



Culworth Newsletter



December & January 22/23

A message from the Parish Council

Looking back over 2022 we have certainly had an eventful year. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June followed by the sad occasion of Her Majesty's passing in September were memorable events that our community marked along with the rest of the nation.

We were also able to make a start on the enhancements to the Hill Field mainly financed by a £109k grant from Sport England. The enhancement will include better access to the field, additional parking, upgraded Cricket square, new practice nets, temporary refurbishment of the Pavilion and with a grant from HS2 the long-desired Community Park with play equipment for the children.

We recently planted 210 Wildwood trees at the bottom of the Bridleway next to the old railway bridge. This was part of the Queen's Canopy project and will grow into what might be called Platinum Wood. Other ideas are being mooted for environmental enhancement projects and we will be looking for volunteers to join in.

Next year the Council will face a number of challenges. Costs have risen dramatically and we have to recruit and train a new Parish Clerk. Jose has served the Council loyally and diligently for many years and we will have an opportunity to say a big thank you to her before she retires. She will not be leaving the village and will doubtless be of great assistance to her successor in the handover.

Next May we will celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles. This will be a big national occasion along the lines of the Platinum Jubilee so another excuse for community gatherings and another street party. We have not had a Coronation for a long time and only those over 75 years old will remember what happens!



Christmas Carol Service

8th December 6pm

Come and sing traditional carols
and get into the Christmas spirit

Back to the present, on behalf of the Parish Council may I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew Wilby

Chairman

Culworth Parish Council

Could you be our next Parish Clerk?

7.5 hours a week, working from home

The parish clerk is responsible for the administration of the business and finances of the council. The post includes some evening work and occasional attendance at civic functions. He or she must be computer literate, with good communication skills. A friendly and positive outlook is essential. The successful applicant would be expected to have, or be prepared to obtain, CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration).

For further information and a job description, please contact: Andrew Wilby

Closing date: December 15th

CHFT Briefing Note: PC/VHT/Newsletter 10th November, 2022)

1. **Overview:** We are making good progress with the work to improve the cricket facilities, detailed below. The work to comply with the pre-commencement conditions to implement the existing planning

permission for the new Community Recreation facility has been completed and the Phase 1 Works is expected to start in November. The CHFT is responsible for the management of all the works on behalf of the Culworth Parish Council (PC) in accordance with their Partnership Agreement. Once the works have been completed it is the intention that the PC will grant a long leasehold interest in the land to CHFT.

2. **Budget:** The cost of all the works is expected to be within the original budget of £159k. The funding for which is set out in the table below:

Funding:	£k
Sport England	109
Match Funding	
PC grants 2021/2022	30
Village Hall Trust (VHT)	14
Cricket Club (CC)	6
Sub total	50
Funding:	<u>159</u>

3. Improvement to the Cricket facilities

- The works to realign the cricket pitch have been completed.
- The installation of the new Practice Cricket Nets is expected to be completed by the end of November.
- The interim repairs to the pavilion are expected to start in November.

4. Phase 1 Works

- The work necessary to clear all the pre-commencement conditions has been agreed with the Local Authority and submitted to them and receipt acknowledged.
- The Archaeological survey has been carried out and nothing has been found, so the Phase 1 building work, to implement the planning permission, can commence.
- The work to remove the trees, in line with the planning permission, will be carried out this November.
- The work to widen the existing access, create a new one, alter the stone wall and construct the new drive will be started in November.
- The Section 278 works to construct the 'cross overs' over the grass verge, will be carried out next year.

5. Benefits of the Phase 1 works

- It creates a much safer entrance and exit to Hill Field than the existing access via Banbury Lane. Safe access will be a key planning issue for the play area on the Hill Field.
- It creates much needed 'off road' parking for events, sports and the play area, which when constructed, will help to relieve traffic congestion.
- It implements the current planning permission, establishes

the principle of development on this site, and leaves open the opportunity to deliver a new Community and Recreation Facility, as planned, when funds permit.

