



## Culworth Newsletter

### February – March 2021



Jack and Wayne (Old Village Shop) and their Snowman  
(Photo Joanne Wilby)

Although it is winter with long wet days we are so lucky to be in Culworth. Snowdrops, aconites and daffodils are in bloom.

Many of the older residents are in the process of receiving their vaccinations but we must all continue to stay safe well and warm. If you need help getting to the centres please ring in good time. The centres are brilliant.

The emergency team can be contacted if you need help with collecting prescriptions, shopping, a friendly telephone call or any other issues. Not all can be solved but we can try.

Social media offers ways of keeping in touch but even those skilled in that, can benefit from a friendly chat when out exercising or a real telephone call.

If you need help in anyway, please do ring 01295760571 in the first instance or 07776400836 where Jose can forward your call to willing helpers.

You can also contact  
Stuart Rolt 07866264680  
Andrew Wilby 0783295042  
Peter Coville 07917201245

### Carols on the Green

In spite of restrictions, a good number of people socially distanced enjoyed Carols played wonderfully by John Macree, Justin Thurgur and Ian Sanderson.

Sadly the usual generous hospitality could not be offered but it was still a cheery start to an unusual Christmas season. Thank you to Simon Theobald for organising this Annual Event.

### Culworth Snappers

Culworth Snappers Camera Club, your friendly village camera club, new members welcome.

This month's topic is "flight" chosen by Julie Forbes. Why not join us to view the members images on our next zoom on 25th February or visit our Facebook page "Culworth Snappers".

For more information contact John 07867 918960.

### Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Northamptonshire

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants) is the website for you! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the Web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

[www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)

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### Dogs and Sheep

There are 2 main ways in which dogs present a danger to sheep. First, and most dangerous, is sheep worrying. There have been several instances of this near Culworth recently. Even dogs which are normally well-behaved can decide to chase sheep if they are allowed

to run free near livestock. Spring is a particularly dangerous time as the ewes are either pregnant or have young lambs.

The second problem is dog tapeworms which can cause several diseases in sheep. The dog excretes the worm eggs onto the grass which are then eaten by sheep. The eggs hatch and the immature worms burrow through the sheep's gut and migrate around the body. If they reach the brain they develop causing the sheep to become disorientated and turn in circles, hence the common names for this condition 'turning sickness' or 'gid'. The sheep eventually dies.

Please can I ask all dog owners to:

- a) Keep your dog on a lead particularly around livestock
- b) Pick up any poo your dog does and put it in the bins provided by the Parish Council
- c) Worm your dog regularly
- d) Keep to the footpath.

Thank you.

Barbara Leadbeater

### **Litter Picking**

Thanks to Joanne Wilby Jenny Howse, John and Christine Emmett, Ian Simonsen, John Mullins Blyth, Julie Tinn, Bob and Cheryl Proberts and others, bags of litter has been collected.

BUT don't forget the Annual Litter Pick on Saturday March 6th 10am starting at The Forge.

Social distancing can be maintained as people either work singly or in their bubble pairs.

Martin hopes to provide Litter pick sticks and black bags but please provide your own gloves and high-viz jackets. SNC usually provide some.

### **News from St Mary's Church Culworth**

ON Christmas Day

Gerald Cadogan read out the following names after which the Ven David Painter offered a prayer for their special memories



CHRISTMAS CANDLES were lit in memory of Geoff and Enid Mold Reg and Mary Tustian Jim and Stella Oxley Horace and Hilda Busby Henry Humphrey Roy Bassett George and Laura Cole Nigel Rowling

Eric Bates

Dora and Lewis Winter

Simon Aveline

Janna Koster

Deryck Wincott

Peter Mumford

Wade and Bray families

George and Caroline Konig

Hall family

Nigel and Val Viney

Tony Apperley

Camilla Cary

Mark Whittow

Christopher Bike

£125 was donated towards the redecoration of the South Aisle. The churchwardens are most grateful

### **Carol Service**

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success even if we were unable to join in with the carols sung by King's College Cambridge. Generous donations meant we were able to send £119.60 to The Children's Society.

As usual Diana Langdale had rallied the troops to decorate the church beautifully.

### **Christmas Day**

We were very fortunate to have the Ven David Painter take our Christmas Day service. A small choir was able to provide the carols, the sun shone. The collection raised £184, which will go towards much needed redecoration inside the church.

### **Culworth Church Services**

Due to the severity of the Covid numbers at the moment, the PCC has decided to suspend our normal services until there is a change in the pandemic advice.

