

**Culham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Held in the School on
Monday 8th September 2008 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Ms J Beck (Clerk)

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Tomlinson, District Councillor, had sent apologies.

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

There was none.

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

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

5. MATTERS ARISING AND MATTERS OF URGENCY

Action	Update
Traffic Calming	<u>Ongoing</u> Clerk to invite Cllr Hudspeth to another meeting to discuss ways of calming traffic in Culham.
A415 Pathway – additional signage need to indicate end of cycle path opposite the Burycroft junction with A415.	<u>Ongoing</u> - OCC had contacted the Clerk and agreed that additional signage would be put up. Clerk to chase with OCC
Trees on the Green, Culham	The Culham History Society has offered to pay £200 towards trees in the village (would be 2 trees). 1 x Rowan tree, 1 x Oak for the Green, (1 ornamental cherry trees, plus 1 almond for the Glebe). Cllr Bartley will get some quotes. It was agreed that the council would also provide £200 under s.137.
Burial Ground maintenance	<u>Completed.</u>
Access road to Burial Ground	<u>Ongoing</u> - Cllr Thomas to make enquiries with local suppliers.
Repairs to shed roof	<u>Ongoing.</u> 3 companies requested to quote, 2 quotes received back. It was agreed to progress the cheaper quote, but Councillor Steele will first get a further

	breakdown of the service to be supplied. It was agreed that the council would not dispose of the tractor for now.
Parking at Burycroft/High Street	A reply has been received from the police and no further action is planned. <u>Closed.</u>
RoSPA Inspection of Playground.	<u>Closed.</u>
Overgrown verges on the Burycroft/High Street junction. Grass on the cycle path down A415.	<u>Closed.</u>
Oak tree at Recreation Ground overhanging 1 Tollgate Road can be started.	<u>Ongoing.</u> Awaiting response from Sidleys – Clerk to chase.
Painting the gate and playground equipment at the recreation ground	Quotes have been received and it was agreed to proceed with the work
Pavement surfaces at Tollgate Road, and High Street (by number 43).	Done.
Grass cutting schedule at the Glebe – clerk to check against invoices.	Done.
Village Pond Action Group – letter to confirm authorisation.	Done.
The hedge on Tollgate road is overgrown and requires trimming	Clerk to contact BCB.
Trees overhanging High Street and Burycroft – clerk to contact landowners.	Clerk has checked with OCC, still to contact landowners.
State of chestnut trees along Causeway into Abingdon may be dangerous.	Clerk to contact OCC.

6. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs Tomlinson had sent a report, which included the following items:

New Arts Centre in Didcot: Cornerstone - the new Arts Centre in Didcot opened on 29th August.

The Big Tidy Up: South Oxfordshire District Council is encouraging local residents and community groups to get involved in The Big Tidy Up – a national campaign running throughout September, which aims to get everyone involved in tackling the problem of litter.

Update on M40 Junction 7 Bridge Works: UK Highways have postponed the publicised bridge closure until April 2009 due to changes in the engineering design after recent trial trench investigations. The postponement will enable the County Council to work with UK Highways to ensure residents/businesses have adequate consultation and support in preparation for the closure,

Councils secure £1.89 million to support rural communities: South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils have successfully secured £1.89 million to help support rural communities in southern Oxfordshire between now and 2013. The funding will provide support to a wide range of projects and training for farmers, growers, foresters, food businesses and rural communities.

Joint Management Arrangements: The leaders of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse councils have had detailed discussions about introducing shared management arrangements, aiming to save around £750,000 per annum. Last Monday evening South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils appointed David Buckle as the chief executive to run both councils, following a recommendation made by a panel of South Oxfordshire and Vale councillors. The new Chief Executive will officially take up the post on 17 September.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

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

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Incinerator at Sutton Courtenay (Vale of White Horse planning matter)
Cllr Steele had attended a meeting called by Sutton Courtenay Parish Council to discuss the proposed incinerator at Sutton Courtenay. It was agreed that as there had not been evidence of concern from Culham parishioners, the council was unable to offer support at present. Cllr Steele will write to Sutton Courtenay council to confirm this council's position

P08/W0854 - 5 August 2008 The Lion High Street Culham
Proposed change of use from public house to a single dwelling house including the removal of previous rear extensions and the erection of a rear first floor extension over the existing structure. The council's response had been submitted during the month since the last meeting. **Planning permission is granted.**

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payment of Accounts

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
1174	J Beck	Salary and Expenses (8 weeks)	335.84	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		£335.84
1175	J Boyland	Ground Maintenance and grass cutting		
		Inv 0809089	130.00	
		VAT	22.75	
		Inv 00809066	180.00	
		VAT	31.50	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		£363.25
1176	BCB	Grounds maintenance and grass cutting	273.10	
		VAT	47.82	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		£320.92

1177	G Bartley	Expenses re Oxfordshire Records Office	11.16
		TOTAL PAYABLE	£11.16
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£1031.17</u>

b) Receipts.
None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Parish Council Meeting starting at 7.30 pm on Monday 13th October 2008.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed **Date**