

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Diddlebury Village Hall.

Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear and Mr J Turley. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk).

- 1.0 **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mr I Alderson and Mr M Seabrook.
- 2.0 **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
- 3.0 **Public Involvement Session:** There were no issues raised.
- 4.0 **Minutes:**
RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.
- 5.0 **Community Governance and Boundary Review:** Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council would not have a decision from the Boundary Review Commission until mid to late April regarding the divisional boundaries. Until the divisional boundaries are agreed there can be no decisions on the parish boundaries.
- 6.0 **Update on Application for Funding for 2nd Vehicle Activated Sign and Powers to Purchase a Vehicle Activated Sign:** The Police and Crime Commissioner is considering the application made for funding for a second sign. SALC will advise the Council on the legal powers to purchase a sign in the next few weeks.
RESOLVED: Clerk to remind Shropshire Council of the request to erect a post for the Vehicle Activated Sign if the application is successful.
- 7.0 **Update on Environment Agency Visit to Three Counties Reclamation, The Laundry, Seifton:** A report from the Environment Agency which included a statement by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service had been received by the Council. The Fire and Rescue Service were satisfied with the fire alert and fire prevention measure in place. The Environment Officer reported that he was now satisfied with the storage, drainage and dust at the site. Members of the public with concerns can report issues directly to the Environment Agency on the incident hotline 0800 80 70 60.
- 8.0 **Confirm the Environmental Maintenance Grant Was Spent in Accordance with the Grant Guidelines and Agree Grant Application for 2023-24.**
RESOLVED: Council can confirm that the grant for 2022-23 was spent in accordance with the guidelines and agree for an application to be made to Shropshire Council for matched funding of £1,000 for 2023-24.
- 9.0 **Consider Desilting Seifton Brook in Summer 2023:**
RESOLVED: The Council will review the level of silt in the brook during the early Summer and reassess the need for desilting.
- 10.0 **Consider Action re: speeding vans and use of verges on Seifton Lane:** Seifton Lane has the national speed limit of 60mph so there is little that the Parish Council can do to reduce the speed of vehicles along Seifton Lane or prevent damage to the verges.
- 11.0 **Correspondence:** Jack Nuttall who owns the land opposite the village hall wished to update the Parish Council on his plans for the site.
RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to Mr Nuttall informing him that the council would not support any development except affordable housing within the parish as it is in 'Open Countryside.'
- 12.0 **Reports from Members**
 - 12.1 Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley had been involved in sessions regarding the Place Plans and suggested that the Council may wish to include an item on updating the Parish Plan in the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Shropshire Council has agreed to provide housing to relieve pressure on neighbouring

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authorities. She wished to remind everyone that photographic ID will be required at the next election. There is a large budget deficit for the forthcoming year.

12.2 Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that the hall remains closed for repairs.

12.3 Flood Committee – Cllr Byng that there were no new developments.

13.0 Finance:

13.1 Authorise Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £38.25, Diddlebury Village Hall £20, Jeff Williams (Parish Paths Fund) £176.53, Information Commissioners Office £35.00.

RESOLVED: Payments were authorised.

14.0 Review and Adopt the Dignity at Work and Disciplinary Policies:

RESOLVED: To adopt the Dignity at Work and Disciplinary Policies.

15.0 Review and Adopt the Risk Assessment:

RESOLVED: To adopt the Risk Assessment.

16.0 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at Diddlebury Village Hall

Noted:

The Council would like to thank Ms Avril Lines for offering to maintain the Church Walk footpath.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: