

Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at Culford Village Hall on

Thursday 28th March 2024

Present: Councillors Rachael Salt (Chair), David Fisher, Cllr Paul Luke

In attendance: Christine Mason (Clerk to the Council), District Councillor Susan Glossop, County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger

72. Apologies

Cllr Andrew Miller, Cllr Paul Turnill

73. Declarations of Interest

a. Cllr Salt declared an interest in agenda items 83 DC/24/0355/TCA Proposal Trees in a conservation area- various works as per application form, Home Farm The Street Culford also agenda item 78 Village Hall.

b. None received.

74. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

75. County & District Councillor Reports

Cllr Susan Glossop: With reference to an email received from a member of the public concerning the replacing of a plain fence wire with a single strand razor wire on the new erected boundary fence along the highway verge adjacent to West Stow Road, Cllr Glossop has been informed by WSC there is no stipulation in planning regulations about the use of barbed wire and would be a private matter. Owner of the land to be written to c/o Lacey Scott expressing concerns that barbed wire is not environmentally or community friendly. With manure being piled up very close to the footpath near 'Southwood' causing the fence to collapse, it was agreed an official letter of complaint be sent to the owners of the stables preceding Cllr Salt contacting the ROW Officer. Additional topics included the Local Plan, the proposed devolution, the forthcoming Police & Crime Commissioner election; upgrade to recycling bins next year to include a food waste bin; lack of internet speed in the village, it was suggested by Cllr Salt the PC could subsidise the purchase of a refurbished Skylark receiver for £200 to £300 with individuals paying for their own subscription - an agenda item for the next meeting. Both Cllr Glossop and Cllr Hopfensperger offered a locality budget grant.

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger: The General Report was previously circulated. The speed survey results have come in and will be forwarded by Cllr Hopfensperger when received. A bulk order for 30mph sticky roundels has been placed, CWSW to be included once arrived.

In response to a question at the Parish Forum relating to the closure of the A1088 due to repairs to the bridge, Andy Moore to respond direct to Cllr Fisher.

76. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

77. Clerk's Report & Administrative Business

- a) There were no decisions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting.
- b) There were no relevant or significant matters not otherwise on the agenda.

78. Village Hall

- a) A request has been received from the Village Hall to install a Trief type kerb with a small gap in front of the front door for access to the war memorial. Following discussion, it was believed a slightly smaller kerb would be a more suitable option. Proposed by Cllr Luke and seconded by Cllr Fisher that advice/quotations be sought from three hard landscaping companies.
- b) In relation to the additional cost for cutting the grass around the memorial, it was agreed the amount be offset against the hall hire expense. The Chair of the Village Hall to be informed.

79. West Suffolk Town & Parish Forum – Cllr David Fisher

The presentation on Emergency Planning was delivered by Cllr Gerald Kelly, Portfolio Holder for Governance and Regulatory and supported by Ben Wilding, the local Emergency Planning Officer from Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. Further information can be obtained from Ben.Wilding@suffolk.gov.uk.

The presentation on the Housing Strategy Consultation was presented by Cllr Richard O'Driscoll, Portfolio Holder for Housing. During this item, housing growth in the Special Protection Area (SPA)

was discussed.

Suffolk Highways, Assistant Director for Highways, John Clements, focused the presentation on the state of Suffolks Roads. On the night, Cllrs raised problems with the recording of issues on the

Suffolk County Council Reporting Tool, stating that reports had been closed with no feedback or obvious solutions to issues. A question was raised about why lines are drawn round potholes. This signifies (where it is safe to do so) that the pothole has been identified a defect for the repair teams and other Highway users. These marks will normally fade within a few weeks. When marked, the repair is being organised and so these do not need to be reported again.

80. Update on the provision of a weekly mobile Post Office

No further update.

81. Culford Village Sign Update

A detailed list to support the planning application to carry out works to the cherry tree was noted.

82. To consider a way forward for downloading data from the speed camera

A laptop has been donated; software required to be installed. Cllrs Fisher, Miller, Salt to liaise.

83. Planning & Environment

DC/24/0170

Proposal: Installation of telecommunication base station installation comprising a 22.5 metre Monopole supporting six antenna, two 300mm dishes together with two equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto

Location The Triangle Culford Suffolk

Applicant Cornerstone

No objections

DC/24/0355/TCA

Proposal Trees in a conservation area- various species and various works as per application form

Location Home Farm The Street Culford Suffolk

No objections

DC/24/0353/HH

Householder application – a. replacement front door b. change of colour to external render on all Elevations c. conversion of existing attic to habitable accommodation d. single storey rear

extension (following demolition of existing extension) e. two rear dormer windows f. office with replacement doors

Location Toads House The Street Culford Suffolk

No objections

DC/24/0296/FUL

Planning application – conversion of an agricultural barn into dwelling (class C3)

Location Green Farm Brandon Road Culford Suffolk

No objections

APPEAL DECISION

Proposal Planning application - one dwelling

Location Land Adjoining Tilhill House Brandon Road Culford Suffolk

Appeal Reference AP/23/0046/STAND

The appeal was dismissed.

84. Financial Matters

- a. Proposed by Cllr Luke and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the Receipts and Payments schedule for February and March 2024 be approved – all in favour.
- b. Quotation for the 30mph roundels was withdrawn.

85. Councillor reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Luke: The West Stow village sign has been repaired at a cost of £130 with a new wooden post replaced free of charge.

Cllr Salt:

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.45pm

Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th May 2024.