

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Parish Council Meeting Minutes

On TUESDAY 2nd March 2021, conducted remotely. The Meeting commenced at 7pm

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

In Attendance: Heather Coonick, (Clerk/RFO)

1.0 Apologies Received for Absence: Cllr Motley

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.

Cllrs Alderson declared an interest in item 10. Planning Application for 19 Burley and left the meeting for this item.

3.0 Public involvement session: (Agenda Items only) 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

3.1 A member of the public supported the Planning Application for 19 Burley

3.2 A member of the public raised concerns about the Boundary Review. As Cllr Motley was not present this matter will be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

3.3 The applicant for the Planning Application at 19 Burley explained the plans.

4.0 Minutes: RESOLVED (unanimous) that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Culmington Parish Council held on 2nd February 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. PROPOSED Cllr Holland SECONDED Cllr Alderson.

5.0 Matters Arising: Cllr Mear reported that she owned the boundary between Seifton Brook Cottage and The Old School.

6.0 Reports from Members:

6.1. Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council): Cllr Motley was absent but had sent a report: The parish governance review will begin in May this year. Are there any advantage to Culmington Parish working more closely with any of its neighbouring parishes? This may be an opportunity for considering whether there are road, environmental maintenance and flood schemes, which might be better done collaboratively with neighbours. The other issue to think about is whether you have the right number of councillors representing the parish, warding arrangements (do you all look after the same patches?) and possible boundary changes (eg the Seifton Batch with Diddlebury) that you might like to see.

Local elections: It is possible that a lot of people will not wish to go to the polling stations so it would be worth ensuring that any residents who don't already have them can get hold of postal votes or proxy votes. The Clerk agreed to inform Ripples.

6.2. Cllr Steele (Flood Action Group): A multi-agency meeting is planned for Thursday. There is continued representation of the group at The Shropshire Flood Forum meetings where there has been much discussion on drainage issues and the slow response when blocked drains etc are reported.

6.3. Cllr Mear (Village Hall): Although the hall remains closed there is a meeting in late March to consider plans for reopening.

8.0 Correspondence: Came and Co Insurers have increased the Street Furniture sum to £5670.22 to include the Speed Sign. Cllr Alderson asked the Clerk to check whether this covers the installation costs of any replacement.

9.0 Finance:

9.1. Accept the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation: As of the 20/01/21 the bank account balance is: £11,333.26 RESOLVED (unanimous) PROPOSED Cllr Holland SECONDED Cllr Mear.

9.2. Make Payments: TWM Traffic Control (Speed sign) £2828.42 this includes VAT which will be reclaimed, Data protection fee renewal £40 (£35 if direct debit), Clerks Salary £814.32, Travel £31.50 Reimburse Clerk for Admin £31.61 (unanimous) PROPOSED: Cllr Pike SECONDED: Cllr Alderson.

10.0 Planning: 21/00496/FUL | Erection of single storey side extension | 19 Burley Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 9LW. Resolved (unanimous) to support. PROPOSED: Cllr Mear SECONDED: Cllr Holland

11.0 Potholes Repairs and Drains Clearance Delays: There are still issues with the drains in Culmington Village, the B4365 and Seifton Lane. The Clerk was asked to report these issues again with copies to Cllr Motley. The clerk has reported the flooding issue near the church again. Cllr Turley asked the clerk to report potholes and ice risk due to surface water at Castle Barn.

12.0 ‘We Don’t Buy Crime’ Smartwater Initiative: The clerk reported that 70% of the purchased kits had now been registered so the police will erect up to 9 signs on entrance roads to the parish. There are still 38 kits available.

13.0 Speed Sign: The Speed Sign has been installed and already a resident has noticed an affect on the speed of traffic passing her home. The position was decided upon by Shropshire Council and it needed to be unobstructed as it is solar powered.

14.0 Review the Environmental Maintenance Contract: The clerk has informed the present contractor and will now advertise the contract in Ripples in collaboration with Stanton Lacy Parish Council. Diddlebury PC wish to remain with the present arrangements and Munslow have not made a decision yet.

15.0 Local elections May 2021: This is planned for the 6th May and nomination packs are available to download from Shropshire Council website.

16.0 Signage at the Racecourse: The Clerk contacted the racecourse about replacement of the sign with forthcoming race dates. They responded with a list of dates which is also available on their website.

17.0 Agree the Internal Auditor for 2021-2: It was agreed that Jayne Disley should be the Internal Auditor.

18.0 Items for the Next Meeting: Boundary Review

Cllr Mear wanted to report that the support of the community at Mr Dennis Jubb’s funeral was a good tribute to him. A memorial service will be held in Culmington later in the year.

Date of the Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th April, 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting Closed at 8.15pm

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: