

Culham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held in the School on

Monday 11th February 2008 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: 1

Public: 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Graham attended and expressed concern about the traffic through Culham, particularly along Tollgate Road and across the bridges. Speeds above 30 miles per hour are common, and heavy goods vehicles continue to cause excessive noise, particularly where drain covers are situated. It was agreed to discuss these issues further at the next meeting when Cllr Howell would be present.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th January 2008

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

5. ACTIONS UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING

ACTIONS UPDATE

Action	Update
Thames Water sign opposite Waggon & Horses junction.	Ongoing. Mrs Tomlinson has been progressing with SODC. Clerk to write to landowner.
Traffic Calming	It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting as Cllr Howell was not present.
Archiving of Parish Documents	Ongoing. Records currently with Cllr Steele for review.
A415 Pathway	OCC had written to say they had no knowledge of any plans to change path to dual use. Cllr Steele to review whether additional signage needed to indicate end of cycle path.
Vegetation on old Culham Bridge	Action postponed to the next meeting as Cllr Howell was not present.
Burial Ground Guidelines	Completed. The chairman had agreed change to existing headstone under

	the new guidelines.
OCC Community Safety Strategy Dr Price agreed to review and report back at the next meeting.	Completed. No further action required.
Trees on the Green, Culham	Ongoing. Cllr Thomas will investigate price for replacing damaged trees.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Councillor – There was none.

District Councillor – Mrs Tomlinson reported back to the parish councillors on several issues, including

- Inspection of taxi minicabs in Henley. This exercise will be repeated in other towns.
- Delays to the South East Plan
- Culham No. 1 site. There are a significant number of activities on site that do not have planning permission, or apply retrospectively. **Mrs Tomlinson to request a summary of such activities and actions by the enforcement team at SODC.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Various items of correspondence had been received during the month and distributed to the councillors. Items are listed on file. The following items were discussed:

a) Burial Ground Review

The Churchwarden for St Paul's Church had written regarding the recent quinquennial inspection of the church and grounds, which had highlighted two items for action at the new burial ground. The council agreed to arrange for overgrown nettles and creepers along the yew hedge at the burial ground to be trimmed regularly, and the gates to be repainted.

b) OCC Review of Primary School Provision

The Chair of Governors of Culham School has requested that the parish council write to Oxfordshire County Council in support of the school. It was resolved to write to OCC in full support of maintaining the village school.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Planning Applications received

P07/W1439 – Single storey front porch at 8 Tollgate Road, Culham OX14 4NL.
Planning permission is granted.

P07/W1489 – Change of use of building to class B1 use at Building B3 Culham Science Centre Culham OX14 3DB. **The Council has no strong views.**

P07/W1475/LB (Listed Building Consent) – Alterations to Clock House to include new clock face on tower and new bell chiming mechanism, new door to front porch and adjustment to hallway wall – Clock House, High Street, Culham. **The Council**

approves subject to a timing device being fitted to silence the chimes between 9 pm and 7 am.

Appeal 1: APP/Q3115/C/07/2039190 Land at Culham No. 1 Site, against an enforcement notice – The appeal succeeds in part and the enforcement notice is upheld as varied

Appeal 2: APP/Q3115/C/07/2038870 – Land at Culham No. 1 Site relating to Unit 124. The Appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: CULHAM AREA NO. 43/2007. Relating to 4 Oaks within plot of 12 Tollgate Road, Culham, and on land between this property and Kerrera, High Street, Culham.

b) Planning Scrutiny Process

The meeting resolved that in order to meet deadlines with planning applications, councillors would continue to consider planning applications outside of parish council meetings as required. The chairman will consult with other councillors according to interest or availability to reach a decision.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
1143	Playdale Ltd	Invoice 7639 Playground equipment	2919.00	
		VAT	510.83	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		3429.83
1144	Playdale Ltd	Invoice 7698 Timber for playground	4874.00	
		VAT	852.95	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		5726.95
1145	J Beck	Salary (Jan 2008)	131.74	
		Expenses	10.00	
		Post & telephone	0.60	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		142.34

b) Receipts

None.

c) Insurance Cover on Playground

It was agreed to review the insurance cover required once the new equipment had been installed. The new equipment should also be checked against RoSPA requirements. **The Clerk to arrange for inspection. The Register of Assets should be updated, followed by review of insurance cover.**

d) Burial Ground Fees

It was resolved to continue to charge for burials within the Burial Ground in accordance with the current Parochial Church Council table of fees.

