

Culham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, High St, Culham on 14th December 2009

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

In Attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), Anna Kennedy (from ORCC) and PCSOs S. Talbot and R. Kent. There were no members of the public.

1. Public Participation

Anna Kennedy from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council explained that the Diocese of Oxford would be willing to sell some land in Culham for affordable housing if a need was established. ORCC with the agreement of the Parish Council would produce a housing needs survey which would be sent to every house in the Parish to discover if residents felt that affordable houses were required in Culham. If the survey showed that there were residents who required affordable housing in the village then a housing association would be approached to build the number of houses found to be needed in the survey. Any houses built would then be offered to people with a connection to Culham. The Council agreed to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

PCSO S. Talbot reported that they were hoping to introduce a safer parking campaign in partnership with the school. She also mentioned that the Police were continuing to monitor speeding in the village.

2. Reports from District and County Councillors

There were none.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr Lindsay-Gale and District Cllr Tomlinson.

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 9th November 2009

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Bartley reported he had now bound the most recent minutes to be sent to the County Archive.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she has received a response from the planning authority with regard to the fence at the European School. The school have been advised that they must either take down the fence or apply for retrospective planning permission. If they apply for retrospective planning permission the Parish Council will be once again given the chance to comment on the application.

A burial of ashes has taken place in the Cemetery.

7. Burial Ground Slope

The Clerk has approached two other contractors to provide quotes for the work in the Cemetery however neither has got back to either her or Cllr Thomas.

8. Collapsed soak away man hole on The Green

Cllr Woodley-Shead has obtained a manhole cover, which he will install.

9. Parking on the roads by the school

This issue is now being dealt with by the school in conjunction with the Police.

10. Traders parking on the Green

The Clerk reported that following some research she has been unable to establish the status of the village green. If it has been registered as a village green then the Council have powers to act against anyone parking on it. However there is some suggestion that the area was in the past leased by the Parish Council from the Morrell estate, though the lease has now expired. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Bartley would look into the matter further before any action was taken.

11. Repairs to play equipment

The Clerk has asked Mr Boyland to establish whether the multi-play system at The Glebe can be repaired or if it should be replaced.

12. Fortnightly safety checklist

All ok.

13. Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day 2010

It was agreed to find out if the school and Church would be interested in have a wreath laying ceremony on Remembrance Day.

14. Planning Applications

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

No applications have been received this month.

b) Decision of Local Planning Authority

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

15. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks	53.00	11.10	85.10
- Clear leaves from burial ground	21.00		
BCB – Pond Green	107.25	16.08	

Play Area	83.85	12.57	
Football Field and Running Track	232.95	34.95	487.65
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses December	193.85		193.85
South Oxfordshire District Council – rates for shed			33.99

b) Payments Received

Dignity Funerals Ltd – Internment of Ashes Fee - £77.00

c) Precept Calculations 2010/11

The Council set a budget for the next financial year on which the 2010/11 precept will be set.

16. Correspondence

The Clerk has received a request for the Council to take part in a Transport Consultation, it was agreed that Cllr Thomas would respond.

17. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the council would be held on Monday January 11th 2010 at the school commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9 pm.