

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on Monday 6th February 2006 at
7.30pm

Present: Mr R Griffiths
Mr G Bartley
Mr A Steele
Mr J Thomas

Apologies: 2

Public: 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Price and Councillor Stimson.

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 9th January 2006

The minutes from the above meetings were amended then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. As a point of accuracy, under Item of Public Participation, it should read "on the corner of Tollgate Road and High Street".

4. MATTERS ARISING

2006/2007 Precept Request - a draft proposal was presented by The Clerk. The document was discussed on a line-by-line basis and the final sum of £9840 was agreed. The Clerk will notify SODC of this amount.

Donations for South & Vale Carers & Victim Support - in light of the work that both charities undertake for the local community, a sum of £100 was agreed as a donation.

Jim Boyland - a summary was presented by The Clerk of expenditure to Mr Boyland for the general upkeep of the village. As Mr Boyland has now sent in a proposed quote to cover 2006-2008, the Chairman asked the Clerk to contact other agencies for quotes and for the matter to be raised at the next meeting.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of public present at the meeting. Mr Handcock raised his concerns over the lack of effective drainage near the lock car park and the lack of action along Tollgate Road, in particular the curbstones, which separate the footpath and the road. Some stones are now very dangerous. The Clerk will write to Councillor John Howell and update the Highways Log. On a more positive note, Mr Handcock reported back to the meeting that when he telephoned Oxfordshire County Council about the phasing of the traffic lights, they were very helpful.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor – Mr Stimson reported back on several issues, mainly budgetary items. These were on a positive note and that SODC were likely to receive a good

settlement of an approximate increase of 13%. He also explained that it would be more than likely that the local council tax rate would increase, probably in line with current inflation (approximately 3%).

Mr Stimson also reported that at the meeting of the Culham Local Liaison Committee on 19th December, that it was agreed that there would be an appointment of an independent chairman. Sir Christopher Llewellyn also suggested that there should be 2 committees that met regularly, these being:

- a) External Liaison, and
- b) Internal Liaison

Although these changes were not felt to be urgent, there had been some pressure to get an independent chairperson.

Mr Price raised the issue of some hoarding on a local trailer (in respect of planning regulations) - Mr Stimson to investigate.

County Councillor - Mr. Howell was not present at the meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Thames Valley Police - non-emergency contact numbers - **Circulated and poster given to Mr Bartley**
- b) ORCC - Environment Review 2004-2005 - **Circulated**
- c) ORCC - New Rural Forum - **Circulated**
- d) OCC - Social & Community Directorate Realignment - **Circulated**
- e) Consumer Direct - New Service - **Circulated**
- f) NALC - Salary Award for Local Clerks (1.4.06) - **Circulated**
- g) High Sherriff of Oxford - Pilgrimage Exhibition Invitation - **Clerk to respond, no takers**
- h) SODC - Newsheet - January 2006 - **Circulated**

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No updates for this meeting.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

1053	Mr J Boyland	November services & play area (RospA recommendations)	£490.00
1054	Mr J Boyland	December services	£ 75.00

PAYMENTS (contd)

1055	Miss B Cannings	Salary (September)	£124.86
		Expenses	£ 9.66

		Post & Telephone	£ 3.33	£137.85
1056	Mr J Thomas	Grasscutting		£260.00
1057	Victim Support	Donation for local charities		£100.00
1058	South & Vale Carers	Donation for local charities		£100.00

RECEIPTS

Burial Fees	£152.00
Waste Sacks	£ 2.10

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There appears to have been no feedback over recent months from Speedwatch - The Clerk to contact Speedwatch for an update.

Many months ago, the local beat officer presented local crime figures to the councillors. The Clerk to contact the local beat officer inviting them to a meeting over the forthcoming months.

Mr. Price advised the meeting that a car had been dumped (2 halves) on the A415 going east over the railway bridge - just over the railway bridge near the layby on the steep embankment. Mr. Price to contact SODC.

Litter seems to be an issue at the moment on The Burycroft and Tollgate Road (along the ditch from the Waggon & Horses to the bridge on the Left Hand Side). The Clerk to contact SODC.

The Chairman asked Mr Steele to invite John Stores, The School, The History Group and Friends of St Paul to the February Meeting to discuss the way forward with regards to the Culham Village Website.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 pm. 6th February 2006

Signed

Date