**The church will remain open as usual for private prayer and also the library is still stocked with books for you to use during lockdown.**

Some of you have found the weekly short services provided by Rev Carolyn Oley (Brackley Rural Dean) comforting at this time. If you would like to receive one each week by email please let Jose know. If you would like a hard copy please let Jose know.

During the interregnum the Rural Dean (Rev. Carolyn Oley) will legally be in charge. Any queries however should initially be made through the church wardens, so weddings and funerals can continue as usual. Church Wardens are Martin Rowling – 01295 760571 (josephine.rowling@email.com) and Jenny Howse - 01295 768110 ([jenny\\_howse@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny_howse@hotmail.com))

Hopefully the lifting of restrictions will allow us to resume normal services as soon as we can and hopefully Easter services will go ahead as usual.

### **APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE FOR DUTY PRIEST (RECTOR DESIGNATE)**

A new Rector has been appointed for the Culworth Benefice. We are delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Donald, the Patrons and the Parish Representatives, the Reverend Michael Chesher (currently having Permission to Officiate in Lincoln Diocese) has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become the Rector Designate of the parishes of Culworth, Chipping Warden, Edgcote and Moreton Pinkney.

A date for Mike's Institution and Induction will be announced in due course.

We have been very lucky to get a new incumbent so soon after Brian left, as the process will usually take many months of waiting. We look forward to welcoming Mike very soon.

### **Churchyard Mowing**

The volunteer mowers were brilliant again last year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. The rota has worked really well for the past few years and all slots were filled. We now need volunteers for this year.

***Would you be prepared to be on a rota to mow the churchyard? Takes about an hour (!!) and a well-maintained mower is provided. Please help. Each volunteer to be responsible for a 2-week slot in the year.***

***Please fill in the rota on the table in church or email/phone one of the churchwardens.***

### **Public Health Northamptonshire**

My name is Fatma and I work as part of Public Health Northamptonshire for the Supporting Independence Programme. Now, more than ever, services across the community are working together to support those most affected by COVID. Our aim is to support and enable people to maintain their independence and resilience for as long as possible. We are keen to work in partnership with local parishes to promote our service to the wider community, in order to support vulnerable adults to improve and maintain their independence and wellbeing.

Our service can be tailored to support anybody in the county, over the age of 18, who may be struggling with one or several areas of their life, leading to mild frailty or reduced independence. We are currently operating as a telephone service, offering 12 weeks of person-

centred support with a trained Wellbeing Advisor. Advisors have a wealth of knowledge and contacts for community services, charities and organisations across the county, working in partnership to achieve a positive outcome for customers. Referrals are dependent on successful completion of the eligibility criteria, which are just a few quick questions included within the referral form. Our administrator will then contact the customer within 2 working days to arrange an initial appointment with an allocated advisor. Examples of areas we support with include:

- Social isolation
- Falls
- Lifestyle
- Medication
- Mental and emotional health
- Physical health and mobility

For more information and to access the online referral form, please visit:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/health/pages/supporting-independence.aspx>

### **HS2: Magpie compound lighting**

As you know, HS2 are building a compound the other side of Magpie farm. This compound will eventually have a number of buildings, and a concrete-making plant. During the construction process, the whole area is lit up by floodlights on towers, and regrettably these are very visible from Culworth, damaging the night sky darkness sky in that direction.

The Parish Council has been in touch with HS2, seeking to understand the need for the lights and the type of lights being used, and the need for lighting throughout the night.

The response from HS2 is as follows:

"HS2 position is pretty clear security is needed, security risk is real. We have instances on other parts of the route of trespass, protester action and damage, we need to keep people and property safe and secure. The lighting we have at the moment is lighting towers which are temporary whilst we build the compound. As the compound is constructed the lighting will change – festoon lights, lower lighting on the cabins rather than the towers and lights on motion sensors. The lighting heads are as low as they can be and directed to the ground."

Let us hope that as the buildings go up, the lighting impact will be reduced.

Stuart Rolt

## Culworth Parish Council

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY2021

Ever thought of being a parish councillor? We are holding elections! Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Jose Rowling by 31 March 2021 for more information on 07776400836 or by e-mail at [culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com). Culworth Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the second Tuesday of alternate months. If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not... Become a Parish Councillor!

Elections postponed last May 2020 are scheduled for May 2021. Do consider applying to be a parish Councillor. It's a good way to get to know your village and help the community. Currently means a meeting via zoom every other month. Each Parish Councillors are given areas of responsibility such as street lighting, village maintenance, burial ground.

