

Culmington Parish Council update November 2016

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING A BIGGER ROLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Would you like to influence the decisions taken about your local area? If so, maybe you could be a parish councillor and May 2017 will give you the chance to do so because every parish council in Shropshire will hold a local election.

Culmington Parish Council, covering the communities of Culmington, Seifton, Burley and Vernolds Common invites anyone with an interest in getting involved to consider becoming a councillor.

What do we do? Well, we are consulted formally on all planning applications in (or affecting) the parish, giving us the opportunity to bring important material concerns to the attention of the planning authority. We are responsible for undertaking minor highway repairs and help to maintain the local environment throughout the parish and maintain a range of local assets, such as the bus shelter and Parish noticeboard. Beyond this, we liaise closely with other agencies to achieve improve roads and maintain speed restrictions.

How much time will it involve? The council normally meets just 11 times a year at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month except August. Meetings are held in the Culmington Village Hall. How do you qualify? You need to be 18 or over on Thursday 4th May 2017 and meet one or more other conditions which include being registered to vote in Culmington parish; owning or renting property in the parish; having your main place of work in the parish or living within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

Want to know more? Come along to a parish council meeting or, feel free to contact the Chairman, Carol Byng (01584 861681, thebyngs@hotmail.com) or our Clerk, Jayne Disley(01584 861387 culmingtonpc@gmail.com) or any other parish councillor, to chat about the opportunities. Parish Councillor details are on our website, culmington.org along with other information about our work. At least 3 of the existing Parish councillors are standing down at the election so new candidates are urgently needed to come forward.

Culmington Flood Action Group

Culmington Flood Action Group have over the past 2/3 years been working to try to find some solutions to the flooding the Parish has experienced in the past and with a great deal of help from Shropshire Council and many of the Agencies now see the beginnings of the 'Slow the Flow' project (being run by Shropshire Wildlife Trust) with the recent construction of leaky dams on the Seifton Brook, in the fields below Manor Adventure. Further work is due to begin on the higher area of the catchment towards Westhope.

The Group has also been working with Thomasin Sayer from the National Flood Forum on a practical emergency plan for the area, should we ever need one! We have in the past distributed questionnaires to gather information and asked residents to let us know if they would like help in an emergency situation. We have a list of people now who have indicated they might like someone to check on them or give them some assistance. This will be included in the plan and only passed onto emergency services should the need arise. If there are any additional residents who would like to be included on this list then please contact Jayne Disley (Culmington Flood Action Group Secretary) Tel No 01584 861387, jayne.disley@btinternet.com
New members are always welcome.