- The improved access will assist future construction and development of the new facility.
- The completion of the Phase 1 Works will help with future funding.

John Duggan

Chair Culworth Hill Field Trust (CHFT)

Waste & Recycling



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Waste and recycling collection crews will be working throughout the festive season to make sure services are delivered on time and with no delays.

Cllr Phil Larratt, WNC's Cabinet Member for environment, transport, highways and waste said: "As a Council, we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our waste collection crews who continue to provide an outstanding and vital service all year round.

"The festive period can mean that households have more recycling and waste than any other time throughout the year.

"I would encourage all residents to ensure that all recycling is washed, crushed and disposed of properly so we can all do our bit to recycle this Christmas."

Downloadable bin calendars with information about waste and recycling arrangements each area of West Northants will be available from the Bins, Recycling and Waste pages of our website by the end of November.

But in the meantime, the main things to remember are:

- Waste and recycling collection days in the South Northamptonshire and Northampton areas will not change over Christmas and New Year.
- Collections in the Daventry area which are due to take place on Monday 26 December, will be collected on Saturday 24 December instead.
- Garden waste collections will be suspended from 24 December until 6 January across West Northants.
- Crews will collect real Christmas trees between 9 and 20 January.
- Residents in the Daventry and South Northants areas should put real Christmas trees out on the day that garden waste is due to be collected in their area.
- In the Northampton area, real trees should be put out next to recycling bins, and those on sack collections can present trees beside their recycling boxes and green sacks on their collection day.
- Please ensure any trees over 6ft tall are cut in half, so they will fit into the lorries safely.
- You do not need a garden waste subscription to put out your real Christmas tree for collection.

Additional recycling can be put out in clear plastic bags or boxes alongside recycling bins and boxes, or can also be taken to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

These are open as usual throughout the festive period except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, when they will be closed. Centres will also close early on Christmas Eve, at 2pm.

Find out more information about waste and recycling collections this Christmas on the [WNC website](#).

Crime update

Reports from the village of antisocial behaviour and drug use are on the increase – residents are advised to report any suspicious incidents via 101 if it is happening at the time. If it is to simply inform the local officers for follow-up work to be done, this can be done by emailing the local neighbourhood team via

NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.police.uk

The primary school are also reporting an increase in speeding through the village and inconsiderate parking at either end of the school day. I will be liaising with the HS2 point of contact to ensure their workers are aware of the need to adhere to the speed limit through the village but would ask that ALL residents please be mindful of their speed through the village.

PC 911 Mel Carter

If you want to find out more about what your local Neighbourhood Policing Team are working on and about crime in your local area, please sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at:
www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk



Brackley Team Email: NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Twitter: @SthNorthantsNPT

Neighbourhood Alert register at
www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk



What's coming up later this winter?

As we head towards the end of the year we're sharing some updates, ideas, and events for the festive season. We couldn't continue to support our wonderful community without the help of people like you. Thank you!

Tractor Run route

The ever-popular RC Baker Tractor Run is back – and this time they really are going the extra mile! A new extended route has been announced for this year taking the fairy-lit fleet into the heart of Banbury. We cannot wait for the buzz and the bling of the Tractor Run, so make sure you get Saturday 17 December in your diaries. You can find the route map, timings and details of how you can donate to this event here: www.khh.org.uk/tractor.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree...

Our Tree-cycle scheme is back – and available in even more areas! So instead of worrying about how to environmentally dispose of your tree after all the festivities are over, you can make a donation to Katharine House Hospice and, in return, we will send one of our elves to collect and recycle your tree. Head to our website to find out more and check if your post code is included in the scheme. www.khh.org.uk/christmastree

Spread some cheer and volunteer!

We couldn't run our events or continue to provide all our services without the support of our brilliant volunteers. We're always on the lookout for new volunteers, but especially around Christmas when we're running lots of events and adding extra touches to make the season even more special. If you think you can help, take a look at the seasonal roles available on our website:
www.khh.org.uk/FestiveVolunteer.

