



Culworth Newsletter

August & September 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Environmental Project

As part of the Jubilee celebrations we will have some 210 trees of various types provided by "The Woodlands Trust" to plant in November.

We are launching a **community environmental project** to radically improve the allotment site by: -

- improving existing habitats
- creating new habitats
- creating access paths
- improving water courses and ponds
- maintaining existing woodland
- considering appropriate bio-diversity possibilities.

Necessary permissions are in place and some of the 210 trees will be planted on this site and elsewhere.

We are to hold a community planning meeting in September to agree a scheme for the site and a plan of action. This is a big project that will run for a long time and need much help and support from many people.

Our Environmental Group organisers, Sophie Nickell-Lean and Nancy Guinness, will be looking to build a large team to work on the project which will also be looking at other sites around the village. We already have a number of potential volunteers but many, many more will be needed.

Please volunteer your support and interest by contacting the Parish Clerk or Sophie and Nancy and we will organise a date for the initial planning meeting in September which we will advertise widely.

Watch this space.....

CULWORTH FILM NIGHTS WILL
RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!

We will be showing '**BELFAST**' on
Friday 16th September - doors
open at 7pm.

Don't miss this award winning film
starring Judi Dench and written and
directed by Kenneth Branagh. Set
in trouble-torn Belfast in 1969,
young Buddy tries to understand
the sectarian violence - his family
have to decide whether to stay or
pack up and leave.

Tickets - £15 with supper; £7 film
only available from June 01295
768184 or Julie 01295 760855 -
email jules.tinn@gmail.com

Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT) PROGRESS BRIEFING NOTE

Overview

We have a clear mandate from the original village ballot to do what we can to deliver a new Community and Recreation Facility. This was confirmed by a ballot at a public meeting last October which approved the sale of the existing village hall. The opportunity has arisen to secure £109k of public money, from Sports England (SE), to invest in the village, as set out in the table

below. This offer is conditional upon us raising £50k of match funding.

Sport England Funding offer:	£k
Improvements to cricket facilities:	
Wicket realignment	44
New practice nets	20
Interim repairs to the cricket pavilion	10
Sub Total	74
Sport England contribution to other Phase 1 works - i.e. gates, access and car park etc.,	25
Contingency	10
Total	109
Match Funding required for Phase 1 Works	50
Total Project Funding Required	159

The budget for the total programme of works is £159k. Phase 1 Works consists of the work necessary to implement the existing planning permission for the new Community and Recreation Facility, the budget for which is £75k. The budget for the improvements to the cricket facilities, the breakdown of which is shown in the table above, is £74k. There is also a £10k contingency. We will only be able to firm up the budget when the tendering process is complete.

Phase 1 Works consist of the following elements:

- a. Fulfilment of pre-commencement Planning conditions.
- b. The establishment of a new entrance.
- c. Modifying of the existing entrance/exit.
- d. Retain gate in the style of the old gate for the entrance.
- e. The establishment of a two way drive. (consolidated hard core)
- f. Car parking for the new facility. (consolidated hard core)

The three partners, their trustees and members, the Parish Council, the Village Hall Trust and the Culworth Cricket Club, who set up the CHFT to deliver this project, need to do all they can to give this project their full support.

Benefits of the Phase 1 works

The Phase 1 works will bring immediate benefits to the Village, and the Village Hall Trust, the Cricket Club, the Church and the School and the community:

1. It creates a much safer entrance and exit to Hill Field than the existing access via Banbury Lane. Safe access will be a key planning issue for the play area on the Hill Field.
2. It creates much needed 'off road' parking for events, sports and the play area, which when constructed, will help to relieve traffic congestion.
3. It implements the current planning permission, establishes the principle of development on this site, and leaves open the opportunity to deliver a new Community and Recreation Facility, as planned, when funds permit.

4. The improved access will assist future construction and development of the new facility.
5. The completion of the Phase 1 Works will help with future funding. It will demonstrate that the village is doing everything it can to deliver this new facility in a difficult funding environment.

