

**-1 Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on Monday 7th November 2005 at 7.30pm**

Present: Mr R Griffiths
Mr A Steele
Mr G Bartley
Mr J Thomas
Mr J Howell (County)

Apologies: 2

Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor John Stimson and Toby Price.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Councillors were given the opportunity to declare an interest in any of the items on the agenda. No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd October 2005

The minutes from the above meetings were amended then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. As a point of information from this meeting, the trees that were felled at the church, full planning permission was granted.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Risk Assessment - this matter has been put as an agenda item on December's meeting

Conclusion of Audit - the annual accounts audit has been completed and returned by the external auditor with no issues being raised.

Village Benches - Mr Bartley contacted the supplier two weeks ago with an initial enquiry about costs and delivery times. It was agreed that two benches are to be ordered and that Mr Greenway would be happy to fit them. They would be located outside The Lion public house and on the opposite side of the road.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

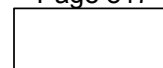
6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor – Mr Stimson was not present at the meeting but reported back on the issue regarding the general appearance/upkeep of Culham No. 4 Site.

County Councillor - Mr. Howell fed back on several issues at the meeting, including the OCC Highways log, SIDS, minerals and housing.

7. CORRESPONENCE

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- a) SODC - new Monitoring Officer - **circulated**
- b) SODC - planner letter - **circulated**
- c) OGBN - AGM & 2016 Plan - **circulated**
- d) OCC - Bus Service review - **circulated**
- e) SODC - Dog Hygiene Bins (new contractor appointed) - **circulated**
- f) SODC - 2011 Plan - proposes modifications - **circulated**
- g) ORCC - John Hardwick's retirement - **circulated**
- h) SODC - Standards Committee Meeting Minutes - **circulated**
- i) OPFA -The Playing Field Autumn Newsletter - **circulated**
- j) The Echo - **circulated**
- k) CPRE - countryside voice publication - **circulated**
- l) OVID - **circulated**
- m) SODC - leaflet survey - **circulated**
- n) Thames Water - letter regarding outfall proposal - **Clerk to investigate further**
- o) SODC - Parish Remuneration survey - **Clerk to feed back to SODC**
- p) OCC - 26 tonne weight restriction on Culham Bridge - **Clerk to advise OCC department of change of details on their database**
- q) OCC Highway Management Arrangements - Grass Cutting & Removal of Signs powers - **Clerk to ask department what happens with removed signs**
- r) Culham Parochial Church - advisory letter regarding trench digging for mains water supply- **Clerk to advise that the Parish Council have no objections but with some conditions**

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P05/W0744 - 14 High Street, Culham - erection of first floor and single storey rear extension. **Planning permission has been granted by SODC.**

P05/W0994 - Old Turnpike, Abingdon Road, Culham - the description is to include the erection of a 1.8m fence.

P05/W0183 - 6 The Green, Culham - previous planning permission was refused and now the owners are appealing against the decision.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

As mentioned in the Matters Arising section, the external auditors have no issues with regards the Parish Council's year end accounts for 2004/2005.

PAYMENTS

1040 BDO Stoy Hayward (external audit fees) **£141.00**

1041 Jim Boyland (August) **£350.00**

1042 Hayley Kogel (Clerk handover time) **£ 58.27**

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1043	Sidleys (annual rent - The Glebe)			£480.23
1044	Miss B Cannings	Salary (September)	£124.86	
		Expenses	£ 9.66	
		Post & Telephone	£ 1.52	£136.04
1045	Jim Boyland (October)			£360.00
1046	Jim Boyland (September)			£350.00
1047	G. Bartley (notice board post accessories)			£ 9.38
1048	Alison Townsend (Clerk salary & expenses - July 2005)			£ 87.70
1049	R Griffiths (waste sacks)			£ 15.00

RECEIPTS

09.11.05	R Griffiths (waste sacks)	£ 5.10
30.9.05	Precept Money	£5130.00

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It has been noted that there appears to be an abandoned car in The Lion's Car Park (Peugeot 106, fully taxed) for the last few weeks - Mr Bartley to obtain registration number and advise the police.

The Clerk has received a quote from Mr Boyland to repair the playing fields play equipment area in line with the recent ROSPA report. The committee agreed for this work to go ahead.

Mr Griffiths has received a call from John Storer who has offered to set up a website on behalf of the village. (There may be an annual maintenance charge). Mr Steele to contact Mr Storer.

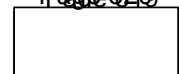
Mr Thomas raised the question of donations to the children's and pensioners Christmas Parties - item to be put on next meeting's agenda.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

Traffic Calming Options- when decisions need to be made about the traffic calming measures for Culham, all options need to be discussed.

Offending large containers at the edge of The Glebe - the Clerk to approach SOHA and investigate purpose and longevity.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm. 5th December 2005.

Signed

Date

Report from John Howell

Highways Log

John clarified the situation that the log will now be used as an ongoing tool for all parish councils to update and be updated of the issues that are raised at the meetings. John Thomas raised the issue of pot holes in Church Road - John said that he would follow this up.

www.transaction.org.uk contains the next version of the transport plan - chapters 6 & 9 contain data relating to the ant congestion plans. There is £40m available for the project (20% less than the 2001 -2006 period)

SIDS (Slow It Down Signs)- the funding for this scheme has now been withdrawn and may be an issue for parish councils to take on the responsibility.

Minerals

John discussed briefly the new plan that has been issued.

2 other issues that were raised briefly -

- A) John took part in Take A Councillor To School - John came to Culham.
- B) The Fire Control Centre has moved to Fareham (this is now the regional centre for the South East). The employees either had the choice of being sacked or relocate to Fareham - the original budget for the move was £750m - this has now escalated to £2bn.

Housing

John summarised the voting of the recent housing survey that took place within the area and approximately 3000 responses were logged, approx 1700 of these were from Didcot Town Council.