

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting duly convened and held in Culham Parochial C of E Primary School, Culham on Monday 13th June 2011.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

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

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk)

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale's report is held on file.

3. Co-option onto the Council

April Jones and Jon Woodley-Shead were cop-opted onto the Council. Cllrs Jones and Woodley-Shead signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Lindsay-Gale and District Councillor J. Cotton.

5. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2011

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed with one amendment.

7. Burial Ground Fees and Request from Resident

The Clerk has nearly completed the Burial Ground Fees schedule.

A request has been received from a resident to bury his parent's ashes in the Burial Ground. Due to the particular circumstances of the resident it was agreed to allow him to purchase a grave space for his parents ashes with the intention that his ashes would be added to the grave when he dies.

8. Burial Ground Slope

Cllr Steele hopes to have more details for next months meeting.

9. Fortnightly safety checklist

It was agreed that as recommended by Safety Report the monkey bars should be taken down. The Clerk will investigate new play equipment and possible sources of funding.

10. Consultation to close Culham School

The campaign to save Culham School has been successful. It was agreed that Cllr Price would write an article for The Villager congratulating all those involved in the campaign.

11. Status and ownership of The Green and Bridleway

The Clerk will contact the Open Spaces Society for advise on protecting the village green.

12. Football Club and Recreation Ground Shed

The tractor has been removed from the shed by its owner. St Edmunds FC have decided that they are no longer interested in using the football pitch as too much work is required on the shed to make it into a suitable pavilion.

Cllrs Woodley-Shead and Jones agreed to begin preliminary investigations into building a new pavilion.

13. Housing Needs Survey

The Housing Needs Survey is now complete. The Clerk will distribute an electronic version and find out what the next steps will be.

14. Planning Applications

a) Applications received from District Council for Consultation

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec
P11/W0695	Two storey rear extension – 12 The Green, Culham	No strong views

b) Decisions of Local Planning Authority

Ref	Proposed Development	PC Rec	Decision
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- c) District Cllr Cotton has confirmed that the European School's planning appeal is ongoing.

15. Financial Matters

a) The following Accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Membership Open Spaces Soc.	40.00		40.00
J. Boyland - RoSPA Checks and maintenance	191.00	38.20	229.20
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses June	199.77		199.77
Post Office Ltd – PAYE June	27.40		27.40
Berinsfield Community Business – Grass Cutting	297.00	59.40	356.40

b) Internal Auditors Report

The Internal auditor has recommended that the Council review the level of the Fidelity Guarantee.

16. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence have been received during the last month and a list is held on file.

17. Items for inclusion on July's Agenda

The Clerk will invite the PCSOs to attend the meeting.

18. Future Meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be July 11th 2011 at the school, commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.