

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON Tuesday 12th January 2021

Meeting start delayed by issues with zoom. Commenced 7.50pm

1. Councillors present S. Rolt Chair, N. Guinness, A. Wilby, B. Leadbeater and M Rowling. The Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling

2. Apologies from Cllr Koster- delayed start prevented attendance, Cllr Mumford problems with zoom

3. Members of public present: 2

4. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Rowling – Clerks salary

5. OPEN Meeting. Agenda 19- Request by resident for commemorative seat.

6. Minutes of 12th November 2020 and Short Planning meeting December 2020 approved

7. Matters arising not on agenda- none

8. Clerks notices

a. Street drains need to be cleaned. Reported to street doctor to go on routine cleansing lists.

b. Waymarkers – await farmer putting them up

c. Defibrillator checked Cllr Leadbeater and Clerk

d. Census March 21st 2021. First time for online completion. Hard copies will also be available

e. West Northamptonshire Council, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Parish Council elections scheduled for Thursday May 6th 2021. Newsletter to encourage candidates to apply.

f. 20mph speed limit. Information sent to councillors. Unlikely to be applicable for Culworth.

g. Youth provision. No actual workers yet.

h. SNC Review-not delivered in Culworth but available online. Hard copies of Bin collections available from Clerk.

9. Lockdown until mid-February 2021. Volunteers may be required to take older people to vaccination centres. Emergency team still available for residents.

10. Website. Decision to be made on either 2commune known to be local council approved or wordpress/monality. For decision by Cllr Rolt, Koster, Wilby and Volunteer webmaster

11. Facebook volunteer. Cllr Koster to report on newsletter result at March meeting

12. Street Lighting. Attached correspondence previously circulated for decision. All councillors agreed to change to Clear utilities from EON. One streetlight awaits repair at Crown Houses.

13. HS2 and lighting on camp along Magpie to Marston Road. Cllr Rolt reported on response from Chris James HS2. 'HS2 position is pretty clear security is needed, security risk is real. We have instances on other parts of the route of trespass, protester action and damage, we need to keep people and property safe and secure. The lighting we have at the moment is lighting towers which are temporary whilst we build the compound. As the compound is constructed the lighting will change – festoon lights, lower lighting on the cabins rather than the towers and lights on motion sensors. The lighting heads are as low as they can be and directed to the ground. 'No further details of proposed road closure from Magpie to Marston Hill.

14. Culworth Hill Field Trust update Cllr Rolt stated that the present economic situation made fundraising very difficult.

15. Update on West Northamptonshire Council Cllr Wilby reported on progress towards May 2021

16. Community Project 2021 see attachment. Parish Council were in support of the proposal.

17. Litter pick. January volunteers have cleared bags of rubbish. Scheduled litter pick first Saturday in March – Cllr Rowling has booked equipment with SNC.

18. New Dog bins. In consultation with dog walkers, it was agreed to order two new dog bins to be situated on pavement near Westhill High Street and on Sulgrave Road near the entrance to well walked footpath to Banbury Lane. It was agreed to ask Marcus Young Landscapes to fit [new Fido 25 in red or green \(same spec current bins\) @ £190.00 plus VAT inclusive of freestanding metal post and installation charge.](#)

19 Request by a resident for a friendship bench in memory of her late husband. Both family, friends and residents had contributed towards c£1900. During the open meeting, Parish Council agreed that a bench could be erected on the Village Green fairly close to existing seat but avoiding the Millennium capsule in metal design. Cllrs Wilby, Mumford and Rowling to liaise with resident. Clerk to provide details of firms locally who could assist with seat and plaque.

20.FINANCES

a. Approval of Budget for 2021-2 and precept. Budget advertised in newsletter online and hard copies to those without internet. Following on from November meeting, the Chairman asked that Councillors should agree that Clerk's salary be raised to £6473 per annum. Cllr Rowling took no part and the Clerk had not requested a salary increase. Proposed by Cllr Rolt and seconded by Cllr Wilby all councillors agreed to increase but that the Precept should remain at £23,500 for 2021-2. Proposed by Cllr Guinness and seconded by Cllr Wilby The budget was approved by all councillors.

b. Report of internal controller/ internal auditor who has undertaken a review with new banking system. One Santander cheque outstanding still but very late to be banked. It was noted that the Internal Auditor does not wish to continue after audit of 2020-21.

c. Receipts

i. SNC second half of precept £11865 in September

Payments via internet banking

i. Aylesbury Mains Ltd £798 inc VAT £133. Repair of lights 4 Butts Close and Banbury Lane

- ii. Roger Smith £227 includes £55 for Recreation Field, Burial Ground £162 (includes Hedge Cut)
- iii. HMRC Cheque 00001 £260 BL/DM
- iv. IONOS website December £15.59 including £2.60 VAT
- v. Bank charges Sept-Dec £18.00
- vi. BACS Clerks salary etc September – December 2020 £1392.57
- vii. RBL- August cheque presented to Santander in December Further £17 required to pay for November wreath.0002 £17 DM/BL
- viii. BACS SLCC Annual Subscription. £208
- ix. BACS Marcus Young Dog bin emptying 1/4/20-31/03/21=£832+166.40 Total £998.40
- ix. BACS EON 1/10/20-31/12/20=£308.14-£141.56=£166.58. Reduction in costs due to new certificate of unmetered supply.
- xi. DD IONOS website January2021 12.99+2.60VAT=£15.59

e. Current Account with Unity. Bank statement attached. Current account £29996.65 NO deposit account as interest rate negligible.

21. PLANNING

a. Applications from SNC

i. S/2020/2295/LBC Proposal Strengthening of the arch barrels, south west parapet wall reconstruction. Location Trafford Bridge, Welsh Road, Culworth OX17 1AQ Parish Council noted no road closure proposed but traffic light control. Very positive repair work proposed.

b. SNC decisions

- i. S/2020/2075/TCA Myrtle Cottage Sulgrave Road consent to remove leylandii on road edge
- ii. S/2020/1710/106 Application withdrawn Culworth House Sheltered units

22. Correspondence mostly emailed

a. Card of thanks for card and gift for elderly resident birthday

b. SLCC Magazine

23. Further planning meeting request for DA/2017/0826 Amendment Byfield Medical Centre etc Tuesday 19th January2021 7pm

24. Any other business for March 9th meeting none requested

25. Meeting closed 8.42pm