

Culham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, High St, Culham on 12 October 2009

Present: Cllrs G. Bartley (Chair), J. Woodley-Shead, J. Thomas, A. Steele, P. Gibbs and T. Price.

In Attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), District Cllr P. Tomlinson and County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale. There were no members of the public.

1. Public Participation

None.

2. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Cllr Tomlinson reported that the issues with the rubbish and recycling have been resolved.

Cllr Bartley reported that there has been an increase in the number of signs opposite the Waggon and Horses, Cllr Tomlinson agreed to investigate and report the matter.

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the South East Plan has been adopted except for the Green Belt Plan, which means that the Green Belt will be maintained.

Cllr Lindsay-Gale also reported that the plan to increase the speed limit on the A415 by European School had been abandoned.

A discussion about the proposed incinerator followed. Cllr Lindsay-Gale explained that all she was able to say at the moment was that the planning applications for both Ardley and Sutton Courtenay were to be heard on Monday. It was agreed that Cllr Gibbs would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Planning meeting – voicing the objections of the Council to the Incinerator.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

All councillors were given the opportunity to declare an interest in any of the items on the agenda. None were made.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2009

These were agreed with one amendment and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Adkins have dealt with the overhanging trees at 1, High St.

A letter has been sent to the residents of Culham House about the overhanging trees.

The Clerk has contacted Jim Boyland with regard to the oak tree on The Green.

7. Burial Ground Slope

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Thomas in obtaining further quotes for the necessary work.

8. Collapsed soak away man hole on The Green

Cllr Woodley-Shead reported that a replacement manhole cover will cost approx. £100. It was agreed that Cllr Woodley-Shead should go ahead with the repair and that Cllr Bartley would contact Adkins to inform them of the Councils decision.

9. Rugby Posts

It was agreed that as there was little demand for rugby posts at The Glebe sport field not to pursue this plan.

10. Parking on the roads by the school

Cllr Bartley agreed to discuss this issue with the new head teacher and the Clerk is to contact the Police to see if they would monitor the situation.

11. Traders parking on the Green

The trader who had been parking on the Green has found alternative arrangements.

A complaint has been received with regard to the builders working on The Lion using The Green to park vehicles and store materials. The Council agreed that this was an unacceptable and that in the first instance Cllrs Bartley and Gibbs would speak to the builders. If this does not have the desired effect further action will be taken.

12. Fortnightly safety checklist

Mr Boyland has reported there are weeds in the loose fill at The Glebe. It was agreed to ask him to provide a quote to rectify the situation and also to replace the timbers at the top of the slide.

The Annual RoSPA report has recommended extra signs for the play area. The Clerk will look into the cost involved.

13. Planning Applications

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

Ref	Proposed Development	Recommendation
P09/W0920	Proposed petrol station with kiosk. Land adjacent to Railway Inn, Station Rd, Culham	Object
P09/W0921	Proposed first floor side extension. Railway Inn, Station Rd, Culham	No objection

b) Decision of Local Planning Authority

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec	Decision
P09/W0746	Variation of conditions 3, 7 &8 of planning permission P08/W0854 to allow amended landscaping and parking arrangements as shown with no alteration to the vision splays from approved. The Lion, 44 High St, Culham	No strong views	Granted

c) Cllr Woodley-Shead reported that the new fencing at the European School is not being erected according to the planning application. The Clerk will report the matter to the planning authority.

d) Cllr Steele agreed to look into Planning Application DRA/SUT/1179/23-CM. Section 73 application to continue the development approved by consent DRA/SUT/1179/23-CM (for the extension of time to retain and operate the processing plant and ancillary operations at Sutton Wick) without complying with: Condition 1 – Completion dates, Condition 18 – Restoration Material

14. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Beck – Clerk’s final salary	100.75		100.75
J. Boyland - Fortnightly safety inspection	79.50	36.45	279.45
Cut and Strim Burial Ground	111.00		
Strim and Clear footpath to large pond	10.50		
Strim and cut grass verge next to Church	42.00		
BDO Stoy Hayward – External Audit	160.00	24.00	184.00
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses October	193.85		193.85
BCB – Grounds Maintenance	287.70	42.40	325.10
SODC – business rates for shed at The Glebe	46.07		46.07

b) The Clerk reported that the external audit for the year ended 31st March 2009 has now been completed.

14. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence had been received during the month and a list is held on file.

16. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the council would be held on November 9th 2009 at the school commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.