NCALC offer training courses which the Parish Council will pay for.

Nomination papers will be available from either SNC or Clerk to Parish Council from end of March 2021 with the election proposed for Thursday May 6th 2021. Each term of office is for 4 years though the existing Councillors, due to the pandemic, will have served 5 years.

Jose Rowling

### CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Short planning meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm via zoom.

1. Councillors present: S. Rolt, M. Koster. B. Leadbeater, M. Rowling D. Mumford. Clerk in attendance
2. Apologies for absence- None but Cllr Wilby and Guinness absent
3. Declarations of interest- none
4. Planning application SNC
  - a. S/2020/2086/FUL Proposal creation of a new outdoor (uncovered) swimming pool within the existing rear garden and construction of associated landscaping works around the pool. Gate House Farm High Street OX17 2BG. PC comments. None
5. Meeting closed 7.36pm

# WANTED



Do you care about CULWORTH?

Do you want to do something positive  
for your community?

Can you think, listen and act locally?

Elections to Culworth Council  
will be held on 6 May 2021\*

Why not consider becoming a Councillor?

To find out more please contact [Clerk](#)

### CULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7PM

1. Councillors present S. Rolt (Chair), D. Mumford, N. Guinness, M. Koster, B. Leadbeater, A. Wilby and M. Rowling. The Clerk Mrs J.M. Rowling was present.
2. Apologies for absence -two residents- re play area
3. Members of public present 2 residents
4. Declarations of interest on agenda for councillors. Cllr Rowling -Clerks salary
5. OPEN MEETING-
  - a. Possible play area- residents unable to attend.
6. Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 approved Cllr Leadbeater and Mumford and approved by all.
7. Any matters arising not on agenda-None.
8. Clerks notes.
  - a. Highway issues resolved.
  - b. School sign broken – notified to Street Doctor and removed by them.
  - c. Waymarkers delivered to local farmer.
  - d. Defibrillator- new pads fitted. Last checked 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020
9. LOCKDOWN2 from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Emergency team recalled. Volunteers asked to help again. New volunteers available. Newsletter to go out online and hard copies.
10. WEBSITE .2commune set up fee £650 plus £400 annual fee. See attachments. Cllr Koster



to review wordpress as an alternative option.  
Website must be WCAG 2.1 fully compliant.

11. Facebook. Need new volunteer. Cllr Koster will request in newsletter.
12. Street Lighting- unmetered supply. Note 26 street lights, of which 13 are 35sox and 13 PLL Libra 24. Updated unmetered supply certificate obtained from Western Power. Clear Utilities Solutions in working with NCALC provided a quotation for three year which resulted in saving of £290 per annum on current usage or £870 over three years. Council approved contract subject to asking the outcome if savings not made.
13. HS2 update Cllr Rolt noted that enabling works are proceeding creating some traffic issues. Residents can keep updated with [hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk](mailto:hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk)
14. Culworth Hill Field Trust update Cllr Rolt requested update to be in newsletter and attached to minutes.
15. Telephone box – now in ownership of Parish Council. Telephony removed. Notice in telephone box re ownership. No request for payment yet. Residents are willing to help if Parish Council buy materials. To await springtime.
16. Update on Shadow West Northamptonshire Council Cllr Wilby outlined the latest developments.
17. Parking in village /overhanging hedges. Cllr Rolt reiterated Police comments previously.
18. 20mph speed limit Cllr Koster wanted consideration of this. Clerk to contact NCC appropriate staff.
19. Youth provision – Minor Vandalism had been an issue. Clerk to contact South Northants Youth Engagement for advice.
20. FINANCES
  - a. Report of internal controller
  - b. BUDGET
  - c. Receipts
    - i. SNC CIL payment for 2018 £2668.01
  - d. Payments
    - i. NOTE Santander account closed end of September. Two unpresented cheques. Still one outstanding from August.
    - ii. PAID from Unity Bank online. One councillor has to approve expenditure
      1. 9<sup>th</sup> October by BACS
        - a. Texprep newsletter and reports £70.13+ VAT £2.27= £72.40

