

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham C of E Primary School, Culham on Monday 14th February 2011.

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 5 members of the public.

1. Public Participation

Mr Hancock reported that Sutton Courtenay Angling Club had left a large amount of rubbish by the river following a recent competition. The Clerk will write a letter of complaint to the club.

Parents of children attending the European School asked if the Council could request a pedestrian phase in the lights at the Waggon and Horses. Cllr Woodley-Shead explained that the Council had been working with the County Council to try to reduce the speeding on the A415 however the road is not a priority. It was agreed that the Parish Council would request school crossing signs on the approaches to the traffic lights and also ask for better maintenance of the pavement as often the children can't be seen because of the weeds.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gales report is held on file and displayed on the village website.

3. Apologies for absence

There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011

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

6. Clerk's Report

- The bridges will be closed between 10am and 3.30pm on 14th – 18th March for replacement of the traffic lights. It was agreed the Clerk should find out if the work could be delayed until the bridge works at Milton have been completed.
- Nomination Papers for the forthcoming Parish Council elections are available.
- The Clerk will be attending an SLCC Branch Conference on 16th February it was agreed to share the £40.00 fee with Milton Parish Council.
- The Clerk has reported the problem with litter at the Lock car park to SODC.

7. Burial Ground Fees

It was agreed that the Council would not charge fees for the burial of children under the age of 18.

8. Burial Ground Slope

Cllr Woodley-Shead is continuing to investigate the cost of the work.

9. Burial Ground Plan

Cllr Steele has finalised the Burial Ground Plan with a total of 68 burial plots.

10. Fortnightly safety checklist

All ok.

11. Replacement of loose fill in play areas

The Clerk will confirm quotes with Berinsfield Community Business and Culham Garden Contractors before the next meeting.

12. Traffic and Speeding

The Clerk will contact Highways to discuss extra children crossing signs and cutting back the vegetation at the Waggon and Horses traffic lights.

13. Consultation to close Culham School

The County Council will meet this week to discuss the future of the school.

14. Notice Board Maintenance

The Clerk has received a quote of £120 from Mr Loveridge to refurbish the notice boards. The Council agreed to ask Mr Loveridge to go ahead with the work.

15. Status and ownership of The Green

The Council examined the paperwork, which the Clerk holds in relation to the Village Green. It was noted that the triangle of land in front of the old Lion Pub is part of the village green. The Clerk will investigate if the land has ever been registered as a village green and if any of the trees have TPOs.

16. Planning Applications

- a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation
P10/W1928/LB – No objections
- b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

17. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	54.00	10.80	64.80
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses February	206.90		206.90
South and Vale Carers	100.00		100.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	100.00		100.00
OPFA - Subscription	35.00		35.00
Milton PC – share of Clerk's SLCC Membership	52.65		52.65
SLCC – Branch Conference	40.00	8.00	48.00

18. Correspondence

A letter has been received asking the Council to comment on the Oxfordshire County Council Boundary Review. The Council had no strong views on the matter.

A letter from John Howell MP asked how well or poorly the village was served with broadband and mobile coverage. The Clerk will respond.

19. Items for inclusion on March's Agenda

Community grant for Community Building.

20. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be March 14th 2011 at the school

commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.20pm.

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