VAT

Following the receipt of Sport England’s offer, as per the table above, CHFT received advice that they would have to pay VAT, estimated to be £17k, on the work to realign the cricket pitch, install new cricket nets and carry out interim repairs to the cricket pavilion. This would mean we would have exceeded the budget which would have resulted in Sport England withdrawing the £109k grant for the village. A solution has been found, with the signing of a Service Agreement between the Parish Council and CHFT, whereby the Parish Council will act as client and use its tax exempt status for all the Phase 1 work. Contracting works on the PC’s property is not just zero rated, VAT free, it is “beyond the scope of VAT” for the PC. This is an elegant solution and the only one available to safeguard the opportunity to take advantage of this considerable investment of public money in the village.

Match Funding

Disappointingly West Northants declined our application for a grant of £15k for Phase 1 Works on the grounds, yet again, that as a rural village of 300 people, we are

too small to deserve their help. The Sport England grant is conditional on us raising £50k of match funding, for the Phase 1 works. This left us with a £15k funding gap. This work is to be funded by a £25k contribution from Sport England and £50k of match funding, shown in the table below. None of the match funding will be used to pay for the improvements to the cricket facilities; this will be entirely funded by Sport England.

Match Funding Confirmed:	
1. CHFT 2021/2022 Parish Council Grant	10
2. CHFT 2022/2023 Parish Council Grant	10
3. Loan against 2023/24 Parish Council	10
4. Village Hall Trust	14
5. Cricket Club	6
Total Match Funding Required	50

The PC were concerned that no stone should be left unturned in ensuring that such a significant grant to the local community is not jeopardised. We all need to pull together to deliver this project for the benefit of the village. The PC and underwrote the balance of the monies required. I’m pleased to say that we now have commitments for all the match funding required. We are grateful to the Culworth Parish Council, the Village Hall Trust and the Culworth Cricket Club for their support.

The Urgency

We have been working very hard to find a way forward, with time not on our side and we appreciate the support from the PC, the VHT and the Culworth Cricket Club. SE have agreed, in principle, to transfer the grant to the Parish Council. There are a number of crucial parts to the plan that have to be sorted to meet SE's timescales otherwise we could lose the grant. The key one's are:

1. To clear the pre-commencement planning conditions, before we can start on site, requiring some up front expenditure.
2. Select consultants and contractors to carry out the work and firm up the budget. We expect the tendering process to be complete shortly.
3. We need to start on site, with the Phase 1 Works, before the expiry of the existing planning permission for the new Community and Recreation Facility on the 19th December, 2022.
4. We need to have claimed all the money from Sport England by 31st December 2022.

Administration

The CHFT has agreed to enter into a service agreement with the PC. The CHFT will continue to manage the project, provide the administration and do all the work. It provides for Jon Green, our Project Manager/Quantity Surveyor to manage the project and for our Treasurer, Norman Green and or Peter Coville to oversee the finances. Norman is planning to stand down as trustee and Treasurer in the Autumn and Peter, a Chartered

Accountant, has agreed to take over from him. CHFT's involvement will be exactly the same as originally intended. The PC will transfer a long leasehold interest to the CHFT when the Phase 1 Works are complete.

Procurement

We have started the procurement and tender process to select contractors to carry out the work. We will if possible, subject to suitability, availability and price, use local contractors. We are in the process of tendering contracts and clearing the pre-commencement planning conditions. The budget for Phase 1 Works, prepared in December 2021 is £75k; this includes £15k for the clearance of pre-commencement planning conditions. This is a straight forward, simple programme of works. We will not be publishing a breakdown of these works or any details of the tendering process as this information is commercially sensitive, particularly to tenderers. This is standard practice. The plan is to firm up budgets asap and with a view to starting the work on the interim repairs to the cricket pavilion within the next few weeks, with the rest of the work commencing on Monday 12th September, 2022. Should bids come in under budget, unused grants, loans or advances from the VHT or PC could be returned if required.

Prior to the start of construction a plan and a brief description of the Phase 1 Works will be posted to the Village website, displayed in the church and the Forge Coffee in accordance with the existing planning permission.

John Duggan
Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust
31st July, 2022

Do you suspect drug dealing in your area?

South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team are committed to tackling co-ordinated criminal behaviour and identify signs of crime earlier and safeguard those at risk.



Do you suspect drug dealing in your area?