The gift that keeps on giving

If you're after a great idea for Christmas pressies, then we think our Charity Calendar for 2023 makes a great gift. The calendar features 12 stunning local scenes – taken by talented members of Banbury Camera Club – and helps to raise vital funds for our hospice. You can pick up your calendars as well as our fantastic range of Christmas cards in one of our shops or find them in the Christmas Shop on our website. www.khh.org.uk/christmas-shop

We're here to help

If you have lost someone you love and would like some support, we have a team of trained Bereavement Support Workers waiting to help you. The support is free, can be carried out face to face or on the phone. And you don't need to have had any direct involvement with the hospice, we are here for anyone who needs us. If you'd like to find out more about how we can help support you, please take a look on our website:

www.khh.org.uk/bereavement-services.

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter and keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice. www.khh.org.uk/newsletter

The Queen Canopy



On a glorious November lunchtime, 210 trees or rather striplings were planted along the bridleway down the concrete road on a site generously given by Charles Buckley. The trees came from the Woodland Trust as part of the Queens Green Canopy which the Culworth Community Group led by Sophie Nickel Lean and Nancy Guinness wanted to organise.

A selection of wild cherry, crabapple, dog rose, hazel, silver birch, rowan, blackthorn were planted in a spiral by a willing band of helpers. In the centre it is hoped to plant a specimen oak tree. Andrew Wilby Chair of Parish Council oversaw the planting. There will be some good photographs on the website and possibly newsletter.

Special thanks must go not only to Charles Buckley but the farm Manager Marcus Boniface. Martin Rowling painstakingly worked out the detail of the spiral. David and Kate Smith gave great assistance in the setting out, giving out the trees and indeed in planting.

Thanks to all those who attended.

Culworth Snappers

Check out our facebook page at "Culworth snappers"

For further information contact John 07867918960.

The Forge

Forge Coffee would like to take this opportunity thank all our customers for their loyalty throughout the year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Before Christmas arrives, we do still have a few events to enjoy. On December 2nd we have a pizza night courtesy of Santina's Wood Fired Pizza (please email Jade on culworth@forgecoffee.co.uk to book a table). On December 12th Culworth's Suzy Cubitt-O'Neill will be hosting a Christmas Wreath Workshop while December 16th brings the final 2022 edition of Ryan Mold's monthly comedy nights. Buy your tickets via Ticketlab:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/13992#/>

Forge Coffee will be closed between Christmas and New Year and will reopen on January 3rd.

For all our events, check our website: <https://www.forgecoffee.co.uk/whats-on> or follow us on Instagram (@forge_coffee) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/forgecoffee>)

CULWORTH FILM NIGHTS –

Friday 13th January

Friday 17th February

Friday 24th March

Friday 21st April



News from St Mary's

In last year's Christmas message I wrote that I was hoping to see a white Christmas in this lovely part of the world; a few days later it snowed – and then that was it, no snow in December at all! Snow makes Christmas a little more special, and most Christmas cards and wrapping papers are full of it, but it's not necessary, and Christmas happens with or without it; the Christmas message always come through.

The Grinch tried to steal Christmas; he disguised himself as Santa and, after the real Santa had visited, he stole all the families' presents. But to his amazement, he hadn't stopped Christmas from coming; 'somehow it came, just the same! Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store; maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!' Christmas is what lies behind the presents and tinsel; the message of Christmas is love, joy and peace to all, and came in the form of Jesus.

Another Grinch has tried to steal Christmas; on 24 February Putin invaded Ukraine, and thousands have died and will die; but in the end, Putin will, like the Grinch, fail miserably, because love, joy and peace always triumph, though at a terrible cost. Thanks to the generosity of people in Europe and here, thousands of Ukrainians will enjoy a peaceful Christmas,

though they grieve for their loved ones left behind.

