

CULFORD, WEST STOW AND WORDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th July 2018

Present: Clr Joy Childs, Clr D Fisher, Clr B Murdoch, Clr A Self, Clr R Salt, Clr M McQueen, Clr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC), Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger (SCC), J Milward (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Public Discussion Discussion centred on Highways issues and in particular on HGV traffic passing through Culford. Clr Murdoch is carrying out a petition throughout the village to try and get the B1101 free of HGV traffic. This is a private venture which he will process through the higher channels. Two points raised by the public and taken up by the Borough and County representatives were:

- a. Broken village sign for North Stow on the southbound carriageway
- b. Replacement of "Give Way" sign to "Halt" at Rats Hall corner on the approach road from West Stow and also repainting of the white lines.

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

- a. Asked council to respond to the Boundary Commission consultation pointing out that it is important to agree with the findings which leaves the council in Risby ward. Clerk has responded for council but individual councillors urged to also respond.
- b. Brought attention of members to the consultation to be held with regard to proposed changes at the fiveways roundabout in Mildenhall
- c. Drew attention to consultation to be held with regard to leadership of the new West Suffolk Council – whether there should be a mayor or chairman.
- d. Much work being done now on setting up the new council
- e. Update on planning application submitted by Green Farm. Meeting to be arranged with Dave Beighton.

County Councillor – Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger reported on the following:

- a. Letter has gone to Fuller's Mill with regard to the signage. Recommended that brown signs (similar to those used for national trust etc) be used
- b. She has asked for the planned works in West Stow to be carried out during the summer holidays so that all is in place for September
- c. Reported on the review of the Highways Operational Plan being carried out by Mary Atherton
- d. Gave an update on the Self-Help scheme being set up by County Council. Will forward details to parish clerk.
- e. Reported on Home School transport changes. Of no real concern our parishes.

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies Clr Ramsey

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil declarations.

3. Dispensations: Nil required

4. Minutes: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2018 be accepted as a true record.

5. Clerk's Report

a. Most info on emergency planning now to hand. Clerk to arrange meeting with Clr Salt.

b. Update on mobile phone network sites in churches. Hoping that new legislation will see work being carried out.

c. Dustbin stickers have been purchased and distributed.

d. Remembrance Sunday. Suggested programme outlined by Clr Childs. Agreed in principle.

e. Telephone kiosk. Agreed that purchase should go ahead,

f. Benefactor being sought for purchase of defibrillator for West Stow. If none forthcoming council will purchase.

6. Finance Payment of following cheques agreed :

HMRC (£120), Clerk's wages (£480), Clerk's expenses (£48:40) and grass cutting bill (£288)

7. Planning

a. Application DC/18/1039/FUL- Commercial Glasshouse with packing facility and office space, with reservoirs, car parking and landscaping, new access and connection to sewage treatment works. The main worry is with regard to visual impact. An agent from the company is willing to come to meet the council and discuss the project and answer any questions raised. No decision made until after meetings with firm making application.

b. Green Farm. David Beighton of planning department had written with regard to the application recently considered and approved. The letter had been distributed to council members and discussed at length. It was agreed that the clerk should write to David Beighton accepting his offer of a visit to council to discuss the whole matter.

8. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

a. Request from Clr Murdoch that the clerk write to Angus Mason thanking him for cleaning up the telephone kiosk.

b. Write also to David Hurcomb to thank him for clearing the hedge alongside the footpath.

c. Clr Salt is undertaking a survey with regard to the village hall which will also produce a list of elderly and less able persons who may need help in the event of an emergency

d. Clr Self reported on work carried out by BT on the telephone kiosk in West Stow

Meeting closed at 8.42pm. Next meeting 27th September 2018