- Lots of different people coming and going from an address?
- People coming and going at odd times of the day and night?
- Strange smells coming from the property?
- Windows covered or curtains closed all the time?
- Cars pulling up to or near the house for a short period of time?

You can report concerns to us by:

- Calling 999 if someone is in danger or a crime is taking place
- Call 101 for non-emergencies (select option to report an incident/crime)
- Report information online using our website www.northants.police.uk
- Speaking to a PCSO or Police Officer

You can contact South Northants Neighbourhood Team for non-urgent advice on our email:

Towcester Team: NT-
SouthNorthantsTowcester@northants.police.uk

Brackley Team: NT-
SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk

Or

You can share information anonymously with the independent charity Crimestoppers by: Calling 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information

If you want to find out more about what your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are working on and

about crime in your local area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at:

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk



Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert

Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert for updates from Northamptonshire Police and find out what's happening where you live and work.

Receive alerts and information from Northamptonshire Police and partners by email and stay updated about what's going on in your area.

- Police news and events
- Crime prevention advice
- Information about crime and anti-social behaviour

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

Come and speak to your local Officer from South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Date: Sunday 4th September

Time: 10am-midday

Venue: Culworth village hall

Opportunity to meet members of the local policing team for your area and discuss any local issues and to find out about work the team are involved in.

Brackley Team Email: NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Twitter: @SthNorthantsNPT

Neighbourhood Alert register at www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk



[The first half of the year has flown by, and we're not slowing down in the months ahead. We've still got spaces on some of our brilliant challenge events as well as the return of our popular Make a Will Fortnight. Whether it's taking part in events, donating to our hospice, volunteering your time or making the most of our shops – your support and generosity means that we can continue to care for local people and families when they need it most. Thank you!](#)

Ready and WILLing

This year Make a Will Fortnight celebrates its 10th anniversary and will be running from 3 to 10 October. Six local solicitors have generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will during the two week event and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. If you've been putting off making a will, then it's the ideal time. For a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment, visit khh.org.uk/make-a-will

In the running

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon 16 October! Missed out on the ballot? Join Team Katharine House for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks and help raise money for our hospice. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. All runners will receive a branded running vest, as well as expert fundraising advice and top tips on training. Sign up now: khh.org.uk/oxford

Scaring is caring

Gather your bravest guys and ghouls and sign up for the Halloween Walk on 29 October... if you dare! Choose either a 10km, half marathon or full marathon for your spooky sponsored night-time walk around London. Do something a bit different this Halloween and help raise money for our hospice. Find out more about this spooktacular event and fundraising options on our website. khh.org.uk/halloween

The value of volunteering

Did you know that volunteering has been proven to reduce stress, combat depression and improve physical health? It's also a great way to learn new skills and meet new people. Plus, you get to work with a brilliant team supporting your local hospice. What's not to love? We're looking for volunteers right across the hospice, so there's bound to be a role that's right for you. Find out more khh.org.uk/volunteer

[Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice](#)

[Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.](#)

[Find out more](#)

[Head to our website for more details, events and news: \[khh.org.uk\]\(http://khh.org.uk\).](#)

Culworth Junior Cricket Club Summer 2022

Newsletter



Culworth Cricket Club have had a good season. We are regularly getting 25 plus children turn up to training nights on a Tuesday, and on most weeks we have had six coaches working. It has been really good to see both Georgie and Samuel who are 16 & 17 coaching the children. The children love it, better than the crusty old coaches. What has also been really promising is that we have had a large influx of new children join, and they are all bringing their friends. With that comes a lovely group of parents. So much so, that at our end of season awards night and parents & childrens cricket match last night, two grandparents who normally bring their grand children to play, had no children to bring as they were on holiday, but still came along, as they enjoyed the Tuesday nights so much.

Reza has worked wonders on the under 9's, and they always have a smile on their faces when training.

The Under 11's are constantly improving. Half the team had never played before this season, but they have beaten Middleton Cheney, and narrowly lost by one run on the last ball of the match to Silverstone. They now have only two matches left of the season, so lets hope they finish on a high note.

