

CULFORD, WEST STOW AND WORDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th July 2019

Present: Clr Joy Childs, Clr D Fisher, Clr B Murdoch, Clr R Salt, Clr Paul Luke, Clr Myrtle McQueen, Clr Susan Glossop (St Eds BC), J Milward (Clerk) and one member of the public (Mr M. Clay).

Public Discussion Point raised by Mr Clay that there seemed to be no way of determining what was on the agenda for scheduled meetings. Apparently details for the current meeting had not been advertised on the web site. Clerk to check and ensure that future agendas are published.

Chairman asked Mr Clay whether he was interested in being co-opted on to the council to fill the current vacancy and received an affirmative reply. It was agreed that the co-option would be added to the agenda.

Officers' Reports

Borough Councillor: Clr Susan Glossop reported on the newly formed West Suffolk District council and on three task forces that had been set up.

One task force is looking into the new global plan which is concentrating more on rural areas to determine what measures can be taken to improve life and facilities within villages. To this end Parish councils will be consulted on this subject.

Another task force is examining what measures can be taken within West Suffolk District to improve environmental issues.

A third force is carrying out a transport review and in particular with regard to parking both in official car parks and on street parking.

Clr Salt reported matters that she had reported to SCC, and Clr Luke raised the issue of Rats Hall Corner. Clr Glossop asked for such items to be reported to her and she will take the issues up with SCC representatives whilst pointing out that these were matters which should normally be covered by the SCC rep.

County Councillor Not in attendance but written report submitted and included as Annex A

Parish Council Agenda

1. Apologies Nil

2. Declaration of Interest: Nil

3. Dispensations: Nil

4. Minutes: Proposed by Clr Fisher and seconded by Clr Murdoch that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019 be accepted as a true record. Passed unanimously.

5. Clerk's Report

a. Training evening held as was agreed. Given by good trainer from SALC and generally agreed as very useful. Cost was £324.

b. Notice received of road works, including surface dressing through Culford, that were to be carried out. Pointed out by councillors that surface dressing was useless and clerk asked to take up issue with Highways.

c. Correspondence from Maximilian Clay requesting info regarding council vacancy. Agreed that, having heard applicant's CV, co-option could go ahead. Proposed by Clr Salt and seconded by Clr Murdoch that Mr Maximilian Clay be c-opted on to the council with immediate effect. Passed unanimously.

d. Notification received under a planning application for BT telephone kiosk on Icklingham Road, West Stow to be removed. Villagers against this application since it is the only phone with definite contact to emergency services. Furthermore the council had once agreed to purchase the phone which had been rejected because of the poor mobile phone reception in the area. There was also an increased need now that the defibrillator was fitted to the outside of the village hall just a few meters away. Clerk to reply to planning with all these points.

6. Items for debate and discussion

a. **Highways** Points already covered during Clr Glossop's report. Attempts to find out true statistics relating to Rats Hall Corner to be undertaken by Clr Salt.

b. **Welcome Pack** General discussion held with various amendments being suggested and agreed. All comments and suggested alterations/additions to be forwarded to Clr Murdoch who will produce a revised copy.

7. Finance

a. Cheques were agreed and signed for M&TJs (Grass Cutting) £588, HMRC (£120), Clerk Wages (£480), SALC (Training) £324.

8. Planning Clr Salt had tried to determine the exact conservation area in Culford and what the planning rules are with regard to conservation areas.

9. Correspondence Fornham All Saints are considering the construction of a cycle way from Fornham All Saints to the junction of the B1106 and the road to West Stow. Council support the project in principle but worry about the projected costs.

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

- a. Question raised as to responsibility for replacement when trees are felled.
This then raised the question of the tree outside of Toad House which was felled
As this tree was situated on SCC land they should replace with a new tree. Clerk to discuss with SCC.
- b. Clr Salt gave an update on the telephone kiosk in Culford.
- c. A councillor had been asked by a resident as to whether council had considered not cutting grass verges but instead turning them in to wild flower side paths. Discussed but rejected by council
- d. Clr Fisher gave a detailed report on the latest meeting held with Neighbourhood Watch.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.
Next Meeting 26th September 2019.