

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 2nd June 2026

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), , Mrs C Byng, Mrs J Disley, Mr Adrian Lewis, Mrs J Mear, Ms J Watts and Mrs J Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr C Stanford (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

- 26/060** **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mr Ian Alderson (Vice Chair)
- 26/061** **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda.
- 26/062** **Graham Donaldson, Rural and Business Crime Officer, Wildlife Crime Coordinator, West Mercia Police:** Graham reported that he is seen as a single point of contact for rural communities particularly regarding crime prevention and supporting victims of crime. 70-80% of rural crime is committed by organised crime groups. Hare coursing is still occurring, and landowners are unlikely to press charges due to the threats from the coursers, but he would encourage them to report it. The issue of speeding vehicles, particularly motorbikes on the B4368 was raised and he will take that back to his team. He encourages anyone with dashcam footage to report incidents on Operation SNAP. Prosecuting speeding motorbikes is difficult, but Operations SNAP is very useful for this. He does have funding for trackers for rural business vehicles and equipment, so he encourages local businesses to contact him for support. The police are very reliant on local knowledge in rural areas, so he is encouraging members of the public to report anything unusual or suspicious.
- 26/063** **Public Involvement Session:** No member of the public were present.
- 26/064** **Minutes:** To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings held on 5th May 2026
RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chair.
- 26/065** **Reports from Members**
- a. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that the collection of food waste by Shropshire Council was likely to be delayed until 2039 despite it being a legal requirement from this April. Highways continue to work on potholes across the area. Tania Miles has been appointed a Chief Executive after serving as the interim since last year.
 - b. Village Hall Committee– Cllr Mear reported that the AGM was held on the 19th May and they have welcomed a new committee member. There is an enthusiastic and dedicated team. She can confirm that they will begin working on the extension later in the year. Their biggest function the ball in November will raise money for the extension and The Teenage Cancer Trust.
 - c. Flood Action Group – Cllr Disley reported that the Property Flood Resilience installations are almost complete. The next multi-agency meeting is in July.
- 26/066** **Shropshire Local Plan Consultation** – Shropshire Council are beginning to consult on the new version of the local plan.
- 26/067** **Update on the Proposed Solar Farm at Norton-** Cllr Seabrook reported attending Onibury Parish Annual meeting in May at which two representatives from the developers of the proposed solar farm at Norton did an awareness session. A Public Consultation is planned for September, and they plan to submit the plans to Shropshire Council in November.
- 26/068** **Finance:**
- a. Review and Note the Internal Auditors Report: Noted.
 - b. Review and Sign the Annual Governance Statement

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RESOLVED: to sign the Annual Governance Statement

c. Consider, Approve and Sign the Annual Accounting Statement

RESOLVED: to sign the Annual Governance Statement

d. Authorise and Sign the Certificate of Exemption

RESOLVED: to sign the Certificate of Exemption

e. Set the dates for the Notice of Public Rights

RESOLVED: to set the dates for the Notice of Public Rights as 22nd June to the 31st July 2026

f. Review the Annual Report: Noted.

g. Authorise Payments: H Coonick and HMRC, (Clerks Pay April-June £855.85 and (Clerks Travel) £33.75, D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 1006 £85.00, Tavi Meeson (internal auditor) £150.00

RESOLVED: to make the above payments

26/069

Update on Vehicle Activated Sign Awaiting Repair: the sign has been repaired and is ready for them to return the unit. It was decided not to purchase the Bluetooth connection as this would be in the region of £200.

26/070

Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 7th July 2026 a. update on Vehicle Activated Sign b. Local Plan Review

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: