

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

There were none.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr T. Price and County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale.

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 8th February 2010

These were agreed and signed with one amendment.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a burial had taken place in the cemetery and that the same family had also reserved two further plots. The Clerk feels that a plan of the Cemetery is needed in order to maintain correct records.

7. Burial Ground Slope

The Clerk needs to write to South Oxfordshire District Council to confirm whether Planning Permission is required for the work. Further quotes are also needed.

8. Collapsed soak away manhole on The Green

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

9. The Green

The Clerk has spoken to the planning department who are unwilling to intervene at the moment. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain copies of the planning applications and that the Council would keep an eye on the area as work is not yet complete. However the Clerk will write and ask the owner to remove his trampoline from the Green.

10. Repairs to play equipment

Venturplay Designs have now also inspected the play equipment and have agreed with Mr Boylands assessment that multi-play needs to be replaced. Venturplay will provide a quote for replacement equipment. Mr Boyland has now removed the weeds from the loose-fill but has reported that it needs digging out and replacing as it has begun to compost.

11. Fortnightly safety checklist

All ok.

12. Willows on small green behind burial ground

Mr Boyland provided a quote of £250 for the work to the willows. Cllr Woodley-Shead offered to take a look at the willows himself.

13. Playing Field Shed

The Clerk is struggling to find other companies willing to quote for the necessary work.

14. Affordable Housing Survey

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask ORCC to go ahead with the survey.

15. Minerals and Waste Development Framework

WRG are to put in a new application for waste disposal at Sutton Courtenay in July.

16. CRCC

The Clerk is continuing to gather the relevant paperwork for the Charity Commission.

17. Planning Applications

a) Changes in the referral of Planning Applications to the Planning Committee by SODC
The Council agreed with a letter from Aston Tirrold and Aston Upton objecting to the changes in the referral of Planning Applications the Planning Committee particularly as the decision has been made without consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk would also write to the District Council objecting to the plan.

b) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

P10/W0185 – Erection of single storey infill between garage and house. Copper Beaches, High St, Culham – No objection

c) Decision of Local Planning Authority

18. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and removal of weeds from loosefill.	137.00	23.98	160.98
L. Dalby Clerk's salary and expenses January	198.53		198.53

19. Correspondence

A list of correspondence received is held on file.

20. Items for inclusion on next months agenda

- Cllr Bartley reported that despite numerous phone calls over the past month to Verdant (SODC waste collectors) that the rubbish that has been fly-tipped along The Burycroft has not been collected. The Clerk will contact District Cllr Tomlinson to see if she can help.

- Cllr Thomas reported that the pavement by the Bus stop on the High Street is in a very poor state of repair. The Clerk will report this to the County Highways Department.

- Cllr Woodley-Shead asked for the speed limit on the A415 from the traffic lights to the Burycroft to be included on the next agenda.

21. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on April 12th 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a short Parish Council Meeting to attend to any urgent business.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.

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