

Culham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, High St, Culham on 9th November 2009

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

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

1. Public Participation

None.

2. Reports from District and County Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that this area is once again a target for large-scale gravel extraction. The County Council is bringing forward proposals for gravel extraction in a new core strategy document that will be completed by 2011 as part of a new Waste Plan for the County that deals with strategic options up until 2026. As a result the PAGE campaign is to be re-awakened with a meeting on Saturday 28th November in the Greet Hall at 10.30 am.

Cllr Lindsay-Gale also reported that on 19th October the Planning and Regulation Committee considered the applications to build incinerators from Viridor for the Ardley site and WRG for the Sutton Courtenay site. The meeting was attended by a large number of protestors from both areas. The Ardley application was defeated by 9 votes to 5, and the Sutton Courtenay site by 7 votes to 6. The reasons for refusal were identical in both cases: the development would represent a large permanent building in the countryside which is contrary to policies in the Cherwell Local Plan, and the Vale of the White Horse Local Plan respectively. Both applicants are able to appeal against the decisions, and it is widely expected that Viridor will appeal, while WRG may choose to withdraw. The County Council continues to negotiate on the terms of a 25 year contract with Viridor, the preferred bidder.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T. Price.

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 12th October 2009

These were agreed with three amendments and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

- Jim Boyland is happy that the oak tree on The Green is fine.
- The Clerk is in on-going talks with South Oxfordshire District Council with regard to the level of business rates due on the shed at The Glebe. She is also waiting for confirmation whether rates are also due for the cemetery.

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 he has purchased the replacement manhole cover and will put it in place as soon as possible.

9. Parking on the roads by the school

The Clerk has spoken to PCSO Sarah Talbot who has agreed to monitor parking outside the school. PCSO Talbot hopes to attend the next Parish Council Meeting.

10. Traders parking on the Green

Cllrs Bartley and Gibbs have spoken to the new owners of The Lion however the builders continue to park on The Green. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Shearer.

11. Fortnightly safety checklist

The Clerk has asked Mr Boyland for a quote to deal with the weeds in the loose fill. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out if it is possible to get collars made for the legs of the multiplay at The Glebe as the inspector has raised concerns that the supports are rotting at ground level.

12. Incinerator

Cllr Gibbs reported that despite both planning applications for incinerators being turned down the situation is far from resolved. He feels that Viridor is very likely to appeal the decision. He also noted that WRG have a good site at Sutton Courtenay with excellent access and they will therefore want to continue to develop the area.

13. Planning Applications

a) Decision of Local Planning Authority

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec	Decision
P09/W0827	Erection of storage building. UKAEA Culham Science Centre	No strong views	Granted

b) Cllr Woodley-Shead and the Clerk had reported that the new fencing at the European School is not being erected according to the planning application to the planning authority. Cllr Woodley-Shead has been told that the school have been advised to apply for retrospective planning permission for the alterations. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Authority voicing the objections of the Council.

c) Cllr Steele has read 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.
 Cllr Steele found no problems with the application.

14. Financial Matters

Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Boyland - Fortnightly safety inspection	53.00	26.93	206.43
Cut and Strim Burial Ground	74.00		
Strim and Clear footpath to large pond	10.50		
Strim and cut grass verge next to Church	42.00		
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses October	205.52		205.52

14. Correspondence

- Review of Supported Bus Services from Oxfordshire County Council. The Council agreed that it was important to keep the number 46 service. The Clerk will respond.
- A member of the public has written asking that the Parish Council preserve the rare bus stop sign in the village. Cllr Bartley agreed to oversee the work.
- A letter was received asking if the Parish Council would like a poppy wreath to lay on the War Memorial at next years Remembrance Service. It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.
- A list of other items of correspondence received during the month is held on file.

16. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the council would be held on December 14th 2009 at the school commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.

Signed.....Dated.....