

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E Primary School, Culham on Monday 10th January 2011.

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

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale.

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

A copy of County Councillor Lindsay-Gale's report is held on file.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr J. Cotton.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that ORCC hope to have the housing survey printed by the end of January - surveys will be sent the Science Park as well as to each household in the village. The fly tipping reported at the last meeting has been cleared.

7. Burial Ground Slope

Cllr Woodley-Shead is waiting for further quotations before a final decision is made.

8. Burial Ground Plan

The Council agreed on the layout for the burial and ashes plots in the Cemetery.

9. Fortnightly safety checklist

All ok.

The Clerk is waiting for other quotes for digging out and replacing the loose fill.

10. Traffic and Speeding

The Clerk continues to ask for updates on possible traffic calming measures from the County Council.

11. Didcot Expansion/OCC's Local Transport Plan/ SODC Core Strategy

Cllr Gibbs was thanked for attending meetings with the other DROP Parishes and his response to the Local Transport Plan on behalf of the Council. Cllr Gibbs will also respond to the SODC Core Strategy consultation on behalf of the Council.

12. Consultation to close Culham School

The Council thanked Cllr Gibbs for his work on the Councils response to the consultation on the closure of the school.

The Clerk will contact ORCC to find out whether it will be possible to maintain the

schoolhouse as a community building if the closure goes ahead.

13. Notice Board Maintenance

The Clerk is waiting for a quote.

14. Church Rd Maintenance

The Clerk has confirmed with Oxfordshire County Council that the Church Road is a bridleway. OCC advise that they have responsibility to maintain it in a condition suitable for horses. Any other work to the bridleway (such as potholes on the edges) would have to be funded by any regular car users under consultation with OCC.

15. Consider applications for donations from CAB and South and Vale Carers

It was agreed to donate £100 to each charity under Section 106.

16. Planning Applications

- a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation
There were none.
- b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority
There were none.

17. Financial Matters

- a) The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	£81.00	£14.18	£95.18
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses December	200.14		200.14

- b) Precept for 2010-2011

The proposals made at the last meeting were accepted and the Precept for 2011/12 was set at £15,160.

18. Correspondence

A letter has been received from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance formally advising the Council that there will be a rent review for the Recreation Field.

Didcot Town Council has written to all the local councils expressing the desire to work constructively with neighbouring parishes to foster co-operation and mutual respect.

OCC have invited two representatives of the Council to attend a meeting to discuss the Closer to Communities Strategy – The Clerk and Cllr Price will attend.

19. Items for inclusion on Februarys Agenda

Status and ownership of the Green.

20. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be February 14th 2011 at the school commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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