The message of Christmas will always be powerful – love, joy and peace; that was the message that Jesus came to bring, and it is as relevant now as the day he was born.

Sadly, my stay here is coming to an end; Christmas Day will be my last day of work in these wonderful churches and villages. So I'd like to thank you for always making me feel welcome, and to say what a joy it has been to be here, and having the opportunity of getting to know lots of you; Merry Christmas, and a truly happy and peaceful New Year.

Revd Mike.

Culworth Benefice Services December/January 2022/3

4th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Chipping Warden Benefice Holy Communion
4 p.m. Moreton Pinkney Christingle Service
6 p.m. Culworth Evensong

11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Chipping Warden Holy Communion
9.30 Moreton Pinkney Morning Prayer
11.00 Culworth Christingle service
4 p.m. Moreton Pinkney Carol Service

18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion
3pm Chipping Warden Carol Service
6pm Culworth Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve Midnight Service

11.30p.m. Chipping Warden Holy Communion

25th December Christmas Day

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion

11am Culworth Holy Communion

11 a.m. Edgcote Holy Communion

2023

1st January 2nd Sunday of Christmas

11.00 Edgcote Benefice Carol Service

8th January 1st Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Chipping Warden Holy Communion

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Morning Prayer

11 am Culworth Family Service

15th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Moreton Pinkney Holy Communion

22nd January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 Moreton Pinkney Mattins

10 a.m. Chipping Warden Mattins

11 a.m. Edgcote Holy Communion

6p.m. Culworth Evensong

29th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 Culworth Benefice Holy Communion

Christmas Services 2022

December 11th 11 am Christingle Service



Please come and bring you children, grandchildren and great grandchildren along to a very informal service. Children love the simple message of Christingle and as always the collection benefits the excellent and vital work of The Children's Society.

December 18th 6 pm Candlelit Carols



with all your traditional carols and reading, often with a touch

of humour. Drinks and nibbles at The Old Rectory afterwards, (by kind permission of Ed and Nancy)

December 25th 11am Christmas Day Holy

Communion led by Rev Mike Chesher.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Following on from the late Rosemary Courtney, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one at the start of the Christmas day service at Culworth starting at 11am. Names will be read out at the start of the service followed by a prayer of remembrance. Donations will continue to be set aside for church redecoration which is badly needed.

If you are unable to attend the service but would like a candle lit, please contact Jose Rowling 01295760571 or The Forge Culworth so the names can be added to the list.



Village Café

3rd December & 8th January

Every First Saturday of the Month 10 till 12

Culworth Village Hall

Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Donations welcome for the Village Hall and Culworth Church

Get to know others from the village

Culworth Village Café

The village cafe is open on the first Saturday of **every** month from 10 till 12.

This has been running now for 8 years and I originally started it as a way for people of all ages in the village to meet and have a chat and to get to know each other. There is no charge for the coffee, tea and home-made cakes but there is always a donation plate, the money going to the Village Hall and church funds. The village hall committee allow us to use the hall free of charge.

We have a regular group of people who come but it would be lovely to see new faces and for the many newcomers who have moved into our village it is an opportunity to meet those of us who have lived here since the Stone Age.

Just remember – FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Pop in for a few minutes or longer if you've got the time.

Saying Goodbye

We are so very sorry to be saying goodbye to our rector, Mike, at the end of this year. Although he has been in Culworth for less than two years, we have all benefitted from his thoughtfulness, sincerity, humour, level headedness and of course his faith. Whether you are a regular member of St Mary's congregation or you have come across his help and compassion during a bereavement, or his help when you have got married I know you will appreciate what a loss he will be to us all when he leaves.

There will be a special service at Moreton Pinkney on 15th January at 10am, taken by Bishop Ed Condry, which will be an opportunity to say goodbye.

Culworth Church Services in 2023

From January 2023 the pattern of services each month will change slightly.

