

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council duly convened and held in Culham Parochial C of E School, Culham on Monday 9th May 2011.

Present: Cllrs T. Price, A. Steele and J. Thomas.

In attendance: Mrs L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale, District Cllr J. Cotton and four members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Steele proposed Cllr Price as Chairman. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Thomas.

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Cllr T. Price signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

Cllrs T. Price, J. Thomas and A. Steele signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Councillors.

3. Public Participation

Two representatives of St Edmunds Football Club asked the Council for permission to explore the possibility of re-establishing the Football Pitch and re-connecting amenities to the shed to provide facilities during Football Matches. The hope would be to start using the pitch in September 2012.

The Football club would like to cut the grass over the summer in order to confirm if the condition of the pitch could be improved to a suitable standard.

In principle the Council agreed they would be happy to hire the pitch to St Edmund's Football Club however this would be conditional on cars being parked in the Lock Car park and not creating a nuisance for the residents of The Glebe. The Football Club were happy to agree to this condition and pointed out that they hoped their improvements would benefit the Parish Residents as well as the Football Club.

The Football Club with the help of grants and volunteers would finance the improvements to the pitch and shed and the Council agreed the cost of hire would reflect this investment.

Mr Woodley-Shead reported that he had received an offer for the tractor, which is currently housed in the shed. The Clerk will have the tractor valued.

4. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that she is hopeful that the school will remain open.

District Cllr Cotton gave an update on the EIP of the Core Strategy.

5. Apologies for absence

There were none.

6. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

7. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2011

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

8. Burial Ground Fees

No further progress.

9. Burial Ground Slope

Cllr Steele is investigating the cost of ground stabilisation materials.

10. Fortnightly safety checklist

Not received this month.

11. Consultation to close Culham School

The decision will be made by the County Council on May 24th.

12. Status and ownership of The Green

The Clerk has received a definitive map from the County Council, which shows that part of the Green and Bridleway are in fact in the ownership of the Manor and confirms that the triangle of land outside the old Lion Pub is part of the Village Green. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a letter to all residents of The Green outlining the Laws protecting the Village Green. The letter will also propose that the residents along with the PCC and Parish Council share the cost of repairing the potholes in the bridleway.

13. Football Club

As discussed and agreed in Public Participation

14. Planning Applications

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec
P11/W0278/LB	Resecure and repoint stone quoins. Repairs to cracks in stone window frames. Rebuild chimneystack to art block.	Approved
P11/W0625	The taking down and rebuilding of a chimney and various repairs around the site.	Approved

It was agreed that due to the recent history of the European School ignoring planning regulation the Clerk would ask that the works are monitored.

b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec	Decision
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15. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
J. Thomas – Grass Cutting	420.00		420.00
J. Woodley – Shead – Gravel board & pointed peg for play area	27.27	5.45	32.72
G. Bartley – Goal net	47.00		47.00
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	191.00	38.20	229.20
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses May	190.62		190.62
Post Office Ltd – PAYE May	21.80		21.80
ORCC - Subscription	30.00		30.00
SODC – Servicing dog bins	29.15	5.83	34.98
Aon Ltd - Insurance	738.24		738.24
J. Thomas – Grass Cutting	210.00		210.00
G. Bartley – materials to repair sign	26.33		26.33
J. Woodley – replace safety bark	480.00		480.00

b) Payments Made between meetings

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£VAT	£ total
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J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	147.00	29.40	176.40
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses April	177.83		177.83
Post Office Ltd - PAYE	33.00		33.00

- c) Approval of Accounts 2010/11
The Council approved the unaudited accounts for 2010/11.
- d) The Accounting Statements for 2010/11 was agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as the responsible financial officer.
- e) Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

16. Correspondence

17. Items for inclusion on April's Agenda

There were none.

18. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be June 13th 2011 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.55pm.