

## **CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E School, Culham on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010.**

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

**In attendance:** L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr Lindsay-Gale and two members of the public.

#### **1. Public Participation**

Mr Rerhaye asked if the Council had considered his suggestion of alternative land for building affordable housing. The Clerk said the suggestion would be put to SODC and ORCC when the councillors met with them however due to the planning history of his suggested site it was very unlikely to gain approval.

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

A copy of Cllr Lindsay-Gales report is held on file.

#### **3. Apologies for absence**

There were none.

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

There were none.

#### **5. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **6. Burial Ground Slope**

The Clerk has received quotes in the region of £8,000 - £10,000 to construct an access ramp and handrail in the cemetery. In order to comply with regulations the ramp would need to run parallel to the hedge and not lead forward from the gate. The Council agreed that this expenditure could not be justified at the moment and agreed to upgrade the current slope with vented concrete blocks and a handrail. Cllr Woodley-Shead will find out the cost of the blocks and handrail.

#### **7. Burial Ground Administration and Fees**

Cllr Steele has now made a plan of the Cemetery for the Clerk to use. The Clerk advised that the Council should produce its own table of fees for the cemetery. The Clerk will prepare a table of fees before the next meeting.

#### **8. Fortnightly safety checklist**

All ok other than the reappearance of weeds in the loose fill. It was agreed to obtain quotes for replacing the loose fill.

#### **9. Traffic and Speeding**

An update has been received from Geoff Barrell regarding the options agreed at the site meeting. Rodney Rose is awaiting the outcome of the spending cuts before making a decision about extending the 30mph speed limit to encompass the junction of The Burycroft. The Signals Team are considering adding a pedestrian phase to the traffic lights at the Waggon and Horses however they have concerns that doing this could impact on the traffic queuing to the traffic lights on Tollgate Rd.

The addition of a solar powered 30mph warning sign outside the European School is still being considered.

#### **10. Remembrance Day**

The short service will take place at 10.50 on 11<sup>th</sup> November at the church.

#### **11. Didcot Expansion**

Cllr Gibbs reported that one representative of the group of Parishes objecting to the extra 2000 houses at Ladygrove will speak at the forthcoming District Council meetings.

#### **12. Consultation on concessionary fares scheme**

Cllr Gibbs agreed to find out more about the consultation and respond on behalf of the council.

#### **13. Electoral review of Oxfordshire**

The Council had no strong views on this review.

#### **14. Planning Applications**

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

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 – Granted.

#### **15. Financial Matters**

a) The following accounts for payment were agreed

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	£184.00	£32.20	£216.20
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses November	218.58		218.58
Berinsfield Community Business - maintenance	289.80	50.70	340.50

#### **b) Payments received**

Abingdon Stone and Marble – Fee for erection of headstone - £157.00

c) The Clerk suggested that the Council consider buying a laptop for her use. This would mean that in the event of a change of Clerk or the current Clerk being unable to work records could be transferred easily. It was agreed the Clerk should find out the cost of a suitable laptop.

#### **16. Correspondence**

A list of correspondence is held on file.

#### **17. Items for inclusion on Decembers Agenda**

- Notice board maintenance.

#### **18. Future Meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be December 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.26pm.

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