Culworth Casuals played a match in May, then unfortunately had one match cancelled in June as Marston St Lawrence could not muster a team, but last Sunday we played Eydon and narrowly lost by four runs. We did have the moral victory because we bowled them out in 24 overs, but to

make a nice afternoon of it, we finished off the 30 overs by them batting again, and they eventually ended up losing 15 wickets, whereas in our run chase we only lost 8 wickets, we just unfortunately did not hit as many runs. We have one more fixture remaining at the start of September. For next season we will be trying to get more regular matches for the side, and if any one from the village would be interested to play, please contact me as we want to get a bigger pool of players, so that we can play more games. The games are played in the right spirit and players of all talents are welcomed to the club.

In June our president held a very successful afternoon party which raised a lot of money for the phase 1 project of the Culworth Hill Field Trust.

On Tuesday this week as already mentioned we had our last training session for the season, with a parent and children's game of diamond cricket. There were about 60 people present. Everyone had a great evening, the weather was perfect, and we ended the evening with a BBQ. The last children did not leave until 9:15pm as they had an impromptu game of softball cricket after the BBQ. At the presentation, the individual age group coaches gave out awards and balls to children and offered warm words of advice and praise.

To find our more information about the club, whether you have a child between 5-16, or are an adult who would be interested in playing the odd weekend game, or would be interested in coaching, or would like to help with maintaining the ground, please call Jim on 07860 638557, or email me on jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk.

Culworth 5 Miler on Sunday September 11th

Now in its 5th year having started in 2018, the Culworth 5 Miler offers a good test of a runner's fitness as they loop around the village's "undulations". Starting out on the concrete road, the course runs down to the railway line then back up the hill across the allotments and fields before

back down through Barley Hill and up to the track that brings you out near Culworth Garage and then its back up into the village before doing the same again on this 2 lap course. Single lap options for children and those adults not fancying the whole course.

Runners and volunteers for help on the day much appreciated. Sign up is via RunBritain (https://www.runbritain.com/RaceDetail.aspx?eventid=7bb806cc5960&raceid=7dba0fca586a&returnlink=https://www.runbritain.com/races?keyword=culworth&distance=®ion=&county=&profile=&raceType=&awards=&entrants=&page=1&page_size=8&gender=0&onlineentry=0&responseType=html) with all monies raised going to the Culworth Village Hall and Sports Pavilion Fund.

Flower Workshop



Saturday 6th August 2022
9.30am - midday
£45 per person

Join Suzy in her cutting garden to celebrate the Flower Farmer's Big Weekend.

Come and Pick Your Own summer flowers and learn how to create a hand tied bouquet.

There will be an informal chat about how Suzy grows the flowers, why British Flowers are here to stay and how to cut and condition fresh flowers. She will show you round the garden and its interesting buildings, you'll cut some fresh flowers before Suzy demonstrates how to make a garden fresh

bouquet. Then it will be your turn to have a go, taking home your creation to enjoy.

Refreshments will be available including homemade cake!

Spaces are limited to book contact Suzy on fromgardenovase@icloud.com

The Forge

<https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on>

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk



News from St Mary's

Enough is enough

This week's reading in church was about two sisters falling out. Had that experience?! Many of us have no doubt, it's normal isn't it, and as such, usually easily repaired. Mary and Martha are seen to be chalk and cheese; Martha the one who is a doer, whilst Mary is portrayed as the thinker, or dreamer – or just lazy!

Martha, Mary and Lazarus their brother are great friends of Jesus and they have invited him for lunch. Martha's impulse is to get on and prepare a wonderful meal for Jesus and his friends. But as she is slaving away in the kitchen she realises that Mary isn't going to help; instead, she is sitting with the men listening to Jesus!

Martha is flustered, hot and bothered; Mary is sitting quietly listening to Jesus. Our sympathies might well be with Martha, esp as Jesus appears to correct her; he says to her: 'Martha, you are worried and upset by many things, but few things are needed – in fact, only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

That, in a nutshell, puts it clearly; life requires balance; if we are to lead a balanced life we need to balance contrasting demands, needs, priorities; the need to be busy with the need to be still; the need to know when we have enough; Life can be stressful when we feel we haven't enough.

Enough time, enough rest;

'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare;

No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep or cows.

A poor life this, if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.'

