

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 2nd October 2006 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies:
Mr J Stimson

Public: 5

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from 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 4th September 2006

The minutes from the above meetings were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

RoSPA – This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting in November.

Free Tree Scheme – Due to the offer from SODC of free trees only being bare root whips 40 to 90cm tall, it was felt that these would be too young. The Clerk to investigate the feasibility of replacing 2 cherry trees that were diseased with something more mature.

School Travel Plan - Mr Bartley updated the councillors of a meeting that he had attended with regards to the School Travel Plan. It has been highlighted that it is dangerous along the footpath for children outside the school. Money has been allocated to widen the footpath - the tarmac will be dug up, replaced and widened for easier access. There is a requirement for the hedge to be cut back as the work is to be carried out before Christmas. The Clerk to contact the grass cutting contractors to request that the hedge is cut from the corner at the Waggon & Horses down to the first house.

Future of the Playing Field - 4 young people attended the meeting and in particular, David Woodley said that he would be prepared to look after the area. The Chairman advised the group that if there were no adult volunteers, the subject would be left until the annual parish meeting and see if the CCRC is reformed. The issue of insurance was raised with regards to young people under the age of 18 operating machinery. The Clerk to raise the issue with the Insurance Company.

Mr Hancock told the young men not to give up and to thank them for their interest and for coming to the meeting. Mr Steele to place an item in 'The Mouthpiece' asking for volunteers to take over the CCRC. Also to be put on agenda for the next meeting as Health and Safety may be an issue.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hancock raised the issue of the Abingdon Traffic Scheme - were they going to be lights on

Malthouse Bridge and had the Parish Council been advised recently of any developments? Mr Hancock was advised that no recent correspondence had been received but that the Clerk will contact Highways and express the Parish Council's concerns at the length of queues that the traffic lights will generate.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports were received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) South East Regional Assembly - Gypsy & Travellers questionnaire - **Mr Griffiths to respond**
- (b) ORCC - AGM 18.10.06 - **no takers**
- (c) NHS - Flu Jab
- (d) Wallingford CPRE - Autumn 2006 Newsletter
- (e) Thames Water - Upper Thames Development Pack
- (f) OPFA - AGM - 31.10.06 - **no takers**
- (g) SODC - How Do I Register & Declare Interests Leaflet - **circulated**
- (h) OCC - News from OCC - September 2006 - **circulated**
- (i) ORCC - Parish Plans - **Clerk to respond**
- (j) RTS - Thames Guardian - Autumn 2006
- (k) OCC - Notification of publication of the Inspectors Report & Recommendations on the Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement - **circulated**
- (l) OCC - Home2School Newsletter - Autumn 2006 - **circulated**
- (m) OCVA - Training Courses - **circulated**
- (n) Thames Valley Policing - Neighbourhood Policing information from seminar - **circulated**

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P06/W0800 – 60 Abingdon Road – Erection of conservatory on rear of property - planning permission is refused

P06/W0761/RET – Change of use to garden centre and erection of Portakabin – Land East of Main Entrance, Culham Science Centre - planning permission is refused.

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 - planning permission is refused.

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. - Planning permission is refused

P06/W0768/RET – change of use of building to use Class B1 – Bldg 117, Culham No 1 site - planning permission is granted

P06/W0762/RET – change of use to outside storage in conjunction with building 148 – Land north of Bldg 143, Culham No 1 site - planning permission is refused.

P06/W0743 – Erection of Portakabin and outside storage compound – land north of building 157, Culham No 1 site - planning permission is refused.

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

