barn Bank and Correspondence with Lezley Picton – Highways have dug the ditch and the pipe under the track is now running freely.
- 9.3** Cllr Gwilym Butler, Cabinet Lead, Finance Shropshire Council Budget Plans – No comments.
- 10.0 Parish Council Website and Planning Updates:** Cllr Motley will investigate the issue with the connection between the website and Shropshire Planning.
- 11.0 Bin Near Village Hall For Dog Waste:** The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council will not move the bin to the entrance to the footpath near the village hall. If the Council receives enough reports of litter via the reporting portal another bin will be installed. If Culmington Parish Council purchase a bin it will be charged £200 per annum for emptying. The Clerk will place a note in Ripples regarding the issue.
- 12.0 Parish Boundary Review and Chairs and Clerks Meeting:** Cllr Steele reported that Diddlebury and Stanton Lacy Parish Councils are broadly in agreement with the changes to the Parish boundaries suggested by Culmington Parish Council. The parishioners have not yet been consulted regarding the changes.
- 13.0 Parking on Pavements:** The Clerk will place a notice in Ripples.
- 14.0 Potholes Between the Green and the Church:** The Clerk will report to Shropshire Council.
- 15.0 Road Closure and Informing Residents:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 16.0 Policing Charter:** Council decided not to review the charter due to the lack of feedback from the police. The Neighbourhood Police Team will attend the next meeting.
- 17.0 Items for the Next Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022:** Jubilee Tree Planting and Plaque, Informing Residents of Road Closures, Policing Charter, Website and Planning Updates.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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