

## CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham Parochial C of E Primary School, Culham on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

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

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

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

A resident of The Green complained about the condition of the Church Rd and the inconsiderate parking of some residents. The Council explained that the road is in fact a bridleway and as such the County Council is only obliged to maintain it is a reasonable condition for horses. Motorists using the bridleway are exercising their private right of access when driving on it. The Council are keen to facilitate repairs to the potholes however this would require the co-operation of the residents of the Green, the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Councils as owners of the burial ground. No one should park on the Green as it is a registered Village Green.

The Clerk will find out the costs of a No Parking sign and what it would cost to repair the potholes.

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

County Cllr Lindsay-Gales report is held on file.

District Cllr Cotton reported that the District Council has had a 15% cut in funding from central government and therefore the budget has been frozen. However as SODC and VWHDC have moved to shared management huge cost saving have already been created. Therefore services should remain the same although there will now be a cost for some such as pre-advice for planning which used to be free. The Core strategy will be held up by the forthcoming District Council elections.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P. Gibbs.

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

There were none.

#### **5. Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

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

#### **6. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible for the works to the lights on the bridges to be delayed.

#### **7. Burial Ground Fees**

The Clerk will complete the table of fees before the next meeting.

#### **8. Burial Ground Slope**

Ongoing.

#### **9. Fortnightly safety checklist**

The Clerk had not received the checklists this month.

**10. New play equipment**

Cllr Bartley had spoken to a play equipment company, which had offered to help the Council find funding for new play equipment. However Cllr Bartley reported that the process seemed very complicated and time consuming with no guarantee of success.

**11. Replacement of loose fill in play areas**

It was agreed to award the contract for replacing the loose fill to Culham Gardening Contractors. The costs would be met from the remaining funds of CCRC.

**12. Traffic and Speeding**

The Clerk has contacted the Highways department who are unable to fund extra ‘Children Crossing’ signs at the moment. However they will keep a close eye on the vegetation problem at the lights during the summer.

**13. Consultation to close Culham School**

The Consultation is currently ongoing.

**14. Status and ownership of The Green**

The Clerk will try to establish the ownership of the Green before the next meeting.

**15. Community Grant for Community building**

Cllr Woodley-Shead reported that SODC hold some funds that are available as grants towards community buildings. It was agreed to wait until the outcome of the School Closure Consultation before discussing any need for a community building.

**16. Thames Bridge**

The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society have asked for the Councils support for their aim to have a foot/cycle bridge created across the Thames by the railway bridge east of Abingdon. The Council agreed they had no objections to the scheme.

**17. Off Street Car Park Order 2011**

The Council had no strong views on this consultation.

**18. Planning Applications**

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec
P11/W0242/LB	Conversion of existing store room/stable to form playroom extension to original barn conversion. The Cart House, Culham Court, Abingdon Rd, Culham	No objection
P11/W0237 P11/W0238/CA	Demolition of existing double garage and utility room. New 2 storey side extension providing a single garage, utility room and 2 bedroom with 1 ensuite shower room and single storey rear extension providing a family room with kitchen. 4 The Green, Culham	No objection

b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec	Decision
P10/W1928/LB	Replace existing Porch. 13 The Green, Culham	No objection	Permitted

## 19. 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	204.55		204.55
CPRE – Subscription	29.00		29.00
D. Loveridge – refurbish notice boards	120.00		120.00
OCC – Village Green paperwork	3.40		3.40
OALC - Subscription	110.89	22.18	133.07

### b) Payments Received

Milton Parish Council share Clerk's Training - £24.00

### c) PAYE and NI Employer Registration

The Clerk reported that s per HMRC regulations the Council was now registered as an employer.

## 20. Correspondence

A letter had been received from a resident of the Green about the condition of the road to the Church. The Clerk will respond.

## 21. Items for inclusion on April's Agenda

## 22. Future Meeting

It was agreed the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a short Parish Council Meeting to attend to any urgent business.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9pm.