Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting on **Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.00pm at Culmington Village Hall**.

In Attendance: Councillors Mr I Steele (Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mr M Seabrook, Mr J Turley. Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO) and two members of the public.

1.0 **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Holland, Mear and Pike.

2.0 **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** Item 6.1 Cllr Byng reported that she is a member of the Village Hall Committee but as this is not a pecuniary interest it was decided she should remain in the meeting during this item.

3.0 **Public Involvement Session:** Cllr Steele reported that a member of the public, who was unable to attend the meeting wanted to thank the Parish Council and the Flood Action Group for the work they have conducted on Seifton Brook on Seifton Lane.

4.0 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

5.0 **Matters Arising:** Item 18. The Neighbourhood Policing Team were not available to attend this meeting.

6.0 **Planning:**

    6.1 **22/04050/FUL - Erection of a single storey extension to create a new storeroom - Village Hall, Culmington:** Mr Peter Lines explained the proposals.
Resolved: Support

    6.2 **22/04307/TCA Fell 1no Silver Birch within Culmington Conservation Area, Rose Cottage, 14 Culmington:**
Resolved: Support with the request to replace with a native tree.

    6.3 **22/04326/FUL The erection of a general-purpose agricultural building for the storage of straw, timber and farm machinery. Farmland Opposite New House Farm (Middle Barn), Seifton, SY7 9LG:**
Resolved: Support

7.0 **Community Governance and Boundary Review:** Diddlebury Parish Council are considering the contents of the joint letter.
Resolved: Defer to next meeting to decide on recipients of the joint letter.

8.0 **Reports from Members**

    8.1 Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire had sent in recommendations to the Local Government Boundary Commission that the number of Councillors should increase from 74 to 76 to accommodate the new housing in Shrewsbury and Shifnal. The Deputy Leader has resigned so there have been some changes and Cllr Motley is now also responsible for the new Integrated Care Arrangements. There is a Rural Prosperity Fund, but she does not yet know the criteria for applications.

    8.2 Village Hall – Cllr Mear had sent apologies.

    8.3 Flood Committee – Cllr Byng reported that Shropshire Highways will prioritise the area before the 'flood season'. Any drains that need clearing should be reported via Fix My Street with photographs if possible. Drain clearing is now 'in-house' rather than using a contractor. Partnership funding might be possible for some projects to reduce flooding.

9.0 **Finance**:

    9.1 Finance Report, Bank Reconciliation and Budget Report: As of the 26th September 2022 the bank account holds £9,767.66.
Resolved: Accept the Finance report, bank reconciliation and budget report.

9.2 Authorise Payments to: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Invoices 211 and 229 £136, H Coonick (Reimbursement for Land Registry Charges, anti-virus software and postage) £105.06, J Wilkinson (Ecologist) £192.
Resolved: Approved with the addition of £50.98 to H Coonick - reimbursement for printer inks.

10.0 **Update on Laundry Works:** The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team stated in their email of the 21st September 2022 that 'there are no parking restrictions on the main road by the Laundry Works. This means the Police have no powers to stop this taking place unless it's causing a complete obstruction of the highway. This will need to be addressed by Shropshire Highways.' The Clerk will contact Shropshire Highways and inform the Police and Crime Commissioner.

11.0 **Items for the Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 7th November: a. Items for the Draft Budget for 2023-2024. b. Community Governance and Boundary Review.**

Signed by the Chair: Date: