

# Culmington Parish Council

Chair: Cllr Ian Steele

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at  
7.00pm at Culmington Village Hall.

**In Attendance:** Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr A Pike, Mr J Turley, Mrs C Byng, Ms J Mear, Mrs M Holland and Mr M Seabrook. H Coonick (Clerk)

- 1.0 **Apologies for Absence Received:** Cllr I Alderson. Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council)
- 2.0 **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
- 3.0 **Public involvement session:** None
- 4.0 **The Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022** were approved as a correct record and signed. **Prop Cllr Holland 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Turley. Unanimous**
- 5.0 **Matters Arising:** None
- 6.0 **PC Stephen Grant (Neighbourhood Team) and Review of Policing Charter** – reported that speed checks had been carried out in the village and the average speed was 32.6 mph. He will investigate if a Speedwatch can be set up. He had received a video of lorries parked outside the Laundry Works and had forwarded this to various departments for comment. He encouraged parishioners to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters to receive notification of both incidents and events and to use Operation SNAP. The police are unable to act unless they have sufficient information. Cllr Steele thanked PC Grant and PCSO Hinton. It was agreed that the for the Policing Charter the top 3 Community Issues for the forthcoming 3 months should be Speeding, Anti-Social Behaviour and Other Traffic Offences.
- 7.0 **Finance:**
  - 7.1 The Financial Report was reviewed and the total as of the 14/2/22 was £7,793.88 and reconciled with the bank account. **Prop Cllr Seabrook 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holland. Unanimous**
  - 7.2 Payments Authorised: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £45, H Coonick Clerks Salary Jan-March £678.60 and travel expenses £52.20 April 21-March 22 and Data Protection Fee £35. **Prop Cllr Pike 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Holland Unanimous**
  - 7.3 It was agreed that the Internal Auditor for 2022-2023 should be Mrs Jayne Disley.
  - 7.4 The Uncontested Election Recharge for May 2021 will be £100.
  - 7.5 It was decided to request £1000 for the Environmental Maintenance Grant
- 8.0 **Reports from Members**
  - 8.1 Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley (report read by the Clerk) The Council Legal officers advise that changes to the parish boundaries need to be supported by over 50% of parishioners. She has talked to John Bellis (Shropshire Council) about the flooding at the church. Acton Scott seem to be making progress with developing new ideas. The government are encouraging closer working with Telford and Wrekin and wants both to elect a single mayor. A petition has been set up to restore ambulance stations due to the long waits for ambulances. The

proposed budget has been agreed but the Government's Levelling Up bids have been passed over.

- 8.2** Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that they had held a meeting the previous week. The Pudding Night was very successful. Bookings are increasing and a Jubilee sub-committee has been set up and they plan to have events on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. There are discussions about getting a bar in the village hall.
- 8.3** Flood Committee – Cllr Byng read a report from the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February. There is a hydraulic model for the River Teme for 22-23 centred on Ludlow and this would include a wider catchment including Culmington. John Bellis (Shropshire Council) reported that there is a Culmington funding pot, some of this is for tree planting as a means of reducing flow.
- 9.0** **Community Governance and Boundary Review:** It was agreed that the Clerk should report the considered boundary changes to Shropshire Council and discuss how to involve parishioners in the review at the next meeting.
- 10.0** **Planning Update:** It was agreed that the Clerk should refer this matter to Cllr Motley
- 11.0** **Condemned Tree in Culmington Village:** It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Shropshire Council
- 12.0** **Road Closure and Informing Residents:** Deferred to the next meeting.
- 13.0** **Queen's Jubilee Canopy and Plaque:** An elm tree is due to be planted in the churchyard. The clerk will request a plaque.
- 14.0** **Further Nominations for the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party:** No further nominations.
- 15.0** **Water Leak at Castle Barn Bank:** The work carried out by Shropshire Council Highways appears to have been successful.
- 16.0** **Plastic Waste at Laundry Works:** Despite telephone calls and emails the Clerk has not had an update from the Environment Agency.
- 17.0** **Parish Council Website and Planning:** Cllr Motley has asked the Planning Department to work with Web Orchard, who host the Parish website, to ensure the link is restored.
- 18.0** **Items for the Next Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022:** Road Closure Information, Boundary Review Survey

**Signed by the Chair:**

**Date:**

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