

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the School on Monday 3 April 2006 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: 2

Public: 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr Price, and Mr Stimson (District Councillor).

2. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 April 2005 were approved and signed as correct. Item 11 should read 1900- 2000 and not 1800- 1900 as a point of accuracy.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Griffiths circulated and read the report (copy attached). A copy of this and all other relevant reports circulated at the meeting will be forwarded to The Mouthpiece.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – Mr John Stimson

The Clerk circulated and read the report (copy attached).

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Mr John Howell

Spatial Planning – Spatial planning issues have been predominant during the year. The South East Plan has formally been submitted to the government. Consultation on housing will continue and it is hoped that local campaigns will receive strong support from local residents. Mr Howell is to put together a series of workshops for local

Gravel – The consultation for the future of the gravel pits has now gone to the consultation stage and the deadline is 5th April 2006.

Highways – There is now a new single contact telephone number for Oxfordshire Highways which should alleviate communication problems - it is 0845 310 1111.

2 years ago Culham had initially been earmarked for a traffic calming scheme and has been abandoned as it no longer meets the government's criteria. The regional transport committee have decided that there are no current priorities in Oxfordshire. Another avenue for consideration for a safer village could be under the "Better Ways to School Scheme" whereby the school would put forward a project which may include some vehicle activated devices.

New Website - a new website for carers has been launched so that the information for the one in ten carers in the UK is held in one central place - it is www.oxoncarers.org.uk

Transport – Trains - following a press release/complaint about timetabling changes, with effect from December 2006 a new timetable will take effect, including 27 trains

each week day from Culham, this being an addition of 9 more than the original proposal.

Rights of Way - trail riders have applied to Oxfordshire County Council to reinstate whether bridleways or footpaths act as public rights of way for motorbikes. Currently one application is taking 8 years to determine.

6. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AT 31 MARCH 2005

The Clerk circulated copies of the accounts. The balance in hand at 31/03/05 was £17,070. No questions were raised on the accounts.

7. CULHAM POOR ALLOTMENTS TRUST

The clerk circulated the report sent by Mrs Jenny Hayden, Secretary to the Trustees. This was read by Mr Griffiths (copy attached)

8. CULHAM COMMUNITY & RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no report available for the meeting.

9. CULHAM PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

The clerk read the report (copy attached) from Mrs Sue Knox, Head Teacher and from Lea Allmond, school governor (copy attached)

10. CULHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Mr Griffiths read the report (copy attached) from Simon Thompson.

11. ST. PAULS CHURCH

The Clerk read the report (copy attached) from Sue Booyes (Team Rector of the Dorchester Team).

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Storrs (secretary of the Friends of St Pauls), feels that he is fighting an uphill battle about the use of the church as a village facility. He asked that the Parish Council support his view of using such a community facility. The Clerk to add this to the next Parish Council meeting in May.

Mr Storrs also confirmed that the website is now set up and the address is www.culhamvillage.org.uk

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2nd April 2007

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed

Date