

CULFORD, WEST STOW AND WORDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 24th January 2019**

Present: Clr Joy Childs, Clr D Fisher, Clr B Murdoch, Clr A Self, Clr R Salt, Clr P Luke, Clr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC), Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger and J Milward (Clerk).

The meeting opened with the Chairman welcoming Clr Paul Luke to the Council

Public Discussion No members of the public present.

Officers' Reports Borough Councillor: Clr Susan Glossop reported on the following:

- a. The council tax for St Edmundsbury is not going up
- b. Ken White is no longer with National Trust and his place has been taken by Jess Johnston who will be attending any meeting at Culford School with regard to the wooded land at the triangle in West Stow. At this point the clerk confirmed that the headmaster had agreed to a meeting and asked that dates be agreed to forward to the headmaster.
- c. Confirmed that together with Clr Hopfensperger they had funded the purchase of chairs in the village hall.
- d. Lighting at Culford School. Had been taken up with school but not yet resolved
- e. Bottle bank at the club. All resolved now by action taken by Clr Fisher.

County Councillor – Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported on the following:

- a. In talks with Mary Evans (SCC) and David Chennery of the safety team at SCC with regard to looking at the lorry network through the village and the possibility of a weight limit through the villages on a trial basis to see how it works.
- b. White lining at Rats Hall Corner. Not completed but will chase it up. Also been reassured that the give way sign will be replaced with a stop sign within the next few months.
- c. Had spoken to Police Commissioner with regard to getting more speed checks throughout the parish area.
- d. SCC will be discussing special educational needs where an investment of some £47m would be required to fully provide.

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies Nil

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil

3. Dispensations: Nil

4. Minutes: Proposed by Clr Murdoch and seconded by Clr Self that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018 be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

5. Clerk's Report

a. The defibrillator casing is due to be installed on 25th January. The man undertaking the work is also an electrician and he will also be connecting up the electricity supply. When that is completed clerk will notify Paul Hicklin who will then install the actual defibrillator. When that is all done a press release can be arranged which will include press and radio. Training can be arranged through Paul Hicklin and will include interested persons from Ingham, Culford and West Stow.

b. As reported in Borough Councillor's report sub para d the Headmaster of Culford School had been approached with regard to meeting with Borough and Parish Council reps together with one from National Trust to discuss the woodland at Lewis Kings Grove. Once acceptable dates have been received from Clr Glossop and National Trust rep clerk will again write to Headmaster.

c. The telephone kiosk in Culford is now the property of the parish council. Clr Salt agreed to take over responsibility for the maintenance and future use of the kiosk. She outlined possible uses that she would be considering.

d. Reported on the election briefing which he had attended. Nomination forms were handed out to each councillor. These need to be brought back at the next meeting in March when they will be checked and signed before having them returned to Borough Council.

6. Highways

Clr Fisher wished to report a large pot hole in Wordwell just above the farm. Clerk to report to SCC.

7. Finance

a. Proposed by Clr Fisher and seconded by Clr Childs that the budget figure of £9350 as agreed at the November meeting be accepted as the 2019/20 precept figure for submission to St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Agreed unanimously

b. Cheques were agreed for signature as follows : Clerk's wages £400, HMRC £100, SALC (Election briefing) £25, Clerk Expenses £37.84. Proposed by Clr Fisher and seconded by Clr Salt. Passed unanimously.

c. As discussed at a previous meeting it was proposed by Clr Childs and seconded by Clr Fisher that the purchase of Scribe software accounting for councils go ahead. Passed unanimously.

d. It had been suggested that a grant be made to Culford Club. Clr Fisher had discussed with club members and it was proposed by Clr Murdoch and seconded by Clr Salt that the council fund the cost of materials required for refurbishing which is to be carried out. Passed unanimously

8. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since last meeting Nil

9. Planning

Application No DC/18/2573/TCA – Fell one sycamore tree at 11 Chimney Mills. Approved

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

a. Clr Childs raised the problem of a dead tree on The Street next door to her residence. Clr Salt to photograph and forward to clerk for referring to Borough Council Tree Officer.

b. Two bicycles had been tied to a post near Clr Salt's house and left. Two strangers had appeared to be taking interest in them. However the cycles have now gone.

c. Dog waste bin has not been emptied. Clerk to check with Borough Council.

d. Clr Salt offered to wash vehicle signs etc. Clerk to check with Clr Hopfensperger as kit is available for such projects.

Meeting closed at 20.55hrs Next meeting 28th March 2019