1st Sunday 10 am Holy Communion Culworth (no longer the benefice service)

2nd Sunday 11 am Family Service

3rd Sunday 10 am Mattins

4th Sunday 6 pm Evensong

5th Sunday (usually about 3 a year) 10 am

Benefice Holy Communion

We are fortunate to have a service every Sunday in our church and we will try to maintain this pattern. At the moment we have no replacement for Mike.

There are a few vacancies in the Deanery and therefore quite a demand on the time of local retired clergy to take the services needing an ordained priest i.e.

Holy Communion. We are very fortunate to have all our services where we need a priest covered until after Easter 2023.

During the Interregnum please ring Martin or Jenny if you have any queries about church matters. (Martin: 01295 760571 – Josephine.rowling@gmail.com Jenny: 01295 768110 – jenny_howse@hotmail.com)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this wonderful cause. We raised £315 (plus £55 gift aid)

Thank You

Remembrance Service

Thank you to all those who attended the service at 10.15am in the church today.

Martin Rowling led the service with Jenny Howse playing the five hymns. About 50 people attended the service to enjoy the church decorated with poppies.

David Mold on behalf of the Royal British Legion, June Oxley on behalf of Culworth Church and Andrew Wilby Chair of Culworth Parish Council laid wreaths on the altar for the service.

Andrew Wilby and James Stewart read very clearly the two lessons.

Following the service, the congregation walked to the War Memorial where Rev Mike Chesher led the short act of worship and laying of the poppy wreaths.

Luke Annaly read so well the Culworth Roll of Honour followed by the Exhortation and Kohima to a gathering in excess of 60 people.

We are so privileged to live in beautiful village where people care.

Births, Deaths and Marriages

Jean Johnson had lived quietly in the sheltered units for a long while. Initially she used to drive or go on the bus to Banbury regularly. She attended Culworth Gang. As her health deteriorated, carers and her daughter Nicola kept her at home. In the summer her carers brought her into the village. Always smart with her hair set, she had a lovely smile.

She died peacefully in her flat with Diana, her neighbour sitting with her on November 12th. Her funeral is at Syresham Church on Friday December 2nd at 12 midday. All those who knew her are welcome at the funeral. Her cortege will leave Culworth House at 11.30am. On behalf of the village, we send our sympathy to Nicola her daughter.

CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting July 19th 2022- hot evening temperature 38'. Agenda breviated

1. Councillors present Chair, M. Rowling, J. Mullins Blyth, D. Mumford, M. Koster, N. Guinness. WNC A. Eastwood and Clerk Mrs J. Rowling
2. Apologies for absence -None
3. Declarations of interest on agenda- None
4. Members of public present-None
5. OPEN meeting- None.
6. Minutes of 31 May 2022 proposed D. Mumford and seconded J. Mullins Blyth as correct and meeting 29th June 2022 proposed N. Guinness and

seconded M. Koster. All councillors approved

7. Any matters arising not on agenda- None
8. Asset mapping-update- note NCALC update 14 July 2022 re draft policy to adopt tracts of land from WNC. Present mapping to be transferred to website. Mrs K. Smith and Mrs J. Wilby to attend to
9. Clerk's notes
 - a. Defibrillator training of trainer- Stuart Pickwick hoping course start in September. Defibrillator on ambulance website
10. Review complaints procedure attached-September meeting
11. GDPR-September meeting
12. Community park- Preplanning advice stated that planning was not required. Group sourcing funding using WNC Eastwood as contact. Project manager Jon Green to oversee project.
13. Report from Cllr Eastwood on West Northants Council- 200 bus continuing until January 2023 from Banbury to Rugby.
14. Community group updates- Cllr Wilby reported break for summer holidays
15. Jubilee events report Cllr Wilby- well attended and much acclaim.
16. Platinum Jubilee wood- 210 trees ordered for November. Cllr Wilby Cllr Guinness Mrs S. Nickels Lean will convene meeting in September
17. HS2 Ltd updates – as circulated
18. Culworth Hill Field Trust Cllr Wilby- letter from resident. Request from

CHFT circulated in advance of meeting. Proposed by Cllr Wilby and seconded by Cllr Mullins Blyth to agree advance of £10000 from 2023-4 budget. Messrs Duggan and Wilby attended Village Hall Trust meeting on 11/7. To ensure project can go ahead, Parish Council will underwrite £4000 proposed by Cllr Wilby and seconded Cllr Mumford. ALL councillors in favour.

