

Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at Culford Village Hall on

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Present: Councillors Rachael Salt (Chair), Andrew Miller, David Fisher, Cllr Paul Turnill

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

45. Apologies

No apologies were received.

46. Declarations of Interest

- a. None received.
- b. None received.

47. Minutes

With two minor amendments, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th September 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. With regards to an item in agenda item 44, 'mature trees have been felled on the land near to the riding stables, to be bought to the attention of the tree officer', Cllr Glossop said unless a notification has been received, this would have been approved by the Forestry Commission, confirmed by Cllr Miller.

48. County & District Councillor Reports

Cllr Susan Glossop: Topics covered included the WSC consultation on grass cutting sent to all Town and Parish Councils, not applicable to CWSW as this is carried out by a local contractor and paid for by the parish council. A question to be asked within the response 'have all PCCs been contacted regarding the consultation'; Councillors now receive a newsletter, to be forwarded to the clerk for circulation; the next Local Plan up to 2040 is to go to Full Council in December with a final consultation in January/February, all can have their say but the final decision will be made by the Inspector. The Local Plan will be in place by 2025.

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger: The four traffic surveys have been ordered and will be paid for from Cllr Hopfensperger's Highways budget. Andy Moore is to check the lamp posts where the connections will go. Regarding permits for HGVs, there have been none issued for Culford/West Stow/Wordwell, these are only given when there is a weight restriction or weak bridge. RH to send the clerk a list of local areas that currently have permits. RH advised all incidents with HGVs to be reported on the Highways Reporting Tool, preferably with photographs, the link to be sent to the clerk. Cost for signage stick on stickers not yet received, RH to chase, audit of signs requiring

replacement has been carried out, damaged sign south out of the village has been ordered, replacement chevron at the triangle needs to be relocated to the correct location, AM to be advised. Other than roundel signage, Cllr Luke to be asked to double check signs and replacement

posts in West Stow. The Wordwell place name sign requires attention as both wooden posts have rotted (responsibility of WSC not SCC). Due to the darkness of the road, Cllr Glossop queried

whether the light outside the village hall should be moved nearer to the footpath; to be flagged to

the village hall committee, locality funding could be provided.

49. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

50. Clerk's Report & Administrative Business

a) There were no decisions taken under delegated powers since the last meeting.

b) Actions progressed since the last meeting - cheques for outstanding approved grants have been raised for signature; high visibility vests, litter pickers and bag hoops delivered, will be split between the villages; post on West Stow village sign in hand; speeding in West Stow still current. Actions still outstanding from the previous meeting - changes to appearance of Pine Tree House and Woodland View, The Old Post Office planning permission to sub divide into two dwellings, a replacement tree by Toad House, Cllr Glossop to be asked for advice on the above planning matters.

RH to again report an unsafe oak tree outside Honeytiles, Culford.

A suitable volunteer (or group) is required to become the Local Recorder for West Stow and Wordwell, the advert to be posted on the parish council website.

51. Meeting with Andy Moore, SCC Community Liaison Engineer

Proposed speed survey sites, FOI data, signage, damaged pavement in West Stow, local permits for lorries using Culford/West Stow – all in hand. In relation to AM's actions from the meeting of 27 October, the clerk to follow up in two weeks with Councillors copied in.

52. Grass cutting contract

Two quotations have been received. Decision deferred pending a like-for-like quote being obtained from both contractors. Agreed, further discussion and decision by email.

Additionally, RS suggested one area of grass at Beynon Gardens could be left as a wildflower area. RS to post a short consultation on Facebook for residents of Beynon Gardens.

53. Culford School hockey pitch lights

Following a complaint from a local resident that Culford School hockey pitch lights are still on after their permitted time of 9.00pm, contact to be made with the school and the Bury Hockey Club. A contact for the B.H.C. to be forwarded to the clerk.

54. Culford Village Sign

Approval was given for the quotation of £600 for removing, repainting and applying sealant to the village sign. The cherry tree will need to be cut back a planning application to be submitted when a date for the work to the sign has been confirmed.

55. Planning & Environment

DC/ 23/1887/TCA

PROPOSAL Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – two Silver birches (T1 and T2 on plan) works as per annotated photos

LOCATION 11 Chimney Mills West Stow Bury St Edmunds Suffolk

To be advised by the Tree Officer.

DC/23/1635/TPO

PROPOSAL TPO 191 (1993) Tree preservation order – one Common Walnut (G15 on plan and order) fell

LOCATION Crossways The Street Culford Suffolk IP28 6DT

To be advised by the Tree Officer.

Pre-Consultation application:

Proposed communications installation for Arqiva's smart meter network for Anglian water at West Stow STW.

Icklingham Road, Wideham Farm, West Stow, West Suffolk, IP28 6HE. NGR: E: 581078, N: 270843.

Noted.

56. Financial Matters

- a. Proposed by Cllr Salt and seconded by Cllr Fisher that the Receipts and Payments schedule for October and November 2023 be approved – all in favour.
- b. Budget figures were considered in detail and recommendations made. The Clerk to verify a precept figure based on a 5% or a smaller amount increase. A final figure to be agreed at the next meeting.

57. Councillor reports and items for future agendas

Items from Councillors included a way forward for downloading the data from the speed camera, RS to collate when completed. No other matters were raised.

Date of next meeting 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.50pm