

Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 8th October 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr G Bartley
Mr A Steele
Dr T Price

Apologies: Mr J Thomas

Public: 0

1. APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk, Ms Judith Beck, in post as of 1 October, and expressed the council's thanks to the outgoing Clerk, Miss Bernadette Cannings.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for the meeting from Mr J Thomas.

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 10th September 2007

The minutes from the above meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Tollgate Road hedge – The Clerk had contacted BCB to trim the hedge again from the Waggon & Horses but work had not yet been done. **The Clerk to contact BCB again.**

Overgrown vegetation on the old bridge. **The Clerk to contact the County Council again.**

Thames Water sign opposite Waggon & Horses junction - The Clerk had contacted Mrs Tomlinson to check whether such signage is legal on the fence – **Mrs Tomlinson to update.**

Playground Fencing – No offers of donations have been received from local companies for the fencing. The Clerk had contacted BCB to quote to take the fencing down and to make good again, but had received no reply so far. **The Clerk to contact BCB again.**

Burial Ground Rules Review - Revised guidelines were presented by the Chairman and agreed. **The Chairman to include an update on the new guidelines in the village newsletter and the village noticeboard and website.** Full guidelines will be issued to any inquirers concerning a burial plot.

Abingdon Integrated Transport Strategy (AbITS) – Mr Steele had distributed a proposed letter for the Chairman to send to Abingdon Town Council and Abingdon Chamber of Commerce. **The Clerk to finalise correspondence for Chairman to send. Mrs Tomlinson to investigate issue of funding for the scheme**

(outstanding from September).

Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – request for donation ***The Clerk to request further information regarding this organisation’s work within Culham village and surrounds.**

12 Tollgate Road - Oak Trees (4) Preservation Order - SODC has been contacted and has advised that a TPO assessment has been carried out. The Parish Council will receive the TPO documentation when it is served.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor - Mr Howell reported back to the parish councillors on several issues, including

- Culham No 4 site;
- Culham parish council and membership of Culham stakeholder groups, in particular, Jet Site Stakeholders Group concerning the decommissioning of JET and the Liaison group for Culham site in general. As meetings are held during the day, attendance is difficult, and the Chairman requested that minutes or summaries could be made available to the parish council. **Mr Howell to progress.**
- Planning application for decommissioning of low-level radioactive material at Culham – no particular concerns.
- Restriction to traffic turning right from B4074 onto Burcot Farm Lane to Burcot and in other direction from Burcot Farm Lane onto B4074.
- Reductions in signage on county’s roads – the Parish Council can identify excess signage and request they be removed.

District Councillor – Mrs Tomlinson did not attend.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Item No	Summary (* = action required)
1	OCC - Home2School Newsletter - Autumn 2007
2	SODC - Standards Committee Mtg Agenda
3	River Thames Society - Guardian Publication
4	OCC - S. Oxfordshire & Vale Town & Parish Areas - Sept 2007
5	OCC - Casualty Report & Road Safety Strategy Plan 2007/8
6	Defra - Ways to tackle climate change booklet

7	OPFA - The Playing Field Newsletter - Autumn 2007
8	SOHA - 2007 Annual Report

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P07/W1154/RET - Unit 152, Culham No 1 site - change of use to B8 (storage & distribution) – **the council has no strong views**

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P07/W0814 - Bldg 132, Culham No 1 site - to allow unrestricted hours of operation - **Application has been withdrawn**

P07/W0815 - Bldg 162, Culham No 1 site - to remove condition relating to hours of operation - **Application has been withdrawn**

P07/W0795 - Unit 144, Culham No 1 site - Change of use to B1 - **permission has been granted**

P07/W0870/RET - Unit 157, Culham No 1 site - Change of use to B8 - **permission has been refused**

P07/W0799/RET - Unit 143, Culham No 1 site - Change of use to B8 - **permission has been refused**

P07/W0836 - Variation of conditions 1 & 2 of planning permission P02/W0412 to allow the Group 1 JET buildings to be retained until 31st December 2015- **planning permission has been granted**

Also an application by UKAEA to carry out mineral working, waste disposal and associated development in J30 Compound, Culham Science Centre, for the processing of radioactive waste generated as a consequence of the JET experimental programme – **the council has no strong views.**

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

PAYMENTS

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	£	£
1127	BCB	Maintenance		918.05
1128	Miss B Cannings	Salary (September 07)	128.56	
		Expenses	10.00	
		Post & telephone	2.18	
		USB for file storage	9.99	
				150.73
1129	Mr G Bartley	Postage		2.88
		Total		1,071.66

RECEIPTS

<i>For</i>	£
2 nd instalment of parish precept	4,845.00
Headstone/tablet for Mrs Foster	74.00
Headstone for Mr Burbidge	41.00
Total	4,960.00

The Clerk provided a summary sheet of income and expenditure for the year for review. The councillors agreed that funds could now be spent on the playground. **The Chairman to prepare a revised schedule of work and costs for the next meeting.**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- kerbs on the corner of The Glebe & The High Street had been repaired after about five years asking/waiting;
- some villagers had asked what was the current situation with regard to the future of the The Lion pub - **Clerk to write to agents for details**
- flowers were presented to Bernadette Cannings in thanks for her hard work and service to the Parish over the past two years.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is 7.30pm - Monday 12th November 2007.

Signed **Date**