

## CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. Councillors present: A. Wilby (Chair), S. Rolt, D. Mumford, M. Rowling, M. Koster. The Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling was present. WNC Cllr A. Eastwood
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mullins Blyth, (child ill) Cllr Guinness ( last minute child care issues)
3. Declarations of interest on agenda items. None declared
4. Members of public present- None. Community Play park spokesperson sent apologies
5. OPEN MEETING- one resident by email asked why speed camera was situated at corner of Sulgrave Road/Queen Street- decision of NCC Highways over three years ago.
6. Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were proposed as correct by Cllr Rolt, seconded Cllr Mumford
7. Matters arising not on agenda
  - a. Litter bin now fixed outside Bankcroft High Street
8. Community Play Park- no update. Cllr Wilby will offer planners map of both locations for their advice on planning needs. Cllr Eastwood to assist.
9. WNC- Cllr Eastwood offered her annual report.
  - a. WNC has been in place since 06/05/2021.
  - b. The budget should keep WNC in the black with a rise in Council tax for each household.
  - c. HS2 Marshall to be appointed by WNC to fight for residents.
  - d. Householders will now pay for Garden waste collection at £42 per year per bin.
  - e. The BIG conversation allows any resident to voice their wishes for WNC.
  - f. Showcase business plan to attract more people to work in West Northants.
  - g. 200 bus will continue until August 2022
  - h. Northampton was seeking city status
  - i. The Chairman and members thanked Cllr Eastwood for her regular attendance and updates.

10. Litter pick March 5<sup>th</sup> 10am at Forge. Cllr Rowling reported that over 25 people plus three children took part using Equipment collected and returned to WNC. Over 40 bags collected Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March by 9am by WNC. Cllr Rowling commended in particular Cllr Mullins Blyth who is now litter clearing to and including parts of A361.
11. Speeding in village
  - a. Vehicle activated speed camera Cllr Rolt. Now has key and code to enable it to be sited and relocated to post in High Street.
  - b. School project 20mph signs awaited from Cllr Guinness
12. Defibrillator training- still awaited trainer
13. Community group updates- meeting following Parish Council meeting and Platinum Jubilee celebrations
14. HS2 ltd Cllr Rolt said that Banbury Lane will now have partial closure. Bat house built to enable demolition of Lower Thorpe farmhouse. Lights on HS2 works causing motorists hazard.
15. Culworth Hillfield Trust Cllr Wilby asked for update to be attached to minutes. It was noted that Norman Green has resigned and replaced by Peter Coville.
16. Clerks contract and replacement. Cllr Wilby and Rolt to consult NCalc for advice
17. Tree report Cllr Mumford stated three contractors had submitted quotations. He recommended acceptance of Rural works. Contract is for Health and safety issues and dead wooding thus no requirement for planning application. Cllr Mumford proposed seconded by Cllr Koster to accept Rural Works estimate. Cllr Rolt abstained.
18. Asset mapping. Report Cllr Mumford, Clerk and Mrs Kate Smith progressing. Further meeting to attempt to complete mapping before end of March for this phase.
19. Annual Assembly 26<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at Culworth Village Hall. Annual reports to be tabled. Main topic Timeline of Culworth between 1952 and 2022.
20. FINANCE report
  - a. Receipts
    - i. 21/02/2022 JMHumphris Burial Robert Davies £331
    - ii. Northants CALC £229 for asset mapping for extra work for Clerk and others.
  - b. Payments BACS
    - i. Treetops report £590 +£118VAT=£708

- ii. Mrs JM Rowling Salary Oct-Dec 2021 £1294.26, Expenses of office £192.50=£1486.76
- iii. Marcus Young Dog bin emptying weekly x7 bins=£1164.80+£232.96VAT=£1397.76
- iv. Mrs Shirley Trott lease on Cricket Field year 9 £25
- v. Texprep Printing £10.20, Newsletters £66.20 VAT£2.04=£78.44
- vi. DD Yu energy 1-31 January 2022 sensors £15.18+0.76VAT=£15.94
- vii. DD Yu energy 1-31 January 2022 unmetered supply £82.81+£4.14VAT=£86.95.
- viii. To pay DD Yu energy 1-28 Feb unmetered supply £71.69+£3.58VAT=£75.27
- ix. DD Yu energy sensors 1-28 February 2022 £13.42+0.67VAT=£14.09
- x. WAVE 16/11/2021-15/02/2022 £9.05
- xi. Mrs JM Rowling salary January – March 2022 and expenses of office
- xii. HMRC £260

- c. Current account Unity Bank 4th March 2022 £33740
- d. Weed control quotation 2022 attached with 2021 for comparison. Complete weed control quotation for 2022 approved by all councillors
- e. Quotations for mowing requested for Roger Smith and Cartwright Landscapes

21. PLANNING from West Northamptonshire Council- please note website being changed

- a. WNS/2022/0336/FUL Form a tennis court with perimeter fencing Culworth Hall Road to Culworth Hall OX17 2AU. Report from Planning subcommittee- no observations
- b. WNS/2022/0380/TCA for info only Proposal T1 - Ash - Reduce crown height by 50% and shape. T2 - Beech - Reduce height by 2.5m and shape. Crown raise to 4.5m. T3 - Beech - (small) - Reduce eastern crown by 3.0m. T4 - Ash - Reduce 2x branches in upper/mid S/E crown to stem. Reduce height by 4.0-4.5m and shape. T5 and T6 - Ash - Reduce height by 5.0m and shape. T7 -

Ash -reduce branch in mid eastern crown by 4.0-4.5m.Location  
Danvers House High Street Culworth OX17 2BD

22. Correspondence emailed

- a. The BIG conversation- help West Northants thrive
- b. NCALC Updates weekly and monthly
- c. Clerks Councils Direct
- d. 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of resident. Card and flowers sent from Parish Council and thank you letter received.

23. Any other business for Annual General meeting and May meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at 7pm in Village Hall. Change of date due to unavailability of Councillors on earlier dates

24. Mrs Shirley Trott- Cllr Wilby asked for all present to observe a minutes silence in memory of Mrs Trott who died on 30th January 2022 who had been a great benefactor to the village carrying on the tradition of the Hill family who were her stepancestors.

25. Close of meeting 8.03pm