

Culmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Present: Councillors Mr M Seabrook (Chair), Mr A Pike (Vice Chair), Mr I Alderson, Mrs C Byng, Mrs M Holland, Ms J Mear, Mr I Steele, Mr J Turley and Ms J Watts. Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1. **Receive Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest relating to this meeting:** None
3. **Public Involvement Session:** None
4. **Minutes:** To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd July 2024.
RESOLVED: to approve as a correct record and sign the minutes.
5. **Reports from Members**
 - 5.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that the National Planning Policy Framework was proposing 70% of new housing should be built in rural areas. The new government will introduce a 5-year land supply arrangement. There is concern about the lack of infrastructure to support any building in rural areas. The difficult financial situation for Shropshire Council continues particularly with the pressures in Children’s Social Care. Shropshire Council plans to keep libraries open but to have more services based in them. The number of Community Health Hubs are being increase – they provide ‘one stop shop’ services. There is likely to be in the region of 500 staff taking voluntary redundancy and there may be further non voluntary redundancies necessary by the end of the year.
 - 5.2. Village Hall Committee– Cllr Mear reported that the new committee was working well. They have been reviewing the governing document which has not been reviewed since 1953. They are liaising with other village hall regarding what events they are planning. The Flower and Produce Show was a huge success. The Tractor Run is planned for the 13th October following a new route with a halfway stop at Rushbury Village Hall.
 - 5.3. Flood Action Group – Cllr Byng reported that it had been a small meeting with representatives from the residents, Shropshire Council, Environment Agency, National Flood Forum and Shropshire Wildlife Trust. The SWT have been meeting landowners. Shropshire Council and Slow the Flow project are discussing a date for a Corvedale event at Culmington Village Hall. The SC representative updated the group on the Severn Partnership and there was discussion on setting up a farm cluster locally to look at how they can support each other. Some drains were due to be jetted and assessed in August and they are looking at doing further work at Westhope Quarry. There was some discussion with the Environmental Agency representative on desilting near the bridge in Culmington village.
 - 5.4. South Shropshire Area Committee – Clerk reported that the had been a presentation by the new Housing Enablement Officer. Bitterley Parish Council had raised issues ensuring planning conditions were checked upon not just during the development. There is a survey of rookeries in Shropshire and members of the public were being asked to report them as their numbers were reducing.
6. **Consider Difficulties the Village Hall is Experiencing Obtaining Insurance:** Cllr Mear reported that the ownership of the hall had been an obstacle when trying to renew the halls insurance.
RESOLVED: to change the land registry entry to specify that the Parish Council is the custodian trustee of the hall. To write a letter annually asking for a copy of the Village Hall insurance and to be notified if the insurance is invalidated or cancelled.

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7. **Highways**
 - 7.1. Update on the Speed Indicator Device at the Northern Entrance to Culmington Village: the speed indicator device has been installed.
 - 7.2. Update on Extension of the Speed Limit to Beyond Clay Lane:
RESOLVED: Defer to the next meeting to enable the Clerk to investigate using Neighbourhood Funds to pay for the extension to the limit.
8. **Planning**
 - 8.1. [24/03150/VAR](#) Culmington Farm, Culmington, SY8 2DB. Variation of Condition No.2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 16/02552/FUL to allow for minor changes to units 2, 3, 4 and 7
RESOLVED: to support the variation but to include a note on the planning portal that the rerouted footpath was incorrectly aligned and needed to be rectified immediately as it is now on Culmington Court property without their permission.
 - 8.2. Update on [24/02100/FUL](#) Erection of 3 bay garage with office/storage above, installation of new treatment plant, new discharge pipe to connect to ditch on agricultural land 6 The Laundry Seifton SY8 2DH. Granted. It was noted that the Decision Notice stated that 'The development hereby permitted shall only be used in association with and incidental to the enjoyment of the existing residential dwelling and shall not at any time be sold, let or otherwise disposed of or allowed to be occupied as a separate unit of residential accommodation'
9. **Consider the Place Plan Project Nomination Feedback:** the feedback was reviewed. The issue of Broadband in the more rural areas of the parish continues to be an issue.
RESOLVED: to check on the most problematic areas and update the Place Plan.
10. **Consider a Response to Shropshire Council's Local Council Survey:**
RESOLVED: to defer to the next meeting
Cllr Watts left the meeting.
11. **Review the Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey:**
RESOLVED: that Cllr Seabrook and the Clerk will respond to the survey.
12. **Update on Blocked Bridleway:** there had not been an update from Shropshire Council since July.
RESOLVED: the Clerk will ask again for an update from Shropshire Council
13. **Emergency Plan**
 - 13.1. **Decide on an Emergency Officer:**
RESOLVED: that Mr Hugh Disley will become the Emergency Officer.
 - 13.2. **Review the Draft Emergency Plan:** Council agreed that this formed a good basis and the Emergency Officer and Clerk will work on it.
14. **Finance:**
 - 14.1. The following income was noted:
 - 14.1.1. Environmental Maintenance Grant: £500
 - 14.1.2. VAT 126 Refund from 1/4/23 – 31/7/24: £826.22
 - 14.2. **Authorise Payments:**
 - 14.2.1. H Coonick (Salary July-Sept), £587.70, (travel) £15.30
 - 14.2.2. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 585 £ 139.50 & Inv 605 £144**RESOLVED:** to authorise the payments.
15. **Items for the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st October 2024** a. Extension of the Speed Limit to Beyond Clay Lane b. Response to Shropshire Council's Local Council Survey c. Blocked Bridleway

Notes: The Council wished to thank Mr Jeff Williams for cutting the verges on Seifton Lane. They wished to send condolences to Mr Norton and family.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: