

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

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

Apologies: 1

Public: 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor John Howell.

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 6th November 2006.

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

School Barrier - The Clerk has contacted Oxfordshire County Council, Highways Department who are considering the Parish Council' request to extend the barrier for safety purposes.

Grass Cutting Contract - Three contractors have been contacted to tender for the village grass cutting contract. All have been advised that the deadline will be the end of January and that the new contract will commence on 1st April 2007.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hancock was present at the meeting and wanted to raise 3 issues:

- I) Mrs Lynn Hancock will no longer be running the Village Lottery after the 31st December 2006. The Parish Council would like to record it's thanks for her great efforts over the years.
- II) Mr Hancock attended one of the Didcot expansion exhibitions last month and would like to record that he was appalled at the lack of comprehension from the parties involved and that the exercise was already a "fait accompli". The Parish Council has channelled its concerns through the 13 parishes group meetings, and in particular the main concern was traffic issues.

III) Mr Hancock asked for the progress of the AbITS programme - The
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Chairman advised him that the delay had been in the supplying of the “magic Box” that was needed to run the system effectively. Mr Stimson asked whether there had been an increase in traffic and was advised that there had been.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor – Mr Stimson reported on several issues including the Jet Site Siteholders Group, SODC new management structure, affordable housing and enforcement issues.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Item No	Summary (* = action required)
1	SODC - Town & Parish Digest - November 2006
2	Thames Water - UTMRD - Presentation Invite - 5.1.07 - Mr Griffiths to attend
3	OPFA - 2005/6 Annual Report
4	OCC - Road Safety News - Autumn 06
5	Thames Valley Police - poster
6	SODC - Standards Committee - 5.12.06
7	CPRE - Fieldwork publication - December 2006

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications/planning decisions this month.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

1095	BCB	Grasscutting	£101.65	
		Hedge cutting		
		For school travel plan	£288.46	£390.11
1096	Oxford Diocese	Annual Rent		£521.80
1097	SODC	Emptying Dog Bins		£ 63.77
1098	Miss B Cannings	Salary (January)	£128.56	
		Expenses	£ 10.00	
		Post & Telephone	£ 1.50	£140.06
1099	Mr J Thomas	Grasscutting		£200.00

The final report from this is due to be available at the end of March.

SODC

There is due to be a new management structure within SODC which will involve the loss of the Finance Director role.

Affordable Housing

A new system is to be launched - choice based lettings system. Individuals will have the opportunity to bid for particular properties that become available and will be able to do it on-line, (a manual system will still run in parallel to the new electronic version). On the positive side, this should lead to more control and for individuals to feel more part of the process, but on the negative side it may raise expectations.

Enforcement Issues

Mr Stimson advised the meeting that enforcement issues were ongoing and that White Horse Turf had now vacated the Culham Site.