Enough time, enough money – do we ever have enough money? Enough recognition, enough appreciation- can we ever be appreciated

enough? Enough health, enough happiness.

When we feel we don't have enough, stress gets out of hand. Stress is positive whilst it's a motivator, but a burden when we feel enough is not enough. Recognising when we have enough is important for our peace of mind.

Jesus has a lot to say about enough. In his Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew Chapter 6, he says: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you; therefore do not worry about tomorrow – each day has enough trouble of its own.

Again Jesus says: 'Come unto me all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Let me teach you, for I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'

And again; 'I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart; and the peace I give is one the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.' We cannot always succeed completely and always eliminate stress. Sometimes our stress can reveal our weaknesses and so our need to hand over things to Him.

Psalm 119: 'It was good for me to be afflicted so that I could learn your ways.'

Proverbs: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not rely upon your own strength alone; seek His will in all you do, and He will show you the path to take.'

Faith is about surrendering what we think is our total self-sufficiency; we cannot always solve all our problems; God and Jesus have enough wisdom to help make our own efforts enough – and we don't actually need more than enough. We need to know when we have enough; when *we are* enough, when *other people* are enough, when what *we have* is actually enough. Happy summertime (make sure you don't have more than enough sun!)

Revd Mike. 01295 768626.

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Culworth Benefice Services August/September 2022

7th August

9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Moreton
Pinkney

6p.m. Evensong Culworth

14th August

9.30 Holy Communion Chipping Warden
(Bishop Ed)

9.30 Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11 .00 Songs of Praise Culworth

21st August

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
(Bishop Ed)
10.00 Mattins Culworth
10.00* Family Service Chipping Warden*

28th August

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth (Rev
Celia)
9.30 Mattins Moreton Pinkney
10 .00 Mattins Chipping Warden
11 .00 Mattins Edgcote (Gerald)

September

4th September

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Chipping
Warden
11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney
6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

11th September

9.30 Harvest Festival Holy Communion
Chipping Warden
9.30. Morning Prayer Moreton Pinkney
11.00. Family Service Culworth
5pm Choral Evensong Edgcote

18th September

9.30 Holy Communion Moreton Pinkney
10.00 Mattins Culworth
11.00 Messy Church Chipping Warden

25th September

9.30 Holy Communion Culworth
10.00. Mattins Chipping Warden
11.00. Holy Communion Harvest Festival
Edgcote
5pm Harvest Festival Moreton Pinkney

October

2nd October

9.30. Benefice Holy Communion Edgcote
11.00 Messy Church Moreton Pinkney
6 p.m. Evensong Culworth

9th October

11.00 Harvest Festival Culworth

Family Service

The second Sunday of every month is the family service although for some time we have had very few children at the service. We had a pet service earlier on this year which brought in a few children and in the next few months we will have more informal services on the second Sunday of the month.

Sunday 11th September at 11 will be a special Songs of Praise. If you would like to sing your favourite hymn, please come along. It would be helpful if you could let me know which one it is so I can make sure we have the music - jenny_howse@hotmail.com.

Sunday 9th October will be our Harvest Festival. If there are any children who would like to take a more active part and do a reading or a poem once again please let me know.

Churchyard.

We will have our annual churchyard tidy up on Thursday 11th August starting at 10.00 am. Since we have started these annual clearing sessions the display of Spring flowers has improved every year. If you can spare an hour or so please come along.

Ride and Stride 2022 will be held on Saturday 10th September



Ride and Stride was 'born' in Suffolk in 1982 as a sponsored cycle ride or walk and is held annually, in virtually every county in England. It is the main fund-raising event for the county churches trusts. It is now a sponsored event for cyclists, joggers, walkers and horse riders. Any mode of transport can be used as long as sponsors are happy; a couple of people have used vintage cars!

Money raised helps Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust to continue supporting our marvellous churches across the county with essential repairs and improvements. Ride and Stride is an opportunity to raise money not only for the Trust but for your own church, as we

return 50% of the money to the church of your choice.

Some participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by their chosen mode of transport. Others prefer a more leisurely approach, visiting fewer churches and taking more time at each. There is no age limit - it is a great family activity - and you plan your own route. Churches are usually open from 10.00am to 6.00pm although there are some that close earlier.

