

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 4th September 2006 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr R Griffiths
Mr A Steele
Mr G Bartley
Dr T Price
Mr J Stimson
Mr G Bartley
Mr J Thomas

Apologies:

Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

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 July 2006

The minutes from the above meetings were signed by the Chairman as a correct record with a minor amendment to read that Dr Price has resigned from his role as Treasurer to CCRC.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Visit from Thames Valley Police – PC Jess Rowlings and her colleague Andy joined the meeting to give an update on crime in the area. She also informed the councillors that Culham now falls under Wallingford’s jurisdiction. For the period April 2006 – June 2006 there were 14 recorded crimes in the village – 2 violent, 1 burglary (non dwelling), 0 burglaries (dwelling related), 2 autocrimes and 9 miscellaneous. On the whole she reported that criminal damage was low. She was keen to ensure that if parishioners wish to report anything or that they have seen something suspicious, that they should call. Mr Steele to put a reminder in The Mouthpiece. Jess will update the figures for the village on a regular basis.

Footpaths – Hedge alongside The Burycroft – The Clerk to write to Mr Wallis again and to contact OCC Highways.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor – Mr Stimson updated the councillors on several issues including the Local Development Framework and Planning Enforcement Issues at Culham No 1 & No 4 sites.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) SODC - Ethical & Monitoring Framework - **Clerk to reply**

- (b) CESPA - European School Parents Association - Invitation to Forum in October - **discussed at meeting and Clerk to reply**
- (c) SODC - Annual Voluntary Sector Conference - **Clerk to reply - no takers**
- (d) SODC - Town & Parish Council Forum - 5th October - **Mr Griffiths & Mr Steele to attend - Clerk to respond**
- (e) Thames Water - Upper Thames Development leaflets - **circulated**
- (f) SODC - Pilot Tree Warden Scheme - **Clerk to respond**

Other circulated documents to be added as an appendix on their return.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P06/W0580 - 33 High Street - Erection of 2 storey extension to side & rear and single story extension to rear - **Planning permission is granted.**

P06/W0800 – 60 Abingdon Road – Erection of conservatory on rear of property.

P06/W0761/RET – Change of use to garden centre and erection of portacabin – Land East of Main Entrance, Culham Science Centre *

P06/W0784/RET – Change of use of building 105 and erection of fence to form compound for maintenance vehicles – Bldg 105, No 1 Site, Culham *

P06/W0763/RET – Erection of a portacabin to be used as an office in conjunction with building 139 – Land North of Bld 139, Culham No. 1 Site. *

P06/W0766/RET – Change of use to land to outside storage in conjunction with building 153 – Land south of Bldg 153. Culham No 1 site. *

P06/W0768/RET – change of use of building to use Class B1 – Bldg 117, Culham No 1 site *

P06/W0762/RET – change of use to outside storage in conjunction with building 148 – Land north of Bldg 143, Culham No 1 site*

P06/W0743 – Erection of portacabin and outside storage compound – land north of building 157, Culham No 1 site*

P06/W0767/RET – Change of use of building to class B1 – Bldg 112, Culham No 1 site *

P06/W0687/G – Removal of existing fencing and replacement with green barbed steel paling fencing – European School – to be approved

For information - Home Farm has now been divided into 2 properties. The new registered property is called “The Other House”

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2006 and the external audit form to the meeting. The Chairman signed this off as a correct record.

PAYMENTS

1084	BCB grass cutting 2 invoices for July & August	490.61
1085	A J Greenway Installation of bus stop benches	834.50
1086	RoSPA Annual Inspection	74.03
1087	SODC Dog Bin Emptying	63.77
1088	B R Consulting Internal Audit Fee (Year End Accounts)	135.00
1089	B Cannings July & August Clerk Salary	282.52
1090	CRCC Annual Subscription	20.00

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Addley has written to the Parish Council, asking for permission to plant a tree to celebrate a villager's 60th birthday. The Clerk wrote to Adkins to obtain permission and this was granted. This would likely to be a walnut and replace the tree that was killed by vandalism near the pond.

Mr Griffiths advised the meeting that chestnut trees were being felled and that they should be replaced as they are a protected variety. He had also contacted Vale of the White Horse Council.

Mr Thomas advised the meeting that the drainage work had been done at The Lock. Also some repairs have been undertaken along The Causeway.

The telephone kiosk has been repaired – it appears to only be emergency calls – The Clerk to investigate.

Several councillors raised the issue of a bus stop outside Culham Site that is too close to the island and is dangerous.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Culham Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm – 2nd October 2006

Signed **Date**