

## CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, Culham on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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

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

#### **1. Election of Chairman**

Cllr J. Woodley-Shead proposed Cllr T. Price as Chairman. The proposal was seconded by Cllr A. Steele.

#### **2. Public Participation**

A member of the public reported problems in the car park by Culham Lock. He is being disturbed in the middle of the night by cars racing around the car park and at 6.30am by a dog barking as it is let out of a car for some exercise. The Clerk along with the resident will report the matter to the Police and District Council.

#### **3. Reports from County and District Councillors**

There were none.

#### **4. Apologies for absence**

There were none.

#### **5. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest**

There were none.

#### **6. Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **7. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that the willow trees behind the Cemetery had been dealt with. The Clerk also reported that South Oxfordshire District Council have confirmed that planning permission is not required for solar panels on houses even in Conservation areas. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to John Howell MP expressing the Councils disappointment at the lack of regulation.

#### **8. Burial Ground Slope**

The Planning Department feel that because there is no boundary treatment separating the Cemetery from the Churchyard that planning permission will be required for any alterations to the access. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond pointing out that there is a wall separating the Cemetery and Churchyard and also asking for further advice.

#### **9. The Green**

The patch of Village Green outside the old Lion Pub is still accessible to residents so the Council agreed to keep an eye on the area for the time being. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the residents reminding them that the Green must remain available to the public. The trampoline has been removed.

#### **10. Manhole Cover**

The new manhole cover has now been fitted however whilst undertaking the work they discovered that the soak-away drain underneath it has been filled with debris. Cllr Woodley-

Shed and Cllr Bartley removed some of the material however they were concerned that the drain will not function correctly unless the remainder of the debris is removed.

#### **11. Repairs to play equipment**

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain further quotes for replacing the play equipment. It was also agreed to consult with the children from the school about the type of equipment they would like.

#### **12. Fortnightly safety checklist**

All ok.

#### **13. Playing Field Shed**

Jim Boyland had provided a quote of £224.00 + VAT to repair the shed roof. It was agreed to ask him to go ahead with the work.

#### **14. Dog bins**

Cllr Bartley reported that there is a problem with dog mess on the playing field. It was agreed to put a reminder in The Mouthpiece that dogs are banned from the playing field and the Clerk will contact the Environmental Health department at the District Council for further advice.

#### **15. Affordable Housing Survey**

The Clerk will co-ordinate with ORCC and the editor of The Mouthpiece to have the survey delivered.

#### **16. Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Report from Cllr Bartley**

Cllr Bartley reported that following the brainstorming session organised by the County Council for the affected Parishes a report will be published in the next few weeks detailing the likely areas for gravel extraction.

#### **17. CRCC**

The Clerk has now sent all the relevant paperwork to the Charity Commission.

#### **18. Fly Tipping – Burrycroft**

The rubbish has now been removed.

#### **19. Speed Limit A415**

Cllr Woodley-Shed would like to see the 30mph speed limit extended from the traffic lights to the Burrycroft turning. However having been advised this is unlikely to happen the Council agreed they would like this section of road to be reduced to at least 40 mph. The Clerk will contact Cllr Lindsay-Gale who offered to obtain accident reports for the stretch of road.

#### **20. Memorial Bench for Cemetery**

A request has been received from the Reichardt Family to place a bench in memory of their son Christopher near to the cemetery. However as there is already a bench in this area it was agreed to suggest that a tree might be a more suitable memorial. Cllr Price will speak to Mr Reichardt.

#### **21. Planning Applications**

##### **a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation**

None have been received this month.

**b) Decision of Local Planning Authority**

P10/W0185 – Erection of single storey infill between garage and house. Copper Beeches, High St, Culham – Permission Granted

P10/W0096 – Two storey side extension – Railway Inn, Station Rd, Culham – Refused

P09/W1191/RET – Erection of fence to perimeter- European School, Thame Lane, Culham – Refused

**22. Financial Matters**

**a) Payments made between meetings**

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£VAT	£ total
SODC – Emptying dog bins	129.51	19.43	148.94
SODC - Business rates for shed			96.66
Venturplay Designs Ltd – playground inspection	30.00	5.25	35.25
OALC – Standing Orders Booklet			25.00
ORCC - Subscription			30.00
CPRE - Subscription			29.00
OALC - Subscription	110.89	19.41	130.30
Aon Ltd - Insurance			672.80
Jim Boyland – RoSPA inspection	53.00	9.28	62.28
L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and Expenses - April			198.53

**b) Accounts for Payment**

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks £53, Winter clear-up Pond Green £85, Cut & Strim Burial Ground £74, Strim & Clear footpath large pond £10.50, Strim & cut grass verge next to Church £42, Cut down part fallen willow tree £250	514.50	90.04	604.54
L. Dalby Clerk’s salary and expenses May	200.99		200.99
Berinsfield Community Business – Grounds Maintenance	141.35	24.74	166.09
J. Woodley- Shead – Cement/Sharp sand/Ballast	7.26		7.26

**c) Payment received**

E. Carter Funeral Director – reservation of Burial Plots - £410.00

**23. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence is held on file.

**24. Items for next months agenda**

- The closure of the Culham Poor Trust.
- Potholes in the road to the Church.

**25. Future Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05 pm.

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