Ride and Stride is a countrywide event always held on the second Saturday in September.

To register as a participant or for further information on what's happening in Northamptonshire, or to request a sponsorship form please contact your Ride+Stride Organiser, Jenny Howse, (jenny_howse@hotmail.com) or see the information in Culworth Church. The Trust has helped us in the past when we needed to replace the lead stolen from the chancel roof and then more recently the roof of the south aisle.

Parish Events for your Diary

Tuesday 9th August Coffee and Chat (Culworth Village Hall) 10 till 12

Thursday 11th August – churchyard tidy up.
Everyone welcome

Saturday 3rd September Village Café (Culworth Village Hall) 10 till 12

Tuesday 8th September Coffee and Chat (Culworth Village Hall) 10 till 12

Saturday 10th September Ride and Stride

Sunday 11th September Songs of Praise (Church 11am)

Sunday 9th October Harvest Festival (Church 11am followed by Harvest refreshments)

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 31st 2022 at 7pm in Culworth Village Hall

1. Councillors present: A. Wilby, S. Rolt, M. Rowling, D. Mumford, M. Koster, J. Mullins Blyth. The Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling was in attendance
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Guinness who was on annual leave
3. Election of Chairman: Cllr Wilby – Proposed by Cllr Rolt and seconded Cllr Koster and carried.
4. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Rolt - Proposed by Cllr Mumford seconded by Cllr Mullins Blyth and carried.
5. The following official duties were allocated and agreed:
 - Responsible Financial officer: - The Clerk as part of the role
 - Internal Controller - all Councillors .
 - Internal Auditor – NCALC internal audit scheme.
 - Signatories to account: Councillor Rolt , Cllr Mumford and Cllr Wilby
 - Planning applications and large documents- subcommittee Cllr Koster, J. Mullins Blyth
 - Burial ground and Berry Hill Close subcommittee: Cllr Mumford and the Clerk.
 - Burial Charges according to Church authorities.
 - Finance subcommittee: Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

- Culworth Hill Field Trust representative: Cllr Wilby
- HS2 representative: Cllr Rolt
- Village Hall representative: Cllr John Mullins Blyth
- School liaison officer: Cllr Guinness
- Tree warden voluntary post – Cllr Rowling
- Footpaths and bridleways Wardens: Mark and Sarah Izzett
- Newsletter Editor: Mrs Kate Smith [culworth.newsletter@gmail.com]
- Website Editor: Mrs Joanne Wilby (www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

6. Meetings for 2022—3: To be held bi-monthly on the third Tuesday at 7pm. Proposed by Cllr Wilby, seconded Cllr Mullins Blyth and carried.

7. Equality statement. To be published in the next Newsletter and on the Website. Agreed.

8. Standing Orders 2022: These were adopted. Proposed Cllr Rolt and seconded Cllr Koster and carried.

9. GDPR and Complaints Procedure: It was agreed that these matters should be reviewed at the next meeting in July.

10.. Burial Ground regulations: These were adopted, Proposed Cllr Rolt , seconded Cllr Koster and carried.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm

General Meeting of the Parish Council

May 31st 2022 at 7.30pm in Culworth Village Hall

1. Present. Councillors A. Wilby, S. Rolt, D. Mumford, M. Rowling, M. Koster J. Mullins Blyth .Mrs J. Rowling The Clerk was in attendance

2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Guinness and WNC Cllr Eastwood

3. Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

4. Open Meeting- NO members of public present

5. Minutes of March 2022. It was proposed that they should be signed as a correct record by Cllr Mullins Blyth, seconded by Cllr Rolt. And carried.

6. Matters Arising: Asset Mapping- Kate Smith was unable to attend and demonstrate the project and completion of work to date- due to illness. It was agreed to deal with this matter at the July meeting

7. Matters arising not on agenda- None

8. Community Play Park: Cllr Wilby reported that the preplanning application was with West Northants Council. The Hill Field was now the preferred site. Wicksteed Play Company had visited Hill Field site today to provide a plan and quotation.