19. Clerks contract and job application for discussion and advertise by September 2022. Clerk to forward NCALC draft contract to Cllrs Wilby, Rolt and Koster.

20. FINANCE

a. Receipts

- i. Western Power distribution wayleave annual payment for substation and poles £5.10
- ii. Funeral partners fees for Norman John Blower funeral £331

b. Payments paid by BACS

- i. Good food catering for Jubilee £325 section 137
- ii. Trelawney Wines £244.24 section 137
- iii. Prysebros General weed treatment £914.40
- iv. Texprep Printing for Jubilee £308.36
- v. Yu energy May unmetered supply £67.96

- vi. Yu energy May sensors £14.34
 - vii. Cartwright Landscapes mowing May £151.20
 - viii. Roger Smith mowing burial ground and recreation field £179
 - ix. Unity bank service charge £18
 - x. 8/7/2022 Yu energy 1-30 Jun sensors £13.52
 - xi. Yu energy 1-30 June unmetered supply £60.84
 - xii. HMRC 1st payment £323.60
 - xiii. NCALC annual fee £505.91
 - xiv. Mrs J. Rowling Jubilee expenses £270.42 section 137
 - xv. Texprep jubilee newsletter in colour £289.88 section 137
 - xvi. Roger Smith mowing June £141
 - xvii. Cartwright Landscapes Mowing June £603.60
 - xviii. Mrs J. Rowling WNC pest control for wasps nest on Village Green £78
 - xix. Clerks salary and expenses of office April to June £1294.26, Broadband £75, Use of house as office £100.
- c. Current account on 12 July £35422.81. NB second half of precept £12,500 due in September 2022.

- d. Accounts were approved by all councillors

21.Planning

- a. Applications
 - i. WNS/2022/1384/FUL
Proposal Change of use for an existing agricultural building to an off-grid' eco holiday let.Location Agricultural barn within 9 acre field off Banbury lane Culworth. Parish Council planning committee comments- No comment
- b. Consent from WNC- none

22.Correspondence sent regularly by email

- a. NCALC updates- asset mapping draft policy
- b. WNC
- c. Clerks Councils direct
- d. Letter of thanks from Mrs Lucy Mold and Mrs Ruck Keene for Jubilee flowers. Mrs Lucy Mold died on 16th July aged 105 years and 7 months in her own home.Letter and flowers sent from Parish Council to her daughter Pauline

23.Date of next meeting 20th September 2022

24.Close of meeting 7.35pm

There is a vacancy for a bookings clerk on the Village Hall Committee. If you are interested to learn more about this role, please call Julie Tinn on 01295 760855 or Sarah on [07974934587](tel:07974934587) or email jules.tinn@gmail.com or sarahandpowell@hotmail.com.



FORGE COFFEE

With the schools back we've tweaked our hours to cater for the morning drop off so we're now open:
Mondays to Fridays 8:45am-4pm
Saturdays 9am-4pm
Sundays 9am-3pm

Thanks for all your support.

Do let us know if you'd like to use the venue for any events or for parties etc.

Jose has a village network list of emails. She sends any news or information out to all people on that list, including missing dogs, break-ins, 'What's On' etc. etc. in fact anything to do with village life. If you would like to be included, please email her... culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com

Whilst the Parish Council fund the publication of the newsletter, the views expressed in it may not be those of the Parish Council

Want to know what is happening in the village?

