

## CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, Culham on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010

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

**In attendance:** L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr Lindsay-Gale, District Cllr J. Cotton, PCSO R. Kent, PC R. Duff and three members of the public.

#### 1. Public Participation

Mr Rerhaye asked the council if it would be possible to have more community events in the village such as a Fete or Bonfire night. The Council agreed they would support anyone wishing to organise such events. The problems of insurance were discussed and it was felt that the organisers of other local events would be a good starting point to find out more information.

PC Duff reported that whilst they were sympathetic to the problem of speeding in the village they have very limited resources to deal with it especially since the speed vans have been taken off the road. There are regular speed checks outside the European School but other roads within the Parish are unlikely to be monitored.

#### 2. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the County Council were looking for ideas from the public to help cut the budget by £200m. She also reported that there is good news on gravel extraction as it has been decided to recommend option one which involves using existing sites. The recommendation has yet to go to the Cabinet and there will be a further consultation. It is also important that the amount of gravel that Oxfordshire is required to provide reduced.

District Cllr Cotton reported that there are important decisions being made with regard to the Local Development Framework and that representatives of the Council could attend the forthcoming meetings.

#### 3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Woodley-Shead.

#### 4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

#### 5. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010

These were agreed with one amendment and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that ORCC and SODC wish to meet up with two councillors to discuss possible locations for affordable housing. It was agreed that Cllrs Price and Woodley – Shead would attend. The Clerk reported the misuse of trees on the Green to the County Council and the straps have been removed. The bridge will be closed between 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 3.30pm for traffic light maintenance.

#### 7. Burial Ground Slope

The Clerk is waiting for further quotes.

## 8. Burial Ground Administration

The Clerk has now purchased the necessary books for the administration of the Cemetery. Cllr Steele agreed to draw up a plan of the Cemetery and help the Clerk bring the paperwork up to date.

## 9. New Play Equipment

A further quote had been received for replacing the playground equipment. The quote confirmed that the Council are unable to replace the play equipment without seeking further sources of funding.

## 10. Fortnightly safety checklist

All ok.

## 11. Traffic and Speeding

The Council has received a letter from a resident complaining about speeding traffic in Thame Lane. The Clerk will forward the letter to the County Council and continue to liaise the Highways department over the proposals made at the meeting held to discuss the problem of speeding in the village.

## 12. Remembrance Day

It has been confirmed that a short Service of Remembrance will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.50 at the Church. The School will attend along with representatives of the Parish Council.

## 13. 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

The Council agreed they have no objections to WRGs application to build a Mechanical and Biological Treatment Plant in Sutton Courtenay.

b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

## 14. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	£184.00	£32.20	£216.20
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses October	205.06		205.06
Berinsfield Community Business - maintenance	289.80	50.70	340.50
Playsafety Ltd – Annual Playground Inspection	78.00	13.66	91.66
Shaw & Sons Ltd – Stationery for the Cemetery	385.41	67.45	452.86
Milton Parish Council – share of Clerks Cemetery Training	44.65		44.65
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	100.00		100.00
J. Thomas – Grass Cutting	210.00		210.00

b) Refund from SODC against business rates for shed - £48.19

**15. Correspondence**

- Proposed changes to the Core Strategy – SODC
- Public Transport Review – OCC
- Leisure Facilities Consultation – SODC

**16. Items for inclusion on Novembers Agenda**

**17. Future Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be November 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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