9. Report from WNC Councillor Eastwood- The appointment of HS2 warden Gary Pettit was noted.

10. HS2 update: Cllr Rolt-reported that Green Tunnel structures for Chipping Warden were being delivered on Sunday mornings around 5am causing minimal disruption to A361, to road users and to residents of Wardington

11. Speeding in village: Speed sign location and 20mph signs.

Cllr Rolt and Cllr Mullins Blyth to oversee change of location. No progress as yet on 20mph signs.

12. Defibrillator training: -still awaiting offer of trainer from SCAS

13. Community plans for Jubilee- Cllr Wilby reported that a Jubilee Booklet and other material had been distributed to all residents and that arrangements were well in hand

14. Culworth Hill Field Trust- Cllr Wilby reported that a Sport England grant had been received with time constraints for Phase one completion.

It was agreed that Cllr Wilby and Rolt would work with CHFT to produce a temporary licence to allow CHFT to work on Culworth PC land.

It was proposed by Cllr Koster and seconded by Cllr Rowling that Spratt Endicott whom Parish Council had instructed to purchase the land from Mrs Trott should be used. This was carried.

It was proposed Cllr Wilby, seconded Cllr Koster that following the recent letter from CHFT a further grant of £10000 should be given as per the budget for 2022. This was carried.

15. New clerk and advertisement for NCALC: It was agreed that Cllr Wilby and Cllr Rolt would contact NCALC for advice and draft an advert in for the July meeting looking to publish in September.

16. Tree work: Rural works completed tree works very successfully on 1st April 2022.

17. Wall around Berry Hill Close: A large amount of Wall repaired by Steve Smith Construction. This work was enabled by vast quantities of Ivy removed by Cllr Rowling.

18. Report from Annual Parish Assembly: It was noted that the Hill Field/ Cricket Field were now the preferred site for the Community Play Park.

19. FINANCE

a. Receipts

i. First half Precept £12,500

ii. NCALC asset mapping grant£227

b. Expenditure

i. Yu energy Sensors March1-31 2022 £15.18 including 0.72VAT

ii. Yu energy unmetered supply March1-31 2022 £78.78 including £3.75

iii. Steven Smith construction repair wall Berry Hill Close£2300 +£460 VAT =£2760 (£260 per day)

iv. Rural Works tree work as per quotation £880 +£!76 VAT=£1056

v. Yu energy sensors 1-30 April 2022 £13.49+0.67VAT=£14.16

vi. Yu energy unmetered supply 1-30April 2022 £66.43+£3.32=£69.79

vii. Texprep printing jubilee (Section 137) £332.70+VAT£55.24=£387.94

viii. Roger Smith mowing April Burial Ground £122, Recreation Ground £114=£236

ix. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing Green etc 6 and 25 April £126+VAT£25.20=£151.20

x. West Northants Council preapplication fee £240

xi. Gallagher Annual Insurance £834.10

xii. Wave 16/2-15/5 -£14.83

xiii. Texprep: Newsletters £46.70, Printing £3.50+0.70VAT=50.90

c. Current account balance £38,213.08.

It was proposed by Cllr Mumford and seconded by Cllr Koster that the accounts are approved. This was carried.

d. Approval of accounts 2021-2: It was proposed that they be signed by Chairman. Clerk to forward for the Website. This was carried.

e. Approval of AGAR: This was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

20. Planning Matters:

a. Applications

i. WNS/2022/0937/HS2

Land within Hs2 Act limits from 100 metres south of PRow AG9 at a point 5km west of Culworth and extending northwards to a point 600 metres north-west of Trafford Bridge, Edgcote. Package 5 - Works to form the hs2 railway between Culworth Grounds and Edgcote, - inc. Edgcote North Embankment, Edgcote Viaduct, Edgcote South Embankment, Culworth Cutting, Culworth Embankment, Lower Thorpe North Cutting (Part of), Bridleway AG10 Accommodation Overbridge, Bridleway AG9 Overbridge, Osierbed Spinney Culvert and Hill Farm Box Culvert, the location of Vehicle Restraint Barriers and permanent security fencing; also, Earthworks required for the diversion of PRow AE5 and AG10, for the Danes Moors Auto Transformation Station (ATS) Compound, to create five access tracks, for Edgcote North Embankment Pond Access, Culworth Cutting Access, Edgcote South Embankment Pond Access, Danes Moors Auto Transformer Station (ATS) Access, Bridleway AG10 diversion Accommodation Overbridge Access, and Watercourse Diversions for the River Cherwell and a tributary to the Culworth Stream, and to form six Drainage Ponds and associated Drainage Ditches.