Here are some of the websites that may be helpful

<http://www.culworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/culworth-parish-council-18681/home/#>

Culworth Village website
Culworth Facebook
Culworth Community Facebook
Nextdoor Culworth
Red Lion website and Facebook
Forge Coffee website

Mumfords Butchers

serving the local community for over 90 years
fresh Meats and fruit and veg delivered to your door



Please send items for the next newsletter to the editor, Kate Smith via email culworth.newsletter@gmail.com copy dates are:

13th January for February/ March
24th March for April / May
19th May for June/ July
21st July for August / September
22nd September for October / November
24th November for December / January

Do you have a local business, please tell us about it via the village newsletter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all



Culworth Parish Council - draft Budget 2023-24

The Council faces a number of financial challenges in the coming year. As well as the Covid Pandemic and Russian-caused inflationary pressures on costs we have to budget for the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk. The Council has been so very fortunate since the early 1990s to have been given so many years of loyal service by Mrs Josephine Rowling. Over these years the terms, conditions and employment cost of Parish Clerks nationally has increased and we now have to face and budget for considerably higher costs for recruiting, training and equipping a new "Clerk and Financial Officer." Other inflationary pressures are difficult to anticipate and the Council has just invested some £30k in the Hill Field Project leaving much reduced reserves. It is therefore prudent that we should set an at least break-even budget for the coming year and this we have done.

Profit & Loss Account

	Budget2022/23	Budget2023/24	
Income			
Precept	23500	37000	Inflation and additional cost of new Clerk
Fees and charges	0	0	insignificant
Other income			
Unallocated funds brought forward	5540	5540	CILs funding
Allocated funds brought forward	<u>20000</u>	0	2021 and 2022 grants to CHFT
Total Income	<u>49040</u>	42540	
Expenditure			
Administration expenses			
Clerks Salary	6473	8000	scale amount - new Clerk
Admin on-costs	1300	1400	anticipated increase
Broadband/telephone	200	500	£40/month
Printing/copying/postage	200	250	increase in postal/phone charges
Expenses	<u>200</u>	2000	New Clerk/equipment etc
Total Administrative Cost	<u>8373</u>	12150	
Direct Fixed Expenses			
Insurance	380	900	Hill Field additional cost
Audit/accountancy	562	562	Expected to increase
Hire of Hall	300	300	6 meetings/year
Subscriptions: NALC/ACRE/SLCC	400	500	Notified increases
Citizens Advice Bureau S142	100	100	Grant on behalf of community
Election costs	0	0	Not expected until 2025
Training	0	300	New Clerk
Website	0	0	Free
Newsletter/reports	250	250	6 per year
Street Lighting	<u>3000</u>	4000	Conversions to LED.
Total Fixed Costs	<u>4992</u>	6912	
Maintenance and variable costs			
Village Green & Barley Hill	1000	1000	Grass cutting
Burial Ground	900	900	Maintenance
Bus shelters	200	0	Refreshed in 2022
Tree Surgeon	500	2000	Expected safety work
Cricknet Field	500	500	Grass cutting
Recreation Field	500	500	Grass cutting
Berry Hill Close	1000	1000	Grass cutting
Footpaths	100	0	No apparent requirement.
Cricknet Pavilion	0	0	Renovation funded by Sport England
Dog Bins	900	900	Annual charge by WNC
Community Fund			
CHFT funding	10000	10000	CHFT grant advanced in 2022
Community Project	0	1500	Community development fund
Community Park funding	0	0	Requirement currently unknown
Coronation 137	0	2884	Section 137 permitted expenditure
HM Jubilee & Funeral 137	2884	0	Section 137 permitted expenditure
British Legion	20	20	Wreath
Other	0	0	
Contingencies	<u>1000</u>	2000	New clerk and inflationary pressures
Total Variable Costs	<u>19504</u>	23204	
Grand Total Expenditure	<u>32869</u>	42266	Admin costs + Fixed costs +Variable costs
Net Surplus/(Loss) to reserves	<u><u>16171</u></u>	274	

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On behalf of Culworth Parish Council