

Culford, West Stow and Wordwell Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at Culford Village Hall on

Thursday 25th July 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Rachael Salt (Chair), Cllr Paul Luke, Cllr Andrew Miller, Cllr Paul Turnill

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

1. Apologies

Cllr David Fisher.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

Under agenda item 7, the word Skylark to be replaced by Skylink. Unanimously agreed that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2024 be ratified and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

4. County & District Councillors Reports

Cllr Glossop: Topics included information about Community Awards/Decarbonisation Fund and whether West Stow Club had applied previously to upgrade their lighting. An expression of interest form to be completed by 6th September and returned to Cllr Glossop; the WSC Annual Report went to Cabinet and will be circulated to Parish Councils shortly; with concerns regarding the reduced number of market stallholders in general, particularly in Brandon and Haverhill £300,000 is to be spent to help make them more successful; Barley Homes is to buy another property for homelessness; the new administration are to patch up the existing Leisure Centre with a £2.1 million spend on add-ons. At Full Council this was withdrawn pending a further public consultation, RH will check the survey prior to circulation; provision of a trampoline at Olding Road to be market tested; owing to high ongoing costs for residents, the purchase of refurbished Skylink receivers will not be taken forward.

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger: £26 million ponds has been approved for SEND to provide additional education therapists, front line staff, social workers; photos of a damaged wall at West Stow Lodge after being hit by a lorry to be sent to RH; the 30mph stickers are to be ordered, Andy Moore will replace them; with extra budget, what other signage needs replacing? RH to be sent details.

5. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Clerk's Report & Administrative Business

a. An estimate from a company specialising in war memorial cleaning was circulated prior to the meeting. Cost £2,100 with additional optional extras to include lime pointing at £70.00 per m2 and micro crystalline hard wax for the plaque at £80.00. Images received of possible kerbing to be forwarded to Tony Bate for his input. Alternative quotations to be sought. A grant from the War Memorial Trust to carry out the work is an option. To be a rolling agenda item.

b. There were no relevant or significant matters not otherwise on the agenda to advise on.

7. Speeding /Traffic surveys

To examine the data from the traffic survey and the village speed camera a meeting with Andy Moore to be arranged. A request to be submitted to SCC for the ANPR camera to be sited in Culford.

8. Culford Village Sign update

No update at present.

9. Update on the download of data from the speed camera

Speed data now downloaded via Bluetooth to the laptop. Results of the data to be circulated to all councillors, Andy Moore and Cllr Hopfensperger, Cllr Salt to action. The speed camera from West Stow to be passed to RS for the data transfer, Cllr Luke to action.

10. Planning & Environment

DC/24/0988/TCA Greenacres The Street Culford Suffolk

Trees in a conservation area notification – one Cherry (T1 on plan) fell

To be advised by the tree officer

DC/28/0872/TPO Greenacres The Street Culford Suffolk

TPO 191 (1993) – tree preservation order – one silver birch (T17 on plan) fell

To be advised by the tree officer

DC/24/0839/TCA The Rectory Ingham Road West Stow Suffolk

Trees in a conservation area notification – a. one Pine (T03 on plan) prune back the lower branch on lawn side by two metres to clear overhead cable b. one Hazel (G01 on plan) prune three branches by two metres to clear cable c. one Cherry (A02 on plan) fell

No objections

DC/23/0397/FUL Southdene, 7 The Drift, Culford Suffolk

Planning application – one dwelling (demolition of existing) with associated access

No objections but to be noted demolition has already taken place

11. Financial Matters

- a. Approval for Financial Standing Orders was deferred until the next meeting
- b. The schedule of receipts and payments were unanimously approved
- c. To be minuted for clarity: Due to legislative changes, other than the fabric of the building, an application for a S137 donation can legally be made by churches. Future grant requests to be discussed as and when received.

12. Parish Council website

A copy to be put together for a website link detailing speed camera data, traffic surveys, accident reporting tool, what the parish council are currently doing to reduce speeding and dangerous/inappropriate HGVs. Cllr Miller to action and circulate.

13. 'Meet your Councillors' social evening

Discussion deferred until the September meeting.

14. Councillor' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Salt had attended the SALC Annual General Meeting at which the CAB gave a presentation on their work; availability of broadband connection in the villages, an agenda item at the next meeting;

the planning application for the Telecommunication Mast has to date not been approved, to be added as a rolling action.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.