

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, Culham on Monday 13th September 2010

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

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr Lindsay-Gale and one member of the public.

1. Public Participation

Mr Marjot asked the Council if they could put pressure on the County Council and Police to try to curb speeding in the village. County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported on a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council, County Council Highways department and European School. The County Council have agreed to explore the possibilities of a vehicle activated speeding sign on the A415 and re-phasing the traffic lights to allow for a pedestrian crossing. Mr Marjot suggested that the line markings on Tollgate Road should be changed to single lines to allow parking and thus slow down the speed of traffic. It was agreed that the Clerk should chase up the proposals from the meeting, ask the Highways department to consider changing the markings on Tollgate Rd and for a new traffic survey in the village as the previous survey had been invalidated. The Clerk will also contact the Police to find out what they are doing about the problem.

2. Report from District and County Councillors

Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported the following:

- County Council departments will have to make cuts of between 25 and 40% in their budgets.
- Long Wittenham Parish Council is leading a campaign against the District Council's proposal to build 2000 new houses between Didcot and Long Wittenham. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Long Wittenham PC to discuss what support the Council could offer.
- Cllr Woodley-Shead asked about the procedure to have potholes repaired. The Highways team have repaired a pothole in the High Street but not filled a pothole in the Burycroft despite the fact it has been marked up for repair. It was also reported that there is a pothole in the Tollgate Road. The Clerk will contact Highways and Cllr Lindsay-Gale offered to help if this did not get a satisfactory response.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2010

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following:

- The European School have appealed against the refusal of planning permission for their fence.
- The Clerk has contacted Adkins about the state of the road to the Church, the overgrown hedge on the corner of the High Street and the contents of the soak away drain on the Green. She has yet to receive a response.

7. Burial Ground Slope

The Clerk has had no further response from the Planning Department and it was agreed that she should obtain further quotes for the work.

8. New Play Equipment

The multi-play legs have now rotted through, Mr Boyland contacted the Clerk during his safety inspection and she agreed that he should make the area safe. Cllrs Woodley-Shead and Bartley agreed to remove the remains of the multi-play. The Clerk had received a quote of £13,837.00 + VAT to replace the equipment. It was agreed to put this project on hold for the moment in order to assess the possibility of outside funding. It was agreed the Clerk would also find out how much a BMX track would cost to install.

9. Fortnightly safety checklist

Other than the multi-play all ok.

10. Planning Applications

- a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

P10/W1257 & P10/W1258/LB – Demolition of small oil tank enclosure and erection of single storey extension to enlarge existing kitchen, internal alterations on ground floor to provide new bedroom and WC. Clock House, High St, Culham. No objection

- b) Decision of Local Planning Authority

P10/W0951 – Soft engineering river revetment, Culham Island, Tollgate Road, Culham.
Permitted

11. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	229.00	40.08	269.08
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses September	193.85		193.85
Berinsfield Community Business - maintenance	479.80	83.95	563.75
BDO Stoy Hayward – External Audit	135.00	23.63	158.63
J. Thomas – Grass Cutting	210.00		210.00

b) Payments made between meetings

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses August	200.26		200.26
Berinsfield Community Business - maintenance	434.70	76.05	510.75
J. Boyland – Shed repairs	224.00	39.20	263.20
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	239.00	41.83	280.83
J. Thomas – grass cutting	210.00		210.00

c) The Clerk reported that the external audit for the year ended 31st March 2010 has now been completed.

d) The Council confirmed that the Clerk should progress one scale point on the NJC salary scale as she has performed satisfactorily since her appointment a year ago.

e) The Council agreed that adding the Clerk Lucy Dalby and Cllrs J. Woodley-Shead and P. Gibbs as bank signatories along with making the Clerk the addressee for the bank has become an urgent priority. If the matter can't be sorted out in the next month the Clerk will investigate opening accounts with another bank.

12. Correspondence

A list of correspondence is held on file.

13. Items for inclusion on Octobers Agenda

- Remembrance Day
- Cllr Bartley asked the Clerk to invite the PCSOs to the next meeting
- Damage to trees on The Green

14. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be October 11th 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.