ii. WNS/2022/0640/TCA 1 Queens Street Culworth OX17 2AT T1 Beech tree Reduce canopy by 30% From 16m to 12m, T2 Cherry Tree Reduce canopy by 30% from 15m to 11m

b. WNC approvals- None

21. Correspondence

a. Clerks Councils Direct,

b. NCALC Updates by email every Friday

22. Business for July meeting:

- Risk Assessment,
- New Clerks advertisement,
- Complaints procedure.
- VAT status for CHFT.
- GDPR

23. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.35pm

Births, Deaths and Marriages

Welcome to the new babies. We wish them all much joy and happiness

Toby Sophie and Zara now have **Violet**

Frances and Iris welcome **Eden**

Josie and Tommy welcome

Norman Blower who died on 11th May 2022 had a funeral service in Culworth Church on June 1st followed by burial in the Burial ground. He was part of the Blower family living in Banbury Lane for many years. His father, John, was a cricket legend in South Northants writing books about the South Northants League and Culworth Cricket Club. Norman was a builder living at Hook Norton. Part of his family came over from Australia to attend the service. We send our sympathy to his family.

Tim Wills died in June after many years of ill health enduring weeks in various hospitals but remaining cheerful and upbeat. During covid, he would talk to any caller acknowledging the need for isolation to protect him. Jacky kept his spirits up by maintaining a lovely garden. His funeral at Banbury Crematorium on July 7th included music that he loved but also played. We send our sympathy to Claire and April and grandchildren and to Jackie and her family for their excellent care of Tim. He will be missed by many.

The villages oldest resident **Mrs Lucy Mold** died on 16th July 2022 in her own home at the remarkable age of 105 years and 7 months wonderfully and devotedly cared for by her daughter Pauline, carers and support of neighbours. David Mumford said that she rang every week to order the Sunday joint and participated in the preparation for Sunday lunch.

Her garden was well kept with vegetables. Her funeral will be at Chacombe Church on 11th August at 2pm with donations for Chacombe and Culworth Churches and Cancer Research UK. Pauline deserves all the praise for her care of her mother.

Mrs Ann Crawford died on 27th July in the Horton Hospital where she had been admitted on 23rd July. She will be remembered for her skill in art specialising in lithography latterly. During Art weeks, Ann opened her studio to us all allowing us to benefit and learn from her skills. She helped with an art exhibition at the Church. The Lady Altar frontal for Trinity was designed by Ann illustrating the main features of the village- The Danvers School, The War Memorial, The Church, Charles Bacchus grave and the Berry Hill Mound or Old Castle Site. Her funeral will be at Culworth Church in August.

Our sympathy goes to Peter her husband, her four stepchildren and their family.

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Congratulations

Simon and Diana Langdale celebrate 60 years of marriage at the end of July. Since moving to Culworth in 1987, they have made many friends and joined in village activities. Simon was the Benefice Treasurer. His kindness and wise advice to a number of local children has enabled them to improve their chances in gaining work opportunities. Among Diana's talents, church flower arranging is high on the list. So many brides have benefitted from her skills. Equally her culinary skills have improved the diet of many households. Cookery classes have been given to those going to college to extend their diet from baked beans and beer. Long may this continue.



FORGE COFFEE

With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:

Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm

Saturdays 9am-4pm

Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.

Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

Jose has a village network list of emails. She sends any news or information out to all people on that list, including missing dogs, break-ins, 'What's On' etc. etc. in fact anything to do with village life.

If you would like to be included, please email her...

culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

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Want to know what is happening in the village?

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

Culworth Village website

Culworth Facebook

Culworth Community Facebook

Nextdoor Culworth

Red Lion website and Facebook

Forge Coffee website

Mumfords Butchers

serving the local community for over 90 years
fresh Meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



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culworth.newsletter@gmail.com copy dates are:

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25th November for Dec/Jan edition

Do you have a local business, please tell us about it via the village newsletter.