

CULFORD, WEST STOW AND WORDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd March 2018

Present: Clr Joy Childs, Clr D Fisher, Clr B Murdoch, Clr R Salt, Clr K Ramsey, Clr M McQueen, Clr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC) and J Milward (Clerk).

Public Discussion No members of the public in attendance

Officers' Reports

Borough Councillor: Clr Susan Glossop presented a detailed written report which is included as Annex A. She also reported on the fact that SCC is seeking for the whole county to become a unitary council.

Clr McQueen raised the subject of drainage problem at Rats Hall corner outside Treeholme. Clr Glossop will report to SCC. Clr McQueen also asked what had happened to the old Community Tax Card. Clr Glossop agreed to find out.

County Councillor Not in attendance and no written report

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Clr Self

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil declarations.

3. Dispensations: Nil required

4. Minutes: Proposed by Clr Fisher and seconded by Clr Murdoch that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018 be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

5. Clerk's Report

a. No further news has been received with regard to nominating a Data Protection Officer. LCPAS are willing to take on responsibility for a set fee. They are also willing to combine Culford and Ingham and for the fee to be divided between the two councils. Agreed that Clerk should liaise with Ingham Parish Council to determine whether they would be happy for such an arrangement and if so to determine fees with LPCAS.

b. Written to Forest Edge re laurel hedge. No action taken so to be referred to SCC.

c. Wheelie bin stickers. Established that available on line for £80 for 100.. To be checked by Clr Murdoch as to whether other source could be used and at what price.

6. Highways Discussion followed covering calming measures being implemented along The Street in Culford. £4200 is being paid to SCC as agreed (£700 recoverable as VAT leaving contribution of ££500). Council of opinion that measures now in force do nothing to slow traffic. To be raised and discussed with Clr Hopfensperger at next meeting.

7. Finance

a. Cheques were agreed and signed for Communicorp (Clerks and Councils fee), Suffolk County Council (Highways) £4200, LCPAS (Data Protection Course) £40, HMRC £100, Clerk's wages £400, Viking Direct £124.80, Clerk Expenses £58.58, Cancer Research (Section 137) £200 and MacMillan Nurses (Section 137) £200

b. Agreed that Section 137 payments for 2018/19 would be to Prostate Cancer and Newstalk

8. Planning

a. Application No DC/18/0284/HH- Single Storey rear and side extensions- Rushwood, Flempton Bridge Carr. Approved

b. Application No DC/18/0477/HH – Single storey side extension – Pineview, Chimney Mills, West Stow. Approved

c. Application No DC/18/0427/HH – Livestock Barn, 2 x polytunnels and 1 office/potting shed. Green Farm, Brandon Road, Culford. Decision deferred pending clarification from planning department on various points.

9. Correspondence

a. Quote from M&TJs for renewal of grass cutting for the year 2018/19 of £70 per cut. Acceptance agreed unanimously.

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

a. Clr Murdoch raised the problem of West Stow stud where they are continually having bonfires of straw and horse muck. Clerk to write to Liz Allen the manager after establishing what the rules are relating to bonfires.

b. Clr Salt again raised the subject of the overhanging hedge at the corner of The Drift and The Street. Although this has been raised before with SCC Highways who claim that there is no problem, clerk will again write to them.

c. Clr Salt wanted to know what the position was with regard to Emergency Planning. Clerk to dig out relevant correspondence for Clr Salt who has agreed to take on this responsibility.

d. Clr Childs reported that the tree outside her neighbour's house was rotting and was considered to be in a dangerous state. Agreed that clerk should approach a tree surgeon to obtain a professional opinion before referring the matter to SCC.

e. Complaints have been received about lack of mobile phone service and poor broadband connection. Clerk to write to Mathew Hancock, area's MP who is also minister for such matters.

f. Village Hall committee has agreed that village hall can be used for funerals.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm Date of Next Meeting 10th May 2018