- b. Roger Smith mowing burial ground £103, Recreation Ground £55= £158
- c. Cartwright Landscapes for September Village green and areas £116 VAT £23.20 =£139.20
  - d. EON unmetered supply 1/7-30/9 £325.52 + VAT £16.28 =£341.80
  - e. Cumbria Clock Co for church clock annual maintenance £185+VAT£37=£222
- iii. IONOS DD website £12.99+£2.60VAT= £15.59
  1. November 2020
    - i. Cartwright Landscapes August mowing- Santander cheque returned NOW BACS Village Green areas £58 VAT £11.60=£69.60
    - ii. Aylesbury Mains Ltd Street lighting repair £147.70+£29.54=£177.24
    - iii. DD IONOS website November£12.99+£2.60=£15.59
    - iv. Cartwright Landscapes Glebe Field and Mound for October 2020 Glebe Field £186, Mound £143=£329+£65.80VAT=£394.80
    - v. Roger Smith Mowing October Burial Ground £59, Recreation Field £55=£114
      2. Outstanding Santander cheque August RBL £18.50
      3. Current account transfer from Santander £31000.52
      4. Unity Current account £32455.70
      5. transfer to deposit account considered not necessary due to poor bank rate.

## 21. Planning

- a. Applications
  - i. S/2020/1710/106 Application for a Deed of Variation to vary the S106 Legal Agreement entered into in respect of planning permission S/1999/0443/P [5 No. Terraced Houses (Close Care Units)] Culworth Care Home.

- ii. S/2020/1623/FUL The Red House 54 High Street Culworth OX17 2AZ Single storey link to existing outbuilding and single storey rear extension PC Note renewed application. No observations
    - iii. WITHDRAWN S/2020/1612/3 FUL and LB Myrtle Cottage Sulgrave Road Culworth OX17 2AP Installation of an ensuite to the upper bedroom
  - b. SNC decisions
    - i. S/2020/0150/FUL Tithe Hall Westhill High Street Culworth OX17 2BE Agricultural Barn-approved
  - c. Neighbourhood planning – noted the cost but also the need to control development in the future. Cllr Rolt to consider team.
22. Correspondence emailed
- a. NCALC Coronavirus update 3 November 2020
  - b. Councils Clerks Update
  - c. NCALC Update
  - d. NCALC weekly briefings
  - e. Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation.
  - f. SNC: South Northamptonshire Rough Sleeping Estimate 2020.
  - g. South Northants Youth Engagement (SNYE) are a new local charity set up to promote and provide activities and services for young people. We are working in partnership with the District and Town councils to develop youth provision across South Northants. They have recently provided grant funding for us to recruit staff who will support and deliver this youth provision. Support for our village communities is an important part of our plans and we are keen to set up a villages network and talk with local leaders.
23. Any other business for January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021- none
24. Meeting closed 8.16pm

## CULWORTH VILLAGE HALL

### Minutes of the Culworth Village Hall Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom

#### **Those present:**

Julie Tinn (JT)-Chairperson, Mark Izzett (MI)-Treasurer, Sarah Powell (SP)-Secretary, John Emmett (JE), Martin Rowling (MR), Margaret Watts (MW), Charlie Timmins (CT), June Oxley (JO) and Kirsty Hawkins (KW).

#### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

MI pointed out that the petty cash recorded on the last minutes should read £53.72, not £57. Otherwise, these were signed as a true & correct record.

#### **Matters Arising:**

There were none.

#### **Reported conflict of Interest:**

JT is on the Hill Field Trust Committee.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

JT reported that the village hall remains closed as per covid restrictions.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

24th November 2020 to 25th January 2021

Current funds totalling £33,274.96 are held as follows:  
National Savings Account £31,117.58 (including £5,000 from Brian Harris's estate)

Santander Current Account £2,103.66

Petty Cash £53.72

There has been no income since the last meeting as the hall has remained closed due to the continuing pandemic and Government restrictions. At present, overheads are running at about £95 per month (slightly higher in the winter months).

#### **Expenditure**

The outgoings since the last meeting are as follows:

Insurance: £114.90

Electricity: £56.45

Water: £22.75

There have been no other payments incurred.

MI also reported that another grant has been made available to village halls, but the committee unanimously felt we shouldn't apply for it as we are still in credit from the previous one.

**Buildings and renewals:**

Acre Correspondence- there are several online events this week including a talk called: Beyond Covid 19-a roadmap to help village halls recover. There is also a Village Halls Doomsday book being compiled, JT will write something about Culworth and submit it.

Village Hall & Health and Safety Policies- we all had a chance to read these and agreed they are still relevant. JT will update.

Risk Assessment- We will revisit this just before we reopen the hall.

**Any other business:**

JO mentioned that she regularly checks the hall and has noticed some mould growing on the wooden tables and the floor. It was generally felt that this was because there is no circulation, and we would look into it further. There is a heater on low to stop the pipes freezing.

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.10pm.

*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](mailto:culworthparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com)*

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