

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, Culham on February 8th 2010

Present: Cllrs G. Bartley (Chair), J. Thomas, A. Steele and T. Price.

In Attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale, District Cllr P. Tomlinson and 1 member of the public.

1. Public Participation

Mr McKenzie was concerned that the Parish Council report in last months Culham Mouthpiece was misleading, as it stated that Oxfordshire County Council would be supporting Viridor's appeal against the refusal of planning permission for an incinerator at Ardley. The Council agreed to correct this statement in this months report.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that Viridor have appealed against the Committee's decision to refuse planning permission for the energy from waste incinerator proposal for Ardley landfill site.

The County Council have now heard that this appeal will be decided by the Secretary of State with a recommendation from an Independent Inspector who will oversee a public enquiry.

The County Council are at present discussing exactly when the inquiry might take place with the inspectorate but it may well not be until September, now that the Secretary of State is to decide the proposal.

The Planning Committee decided to refuse this application against the advice of the Head of Sustainable Development. The County Council will be fielding an officer to give professional evidence, but having discussed this position with the Chairman of the Planning Committee, it has been decided that it would be appropriate to invite the County Councillors who voted to refuse permission, to play a part in presenting the Council's case in tandem with officers. As one of those members, she is prepared to play her part.

Cllr Lindsay-Gale also reported that the Planning Committee have recommended that Tyre recycling facility at The Culham 4 site has its planning permission refused as the applicants have failed to comply with their section 106 agreement. The Parish Council supported this recommendation.

Cllr Lindsay-Gale asked that council which proposals they would like to see included in the County Councils Transport Consultation. The Council agreed they would like all the proposals to be included other than speed pillows.

District Cllr Tomlinson reported that the SODC are currently working through the budget process and the shared management with The Vale of White Horse DC.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Woodley-Shead and P. Gibbs.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

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

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2010

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

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Police about a Horse Van that was being parked in the High Street causing an obstruction. However the owner now seems to be parking it elsewhere.

The Charity Commission is investigating the winding up of the CRCC. The Clerk is compiling the relevant paperwork.

A new set of Model Standing Orders have been released by SLCC/NALC. The Council will need to amend them as necessary and adopt them.

7. Burial Ground Slope and Administration

The Council agreed to share the cost of a Cemetery Management Training day for the clerk with Milton Parish Council.

Cllr Bartley had met with AI contractors to discuss the Cemetery slope. They had suggested putting in a ramp suitable for wheelchairs then making the cemetery level. It was agreed that the Clerk should get further quotes for the work and confirm with the planning department if further planning permission would be needed for the work.

8. Collapsed soak away manhole on The Green

Cllr Woodley-Shead is waiting for an improvement in the weather.

9. The Green

Cllr Bartley has found some paperwork in the Chairman's file, which shows that the green has been registered. The workmen from the Lion are no longer parking on the Green however the plans seem to show that some of the registered land has been included within the garden boundary. The Clerk will contact the Planning Department.

10. Repairs to play equipment

Mr Boyland doesn't feel that the multi-play is repairable. It was agreed that the Clerk should get a second opinion.

11. Fortnightly safety checklist – Willow on small green behind burial ground

The willow on the small green behind the burial ground is in need of some attention. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Mr Boyland for a quote to deal with it.

12. Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday 2010

The Clerk reported that both the Vicar and school have agreed in principle to holding a small ceremony on Armistice Day.

13. Playing Field Shed

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain more quotes for the necessary repairs to the shed.

14. Dog bins

It was agreed that the request for a dog bin on the Thames Path should be passed on to Abingdon Town Council as they receive the mooring fees.

15. Affordable Housing Survey

The Clerk will distribute copies of a draft survey to the Councillors before the next meeting.

16. Minerals and Waste Development Framework

The Council will discuss this issue after the County Council meeting.

17. Additional Consultation on Development Choices for Wallingford

The Council had no strong views on this consultation.

18. Planning Applications

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

P10/W0096 Two storey side extension. Railway Inn Station Rd Culham – No strong views

b) Decision of Local Planning Authority

PO9/W1211 Prefabricated portacabin to be used as a workshop, Culham Science Centre - Approved

19. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks	53.00	9.28	62.28
L. Dalby Clerk's salary and expenses January	200.10		200.10
Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance – Rent 2008-2010	1763.01		1763.01
Milton PC – share of Clerks membership to SLCC	47.70		47.70
South and Vale Carers – Section 106	100.00		100.00
OPFA - subscription	32.00		32.00

20. Correspondence

A list of correspondence received is held on file.

21. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the council would be held on March 8th 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.