

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 9th July 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr G Bartley
Mr A Steele
Mr J Thomas

Apologies: 2

Public: 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Pamela Tomlinson, District Councillor and Dr Toby Price for the meeting.

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 June 2007

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

Green Issues Communications & Leda Properties – a presentation was made concerning the proposed planning application for a tyre recycling plant at Culham No 4 site. The main concerns facing the village are that of increased traffic. A routing agreement is being worked on and if application is successful there will be a 9 month lead time for mid 2008.

Playground Fencing - Mr Bartley had been in discussion with Playdale who have put together a proposed layout and costings. A letter has been drafted in order to target local organisations for donations towards the costs. An article was also placed in The Mouthpiece but there has been no reported feedback.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Graham attended the meeting and his main concern was a significant increase in traffic along Tollgate Road, especially HGV's. The other concern that Mr Graham raised was whether the placing of the actual village signs for Culham were in the right place. Mr Howell, who was present at the meeting, took Mr Graham's points of view on board. The Clerk to contact Oxfordshire Highways regarding the signage issue.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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County Councillor - Mr Howell commented on the recycling plant presentation and advised that it appeared that Culham's response had not been received by Mary Thompson, although contact was made on 6th June. The Clerk to re-send Culham's response to the planning application.

District Councillor – Mrs Tomlinson, although was not able to attend the meeting,

sent a written report. The main issues that were covered included the reopening of Wallingford swimming pool for the summer, and school activities for young people from 23rd July to 31st August. Further information can be obtained by calling 01491 823417

7. CORRESPONDENCE

| Item No | Summary (* = action required) |
|---------|--|
| 1 | Clerks & Councils Direct - July 2007 |
| 2 | SODC - Town & Parish Digest - June 2007 |
| 3 | CPRE - "VOICE" - Summer 2007 |
| 4 | SODC - "Oxfordshire" publication - Summer 2007 |
| 5 | OCC - Review of external transport posts (reply by 10/8/07) |
| 6 | SODC - Site Submissions 2007 - 2010- new timetable |
| 7 | Parkers Wholesale Catalogue - Autumn 2007 |
| 8 | OCC - South Oxfordshire & Town Parish Areas - June 2007 |
| 9 | ORCC - "Review" - Issue 1 |
| 10 | TVP - Family Open Day - 11th August |
| 11 | Glasdon - new products |
| 12 | SODC - "Outlook" |
| 13 | River Thames Society - "The Guardian" - Summer 2007 |

8.PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P07/W0354/T -Abingdon Town Football Club - remove existing 15m monopole and replace with new 18m monopole - install radio equipment cabinets at ground level (less than 2.5m) along with ancillary telecommunications equipment. Total height to top of antennas is 19.5m - **Planning Permission is granted**

P07/W0624/LD - 64 Station Road, Culham, OX14 3BT - erection of conservatory to rear of property. Seeking observations from CPC that the use, operation or activity named in the application is lawful and can continue or commence without the need for planning permission. **No representations were made against the application.**

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

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| 1123 | Miss B Cannings | Salary (June) | £128.56 | |
| | | Expenses | £ 10.00 | |
| | | Post & Telephone & publication | £ 8.49 | £147.05 |

The Clerk presented the year-end accounts, which were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk also recommended that the internal auditor should remain as Mr Rollerson. No objections were made.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The paths at The Glebe are overgrown both sides - **The Clerk to contact Highways.**

12 Tollgate Road is now empty is up for sale - is it possible to save the oak trees within the property? **The Clerk to contact SODC about a preservation order.**

Mr Thomas again raised the issue regarding the lighting at Hales Farm & Rye Farm car parks. **The Clerk to contact VOWHDC again.**

John Storrs requested that previous minutes are forwarded to him to update the Culham website. **The Clerk to forward them.**

Footpaths between the pub and the river are again overgrown - **The Clerk to contact Mr Wallis.**

The Clerk also gave the Chairman her letter of resignation.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 7.30pm - Monday 10th September 2007

Signed **Date**