

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting
On TUESDAY 6th October 2020, conducted remotely
The Meeting commenced at 7pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Steele (Chair), Cllr Pike, Cllr Alderson, Cllr Holland, Cllr Mear, Cllr Turley and Cllr Watts.

In Attendance: Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick, (Clerk)

1.0 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Norton.

2.0 Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting

Members are requested to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

3.0 Public involvement session: (Agenda Items only) One member of the public attended.

4.0 Minutes: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on 3rd March and 26th March be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Minutes for 8th September 2020 were amended – Item 6.3 should be B4365 otherwise approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5.0 Matters Arising: It was agreed that the powers delegated to the Clerk continue for a further six months. RESOLVED (unanimous). Proposed: Cllr Holland Seconded: Cllr Watts

6.0 Reports from Members

6.1 Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council) Shropshire Council are repeating the Shropshire Tree Scheme with trees provided in bunches of 20. The Covid rate across the county is increasing including outbreaks in care homes, Step-Up posters are available. Andy Begley, the new Chief Executive has started work. The Rural Services Network held its Annual Conference which was very well attended. The new Interim Director of Social Care is Tania Miles. An organisation is objecting to the demolition of Shire Hall. The Communities Overview Committee is discussing the outcomes for Rough Sleepers who were housed in hotels during the Lock Down, Cllr Alderson asked about those who were placed in hotels in Ludlow and Cllr Motley agreed to investigate this group. The Local Plan responses are being worked through with some contentious issues in some areas. Cllr Motley predicts there will be changes to the White Paper on planning after the consultation period. The Draft Cultural Strategy has been published and is available in the Cabinet papers for 5/10/20.

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6.2 Cllr Steele (Flood Action Group) reported that a meeting is being arranged with Jonathan Stigwood (Drainage Engineer) and John Bellis (Shropshire Council Chief Drainage Officer) to look at Seifton Brook and the risk of flooding on the village. Cllr Turley pointed out that Cllr Steele had not visited him as requested, Cllr Steele apologised and agreed to meet before the next meeting.

6.3 Cllr Seabrook was not available to comment on the Climate Conference

7.0 Correspondence:

7.1 Shropshire Broadband: No response required.

7.2 Marches Renewable Energy Project: Clerk agreed to forward to Cllr Mear.

7.3 Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018 – the Clerk reported that the Parish Council Website complies with these regulations.

8.0 Finance:

8.1 Approve Finance Report. RESOLVED (unanimous) Proposed: Cllr Holland
Seconded: Cllr Pike. There had not been a new bank statement since the last meeting.

8.2 The Financial Regulations were adopted. Cllr Mear will do a bi-annual bank reconciliation and it was agreed that the Clerk should be a signatory for cheques up to £200. RESOLVED (unanimous) Proposed: Cllr Turley Seconded: Cllr Alderson.

8.3 RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay the increase from April 2020 as per the NJC Award and increase the Clerks pay rate to Point 7 on the NJC scale from September 2020. Proposed: Cllr Turley, Seconded: Cllr Pike

8.4 RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay Clerks salary for July – September and reimburse the Clerk for consumables (including Zoom subscription) April – September for £141.92 Proposed: Cllr Alderson Seconded: Cllr Turley

8.5 RESOLVED (unanimous) to pay £51.52 to Jeff Williams for equipment from the Parish Path Fund Proposed: Cllr Watts Proposed: Cllr Turley

9.0 ‘**We Don’t Buy Crime: Smartwater Initiative:** Clerk is advertising in Ripples, Corvedale news, Parish Council Website and has placed posters on the notice boards.

10.0 **Speed Sign:** Clerk reported the post for the sign has not yet been erected. Cllr Motely will follow this up with Highways.

11.0 **Back-Up for Computer Records:** Clerk to investigate security of online storage and report to the next meeting.

12.0 Planning:

12.1 **Planning Enforcement:** (member of the public left the meeting) No action

12.2 **20/03287/FUL -Erection of a Conservatory at Cherry Cottage:** RESOLVED (unanimous) to support the application as it would enable a young family to remain in the village.

13.0 **Items for the Next Meeting:** Items for inclusion in the 2021-22 budget and planning for community support in the event of another lock down.

14.0 **Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 3rd November, 2020.**