

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Ian Steele

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

On TUESDAY 6th April, 2021, conducted remotely. The Meeting commenced at 7pm

Present: Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllr Pike, Cllrs Alderson, Cllr Holland, Cllr Mear, Cllr Norton, Cllr Turley and Cllr Watts.

In Attendance: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick, (Clerk/RFO)

1.0 Apologies Received for Absence: None

2.0 Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012: None

3.0 Public involvement session: (Agenda Items only) No members of the public attended the meeting.

4.0 Minutes: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on 2nd March 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. PROPOSED Cllr Pike SECONDED Cllr Alderson.

5.0 Matters Arising: None

6.0 Reports from Members:

6.1. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council): Cllr Motley reported that a Shropshire Council Community Governance Review is planned for after the elections in May. This has arisen due to the developments around some of the towns causing the administration to wish to review boundaries. Communication between parishes is being encouraged particularly to discuss joint working and boundary anomalies. Cllr Motley also reported that she had been in touch with John Bellis, Shropshire Council Drainage and Flood Risk Manager and had been updated on the plans to alleviate flooding on Seifton Lane. Plans to install an overflow pipe allowing the brook to drain away from Seifton Lane have been put on hold as there is not a consensus of opinion amongst residents. Cllr Steele read a report from the Flood Action Group. Drains in the village have been cleared but not yet jetted. The work to desilt Seifton Pools is in process. The Environment Agency and Luke Neal Shropshire Wildlife Trust are working on desilting projects for Seifton Lane and Culmington. The Parish Council has not been informed of when a license to desilt the brook will be available. FAG continue discussions with residents of Manor Orchard. Cllr Turley asked the role of the Environment Agency in the brook and Cllr Motley explained that the EA is not part of Shropshire Council but the council has to abide by the EA regulations.

7.0 Correspondence:

7.1. PC Steve Grant, Local Policing Charter and Three Main Concerns: The Clerk was asked to contact PC Grant and raise the following concerns: Lorries parked at the Laundry at Seifton, Rural Crime (including farm theft and dog walkers) and footpath obstruction.

7.2. Heathcote Bartlett, Highways Maintenance Technician: Technicians have visited the site and assess that the outfall from the gully on the corner run under the proposed barn development which means the outfall pipe will need to be checked and made

safe before development commences. The Clerk has asked when the flooding issue will be resolved as there is continued concerns over flooding in this area.

7.3. Came and Co Insurers have increased the Street Furniture sum by £300 to include installation of the Speed Activated Sign.

8.0 Finance:

8.1. Accept the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation: As of the 24/2/21 the bank account balance is: £11,249.26 RESOLVED (unanimous) PROPOSED Cllr Pike SECONDED Cllr Holland. The payment to TWM Traffic was lost in the post and a second cheque raised.

9.0 Smartwater Initiative: Free kits are still available. West Mercia Police have nearly completed the installation of signs around the parish.

10.0 Emergency Planning Officer: After the death of Mr Dennis Jubb, who was Emergency Planning Officer for many years, it was decided that the Clerk should discuss the role with the Flood Action Group and include the role in representatives for the Annual meeting in May.

11.0 Local Elections Update: The Parish Council nominations forms need to be registered with Shropshire Council by the 8th April. The Clerk will post notice of the nominations and whether an election will be necessary shortly after that date.

12.0 Items for the Next Meeting: Fire risk due to plastic storage at the Laundry works

Date of the Next Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm 18th May 2021.

The meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: