

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Culmington Village Hall,

Members Present : Councillors Mrs C Byng (Temporary Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mr M Seabrook, Mr I Steele, Mr J Turley (apologies given for late attendance) and Ms J Watts.

In Attendance: H Coonick (Clerk).

1. **Elect a Chairperson:** Cllr Carol Byng presided as chair of this meeting.
RESOLVED: Cllr Alderson was elected as the next chair.
2. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Mr A Pike, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear and Cllr C Motley (Shropshire Council) were accepted.
3. **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Cllr Alderson (item 13.1), Cllr Watts (item 13.2).
4. **Public Involvement Session:** None in attendance.
5. **Minutes:**
RESOLVED: To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023. Cllr Byng signed the minutes. Cllr J Turley joined the meeting.
6. **Community Governance and Boundary Review:**
 - 6.1. Consideration of Potential Changes to Parish Boundaries at Sparchford, Elsie, Vernold's Common, The Pheasantry and Seifton. The Clerk reported that a joint letter from Culmington and Stanton Lacy Parish Council's had been sent to the residents of Vernolds Common in Stanton Lacy Parish to inform them of the options and invite them to attend either the next Culmington or Stanton Lacy Parish Council meetings to make comment.
7. **Second Vehicle Activated Sign**
 - 7.1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed the grant for a vehicle activated sign which has now been paid into the Parish Council bank account.
RESOLVED: To purchase a new sign once the post has been erected.
 - 7.2. There has been no update from Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer on the position of the post for the Vehicle Activated Sign at the Eastern Entrance to Culmington Village.
8. **Consider Desilting Seifton Brook in Summer 2023:** Deferred to the next meeting.
9. **Consider Items to Include on the Place Plan:** As no members of the public have attended to make proposals the items included in the last Place Plan and 2016 Parish Plan that are still relevant will be proposed.
RESOLVED: to suggest the following are added to the Place Plan a. faster broadband for the whole parish, flood risk management infrastructure, rights of ways improvements (volunteers needed), traffic calming measures, to have a village pub – extension to the village hall, bus service, defibrillator in the Seifton area of the parish.
10. **Consider Renewing the Parish Plan –** Deferred to the next meeting
11. **Consider the Police and Crime Commissioner Town and Parish Survey:** There was concern that there had been no feedback from the commissioner on the results of previous surveys.
RESOLVED: Cllr Byng will complete the survey.
12. **Reports from Members**
 - 12.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley was not in attendance
 - 12.2. Village Hall – Cllr Mear – Cllr Mear was not in attendance
 - 12.3. Flood Committee – Cllr Byng reported that there had not been a meeting.

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- 12.4.** South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Byng reported that she attended the meeting on the 27th June. Cllr Cecilia Motley explained the Boundary Review in detail. Anyone who wants to comment on it must do so by the cut-off date of July 10th. The Community Governance Review is on hold until the Divisional matters have been resolved. Guidance re solar farms is to be published soon. They are awaiting the result of the Squirrel Lane enquiry. It was stressed that Community Benefit is not a Planning issue. The meeting asked that a copy of the guidance is forwarded to all Parish Councils when published. SALC will put their bulletins on their website as soon as they are published and anyone can access them. If any councillors, or clerks have a problem they can contact SALC to ask for help/advice

13. Planning

Cllrs Alderson and Watts left the meeting for items 13.1 and 13.2.

- 13.1.** [23/02716/AGR](#) Proposed agricultural fodder store, Burley Farm, SY7 9LW. OS REFERENCE: 347926 – 281467 Applicant: Alderson. For information only.

RESOLVED: noted.

- 13.2.** [23/02516/FUL](#) Holly Cottage, Culmington, SY8 2DF Erection of Steel portal framed agricultural manure store Applicant: Mr Neil Sherry

RESOLVED: to support the application.

14. Correspondence:

- 14.1.** Caring for God Acre requesting a grant.

RESOLVED: To add Caring for Gods Acre to the donations list for consideration at the end of the financial year.

- 14.2.** Bruno Peak, Pageant Master, D-Day 80:

RESOLVED: to forward to the village hall committee.

15. Finance:

- 15.1.** Approve the Finance Report and Expenditure Against Budget: As of the 30th June the bank account holds £13,732.55 with an expenditure of £1,669.65 and income of £8,289.08 (which includes the grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner) in the first quarter of the year. Expenditure was within budget.

RESOLVED: The finance report and expenditure against budget were accepted and the bank reconciliation was signed.

- 15.2.** Authorise Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £140.25 for invoices 326 and 344, H Coonick (Reimbursement Stationery, 365 Microsoft, laptop battery) £47.22 and HMRC £23.20.

RESOLVED: Above payments were authorised.

16. Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th September 2023: a. Parish Plan b. Desilting Seifton Brook c. Clearing of footpaths and bridleways

Cllr Watts reminded the meeting of the planned closure of Bishops Castle Hospital. The Clerk apologised for not including the matter on the agenda for this meeting.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: