

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 14th May 2007 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: 0

Public: 1

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Following the recent election, Mr Bartley was elected as Chairman for Culham Parish Council.

Mr Bartley went on to thank Mr Griffiths for his previous 8 years service as Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received for the meeting.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 5th March 2007

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

5. MATTERS ARISING

New Code of conduct - to be put on the agenda for the next meeting

Declaration/acceptance of office - all councillors signed the relevant forms, confirming their new terms of office.

Fencing - 2 companies have now been contacted with regards to supplying quotes. Grants for further improvements are also being researched and further discussions will need to take place. Also any additional suggestions from parishioners to be put in The Mouthpiece.

Donations - The Clerk research contacted Oxfordshire Carers as there was some confusion between them and South & Vale Carers, who donations are currently made. It was felt that the Oxfordshire Carers were more Witney based and that the Parish Council would continue to support the local South & Vale Carers organisation.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Hancock raised several issues at the meeting :

a) Is there any news on The Lion public house - apparently there is no-one living at the pub but lights have been left on. The Clerk to write to Admiral Taverns & Greene King to ask of progress.

b) Mr Hancock is considering getting a written petition together to protest about the Abingdon Integrated Traffic System. The Clerk also to contact the county councillor to ask about the progress.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor - Following the local elections, John Stimson is no longer our district representative and advised the councillors accordingly. Pamela Tomlinson would now be SODC representative.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

1	Thames Valley Police - 2007 policing awards
2	DCA - Memorial Safety
3	River Thames Society - AGM - 21.4.07 @ Runnymede Hotel
4	SODC - Town & Parish Digest - March 2007
5	Audit Commission - Appointment of External Auditor - BDO Stoy Hayward
6	OCC - News from OCC - March 2007
7	Oxfordshire Carers Forum - Newsletter - Spring 2007
8	CAG Newsletter - March 2007
9	OCC - News from OCC - South & Vale Town & Parishes
10	River Thames Society - Thames Guardian - Spring 2007
11	ORCC - Transport Review * (by 5.4.07)
12	CPRE - Fieldwork publication - March 2007
13	SODC - Minutes of the Standards Committee Meeting - Feb 2007
14	OCC - Waste Sites Proposals & Policies document

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P06/W1364 - Unit 112, Culham No 1 Site - change of use to Class B1/B8. **Planning permission is granted**

P07/W0410 - 4 High Street - conversion of garage to habitable accommodation to include the insertion of a new window to east elevation - **application received and approved by the Parish Council**

P07/W0354T - Abingdon Town Football Club - remove existing 15m monopole and replace with new 18m monopole (telecommunications equipment) - **application received - Parish Council has no strong views other than imposing structure on local landscape.**

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

(signed at the April meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting)

1112	Miss B Cannings	Salary (March)	£128.56	
		Expenses	£ 10.00	
		Post & Telephone	£ 3.09	£141.65
1113	SLCC	Annual subscription		£ 55.00

FINANCIAL MATTERS (cont'd)

1114	OALC	Annual Subscription		£ 122.79
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(below cheques were signed at this meeting)

1115	ORCC	Annual Subscription		£ 20.00
1116	Allianz Cornhill	Annual Insurance Premium		£463.26
1117	BCB	Grass Cutting (2 invoices)		£570.79
1118	Miss B Cannings	Salary (April)	£128.56	
		Expenses	£ 10.00	
		Post & Telephone & publication	£ 7.96	£146.52
1119	Mr G Bartley	New Padlock		£ 10.00

RECEIPTS

Internment Fees for Brian Sackett **£ 48.00**

Internment Fees for Gwyneth Foster **£ 50.00**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Steele to investigate rubbish/vegetation on opposite side of Waggon & Horses.

Mr Thomas reported that the lock was clear at the moment - so work appears to have been done.

CCRC - Dr. Price had received details of how to wind the CCRC up and will undertake to do this.

Large signs have appeared advertising the Railway Inn - are they legal? The Clerk to contact the new district councillor.

Old Culham Bridge - overgrown foliage - The Clerk to contact Highways.

Additional Dog Fouling signs are needed for High Street - The Clerk to enquire and arrange.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 7.30pm - Monday 4th June 2007.

Signed

Date