

Culmington Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at Culmington Village Hall

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

- 1.0 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Watts and Alderson.
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
- 3.0 Public involvement session:** (Agenda Items Only) One member of the public in attendance.
- 4.0 Minutes:** RESOLVED to approve as a correct record and signed the full Minutes of the Meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on Tuesday, 1st June 2021. Prop: Cllr Byng 2nd Cllr Pike.
- 5.0 Matters Arising:** The Clerk reported that she had had no response from the owners of the Old Seifton Village Hall regarding the Minutes. Cllr Turley wished to send condolences to Cllr Alderson and family at the death of Richard Alderson and recognition of the work he had done for the community over many years. The Clerk reported that a card had been sent on behalf of the Council.
- 6.0 Planning:** 21/02546/FUL Conversion to 1no dwelling including a juliet balcony, associated works, erection of two storey extension and installation of septic tank
LOCATION: Proposed Barn Conversion South Of Upper Barn, Seifton. The Clerk apologised to Cllr Turley for omitting him from the distribution list for the site visit.
RESOLVED to support the development
- 7.0 Reports from Members**
 - 7.1** Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the Cultural Strategy had been published which helps those organisations who wish to apply for funding. There has been a lot of work improving cycle routes. The Council acknowledges there is a lot of work needed on rural roads and drain clearance work is improving, but the Government has been cutting back the highways budget. Verge cutting has started. There has been a lot of criticism of the Planning Bill. The Local Plan goes to council next week.
 - 7.2** Village Hall – Cllr Mear reported that the Village Hall is now open. The AGM is on 27th July. There is a Pizza evening with bar on the 6th August.
 - 7.3** Flood Action Group – Cllr Byng reported that Andy Keyland (Shropshire Council Highways) will walk the drains up to Seifton Lane possibly with John Bellis (Shropshire Council). Cllr Byng will attend.
- 8.0 Correspondence**
 - 8.1** Mr Wardle, thanking Jeff Williams for the work done on the footpath over the ford on Seifton Lane.
 - 8.2** Thank You for donations from West Shropshire Talking Newspaper, League of Friends, Severn Hospice, Clover Club, Corvedale Buzzard, Ripples, Air Ambulance
 - 8.3** PC Stephen Grant re: Policing Charter. He hopes a representative will attend some Parish Council meetings in the future.
- 9.0 Finance:**
 - 9.1** The finance report and bank reconciliation were accepted. As of 19th May the Current Account holds £12,279.76. Prop: Cllr Byng, 2nd Cllr Pike. Bank reconciliation signed by the Clerk and Cllr Mear.

- 9.2** Authorise Payments to H Coonick (Clerk) £55.25 (Stationary and Traffic Signs 50% cost shared with Stanton Lacy Parish Council for Environmental Maintenance Officer), H Coonick (Clerk) £814.32 (Salary April-June), D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance Officer) £202.50, Web Orchard (website Hosting) £228.00, J Williams (Footpaths Asphalt) £13.00. RESOLVED Prop Cllr Pike, 2nd Cllr Seabrook.
- 9.3** The Asset Register was reviewed with the additional footpath maintenance equipment held by J Williams. The Clerk will investigate whether the Village Hall should be included in the Asset Register.
- 9.4** The Council Confirmed that the Environmental Maintenance Grant has been spent in accordance with grant terms
- 10.0 Consider Issues at Laundry Works:** The issue of Fire Safety and dust emission had been logged with the Environment Agency and Environmental Health.
- 11.0 Decide upon Insurance Cover for Volunteers and Flood Action Group:** The Insurance has advised that Volunteers would need to be treated in the same way as employed staff ie. names and addresses retained, training and equipment provided and a person to be directing the activities. It was felt this would be difficult in emergency situations especially as the Council does not normally carry out any work on the B4365 at the instruction of Shropshire Council. The Clerk will investigate whether other Parish Councils insure Flood Action Groups.
- 12.0 Flooding of Lane to Culmington Church:** Shropshire Council have advised that the blocked drain is the responsibility of the landowner. The Clerk will write to the landowner.
- 13.0 Environmental Maintenance Contract Update and Decide on mowing of Culmington village green:** Dave Lewis has started work across the parish. It was agreed that the green area with the bus shelter in Culmington should only have minor moving until August to allow wild flowers.
- 14.0 Update on Desilting Seifton Brook:** The council RESOLVED to use A Clayton (contractor) and J Wilkinson (Ecologist) to desilt Seifton Brook in front of the cottages on Seifton Lane. Expenditure of £700 was agreed by Councillors from the Environmental Maintenance Grant. Prop: Cllr Steele, 2nd Cllr Pike
- 15.0 Report on Highways meeting with Mark Barrow/Stephen Smith (Shropshire Council):** The council agreed this was depressing to read as the state of rural roads is so poor.
- 16.0 Consider involvement in the Queens Jubilee Beacons:** The beacon is no longer useable but Cllr Seabrook will consider sites for trees for the Queen's Green Canopy.
- 17.0 Items for the Next Meeting:** Donation on behalf of council to Culmington Church for Richard Alderson.

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