Culmington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 3rd November 2026

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr Ian Alderson (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mr John Caine, Mrs J Disley, Mr Adrian Lewis, Mrs J Mear, Ms J Watts and Mrs J Williams. **In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

26/113 **Receive Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council).

26/114 **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None

26/115 **Public Involvement Session:** There were three members of the public. A Member of the Public wished to answer any questions councillors may have regarding the planning applications. They have recently moved into Brooklyn Farm and have horses and sheep. They would like to make their own hay and therefore need a barn to store the hay and machinery. The mobile home is for their elderly parents, and they do not intend to use it for anything other than this purpose and will remove it once it is no longer needed for this purpose.

26/116 **Minutes:** To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th October 2026

RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chair.

26/117 **Reports from Members**

a. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford had sent a report: Meole Brace Park & Ride – after much pressure from residents and opposition councillors, Shropshire Council has agreed to look at alternative sites and different funding models for the Park & Ride. My understanding is that it has been given a reprieve of 3 years and will still operate from the original site whilst an alternative is found. National Scheme of Delegation – the Government has told Councils in England to adopt new planning guidance from 30th October. This will reduce the longstanding principle that if the local elected councillor and residents along with Parish Councils object to a planning application it will automatically be taken to the relevant planning committee. Highways I have asked for clarification on gully clearing and verge cutting but have not yet had a response. On a more positive note, I am hearing about and seeing further improvements to the backlog of potholes and resurfacing that continues and I am grateful to the council staff who are working so hard to make this happen. Solar Farm The only thing to note since the last meeting is that the original environmental screening question lodged by the developer earlier in the year in February has been withdrawn.
b. Village Hall Committee– Cllr Mear reported that the drainage work had been completed. There is a planning meeting this week to discuss the extension. The Tractor Run was very successful and raised money for the hall and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Ball to raise fund for the hall and Teenage Cancer Trust is on the 7th November and is a big event. The committee are grateful for the kind donations and support they have received. The hall now has its own skittle alley so can now play home games at the hall rather than at Stanton Lacy Village Hall. The alley was kindly made by a person who used to live in the village and the only cost was for the materials.
c. Flood Action Group – Cllr Disley reported that they have a meeting on Thursday.

26/118 **Planning**

a. **26/03752/FUL** Formation of riding manege to include installation of eight lighting poles (8m) and change of use of land to equestrian Brooklyn Farm, Culmington, SY8 2DA

RESOLVED: to support this application as the lighting has been removed from the plans

b. **26/03966/AG2** Prior Approval for the erection of two new agricultural buildings for hay and machinery storage. Brooklyn Farm Culmington SY8 2DA To note only.

c. **26/03619/FUL** Erection of a residential mobile home Brooklyn Farm, Culmington, SY8 2DA:
RESOLVED: to support this application with the understanding that this will only be used by the owners' parents and will be removed when they no longer need it.

d. Update on the Proposed Solar Farm at Norton: the developers have submitted a further request for a screening opinion to Shropshire Council which the councillors reviewed. If a planning application is submitted the Parish Council will call an extraordinary meeting to discuss it.

26/119 **Update on the Blocked Footpath at Seifton Batch:** Shropshire Council are still progressing this matter.

26/120 **Update on the Emergency WhatsApp Group:** all the members have agreed to the principles and Mr Disley will provide the clerk with their numbers to include in the WhatsApp Group.

26/121 **Adopt the Filming and Recording Parish Council Meetings Policy:**
RESOLVED: to adopt the policy.

26/122 **Finance**:

a. Review the Reserves Policy: the general reserves needs to be maintained at the present level or above to ensure there are sufficient funds to repair or replace the vehicle activated signs.
RESOLVED: to adopt the policy and maintain the reserves within the levels advised by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance.

b. Review the Draft Budget and Proposed Precept for 2027-2028; an inflation rate of 2% was used to calculate the budget for the coming year. The final budget and precept will be set at the January 2027 meeting.

c. Appoint the Internal Auditor for 2027-2028:
RESOLVED: to appoint Ms Tavi Meeson

d. Permit Clerk to be Full Signatory on Lloyds Bank and Change to Requiring Three Signatories
RESOLVED: for the clerk to be a full signatory and increase the required number to three.

e. Authorise Payments: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance), H Coonick(Clerk) and HMRC (Salary Oct-Dec) £884.01 and travel £5.85
RESOLVED: to make the above payments.

26/123 **Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on 5th January 2027:** a. Invite Mr Hugh Disley to Update the Council on the Emergency Plan

Signed: **(Chair)** **Date:**