

CULFORD, WEST STOW AND WORDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Public Discussion No members of the public present.

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

- a. **Brown Bins.** As from April charge will be going up to £43. Increase due to SCC increasing charge for disposal of waste. Borough Council now faces £89k shortfall which necessitates increase.
- b. Wef 31st March 2019 St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council will cease to exist and will combine to form a temporary council prior to elections in May to form the new West Suffolk District Council. The decision as to whether the new Council should apply to become a Borough or not was delayed until after the new Council was formed. Unless and until the new council does become a Borough there will be no Mayor and it is expected that the Town Council will take over this role.
- c. An update on the Christmas Fayre was given which was followed by a general discussion. An independent body is to carry out a review with regard to future Fayres.
- d. The subject of Highways work carried out at West Stow was raised and discussed. The fact that work carried out was of a poor standard and not in compliance with what had been promised was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should write to Mary Evans at SCC voicing the council's concerns.
- e. Clr Fisher raised the issue of what could seem to be changed lighting over the hockey pitches in Culford School. The lighting now appears to be much brighter. Clr Glossop to check. Also reported was the broken waste bin on the street and the fact that the bottle bank at Culford Club is now not automatically emptied. Clr Glossop to check on both items.

County Councillor – Clr Rebecca Hopfensperger not present and no written report received

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies Nil

2. Declaration of Interest: Clr Murdoch declared an interest in planning application for Lynton House

3. Dispensations: As interest was non pecuniary Clr Murdoch was given dispensation to remain.

4. Minutes: Unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2018 be accepted as a true record.

5. Clerk's Report

- a. Plaques for the defibrillator in Culford have been finished and are now mounted
- b. The purchase of the defibrillator for West Stow has gone ahead at a cost of £1666 and delivery should be within a couple of weeks.
- c. Clerk had attended the SALC AGM together with Clr Salt who will give a report.
- d. High hedge at Forest Edge has been reported to SCC for action.
- e. The problem of Indigo lorries travelling through West Stow was raised and according to Clr Self the volume has increased considerably and even larger HGVs are being used. Issue now to be referred to Suffolk County Council.

6. Highways

- a. As agreed in Clr Glossop's report sub para d the Clerk to write to Mary Evans at SCC. Clr Self also raised the issues surrounding the road from Wordwell through to Elveden. To be taken up again with Highways through SCC.
- b. Clr Salt had taken part in a web chat with police officials and raised with them the subject of speeding and had gone into details of a speedwatch team. She was prepared to seek members willing to participate in a speedwatch team. There was a general discussion and Clr Salt will pursue her aims. To this end she will maintain data obtained from the VAS.
- c. Clr Murdoch reported that he had received a letter from Matthew Hancock MP who is taking up the issue of HGV traffic through Culford with SCC.

7. Finance

- a. Budget for the year 2019/20 was proposed by Clr Self, seconded by Clr Salt and agreed unanimously as follows:

Culford & West Stow Churches £1100, Grass Cutting £1500, Fees £440,
Insurance £390, Village Hall £500, Clerk Salary £3,500, Administration £450,
Clerk Expenses £250, Training £250, Section 137 £425, Auditors £75,
Maintenance £200, Future Plans £270

- b. This will produce a basic 2019/20 precept of £9350 for consideration at the January meeting
- c. Cheques were agreed for signature as follows : M&TJs (Grass Cutting) £168, AKF Littlejohn (Audit) £48, Clerk Wages £480, Clerk Expenses £59.73. Proposed by Clr Salt and seconded by Clr Fisher

8. Planning

Application No DC/18/2289/TPA – Fell 1 willow tree, Lynton, The Street, Culford
Approved

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

10. Correspondence The letter that was proposed to be sent to Culford School Headmaster was read out by the clerk. Contents were agreed by the council

11. Councillors 'reports and items for future agenda

a. Clr Salt reported on SALC's AGM which she attended together with the clerk. Various proposals originating from the stands at the AGM were discussed.

b. Clr Fisher asked whether there was any training possible that council members and other members of the public could attend with regard to the defibrillator. Clerk to contact Mrs Pryke of Ingham who is trained in this.

c. Clr Childs enquired what the current position was with regard to the telephone box. Clerk confirmed that forms had been received and required the payment of £1 after which the telephone box would be the responsibility of the council. Chairman pointed out that once that had been completed thought would need to be given as to what the council would do with it.

d. Co-option of parish councillor. It was proposed by Clr Childs and seconded by Clr Self that Paul Luke of West Stow be co-opted on to the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ken Ramsey. Agreed unanimously.

e. Clr Childs queried as to how the stickers on bins had gone. The general opinion was that they had in fact served their purpose.

f. Clr Self reported that a noise incident by use of fireworks had occurred in West Stow. No outside action had been taken but the issue had been taken up by Clr Self with the owners and no further action was necessary.

Meeting closed at 21.05. Next meeting 24th Jan 2019

