

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Monday 13th June 2016 at Culham Parochial C of E School

Present: Cllrs G. Gibbs (Chair), A. Steele, A. Jones, J. Thomas, S. Casey-Rerhaye and R. Epps.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and District Cllr S. Lawson.

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors

District Cllr Lawson reported that an improved affordable housing service has been launched by the District Council.

The District Councils and County Council have commissioned studies to look at the options for unitary authorities in Oxfordshire.

David Hill has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of VWHDC and SODC.

County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gales reported is held on file.

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016

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

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the graffiti in the pillboxes has been reported to the Police.

Unfortunately it isn't clear who is responsible for the pillboxes so they haven't been cleaned. It was agreed to monitor them for further antisocial behaviour.

7. Internal Audit 2015/16 Report

The Internal Audit report was noted. The VAT has now been claimed and the form completed.

8. Annual Governance Statement 2015/16

The Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 was agreed.

9. Accounting Statements 2015/16

The Accounting Statements 2015/16 were agreed.

10. Recreation Ground Report and use of Shed

It was agreed to consider the future use of the shed during the inspection of the assets next month.

11. Tree Planting

It was agreed to create a tree planting plan.

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Steele reported that Parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan will be looked on favourably in the Local Plan though the Green Belt offers some protection to Culham. No volunteers have come forward to create a plan.

13. Culham Community Building

An initial meeting has been held with OCC and the Church. Three sites have been put forward for a building and there will be a questionnaire in The Mouthpiece for residents to complete. The Diocese have begun to assess the suitability of the Church building for this use.

14. Village Fete

The Village Fete will be held on September 24th.

15. Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations

The village picnic was postponed for insurance reasons.

16. Hydro Scheme Works

Speed signs have not been put on the works road and there is still no warning for pedestrians before the bridge. The Clerk will contact Mr Taylor.

17. Waggon and Horses

The contents of the pub will be cleared shortly and the alarm installed.

18. Gate in Lock Car park

The Clerk has requested the extra gate in the lock car park and is waiting for a response from SODC.

19. Burycroft and Tollgate Road footpaths

The pavements on the Burycroft, Tollgate Road and the Causeway are becoming blocked by the overgrown verges.

The Clerk will speak to OCC about taking over responsibility for maintaining the verges and also report that the drains in the village are blocked.

20. Bus service

Once the bus subsidies have been cut the village will gain an hourly service.

21. Parish Councillors training

Cllr Gibbs is to attend the Chairmanship training by OALC.

22. To review the Council asset register

The register will be reviewed next month during a walk about the village.

23. Agree Accounts for Payment

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
OALC - training	65.00	13.00	78.00
L. Dalby - Clerks salary and expenses	195.69		195.69
HMRC - PAYE	45.00		45.00

J. Boyland - Maintenance	522.00	104.40	626.40
RJS(IA) Ltd – Internal Audit	180.00		180.00
Tom Cottrell Landscapes – tree work	650.00	130.00	780.00
J. Thomas – Grass cutting	570.00		570.00
G. Gibbs – compactor hire	33.38	6.68	44.62
A. Jones -			70.76

24.Planning

P16/S1753/O – approve

P16/S1927/HH – NSV

25.Correspondence

- Cllr Gibbs has been invited to the Baccalaureate Ceremony at the European school.
- Cllr Gibbs has been invited to Dalton Barracks for a reception
- Everyone has been invited to meet the new vicar.

26.Items for report and inclusion on July’s Agenda

- Energy Storage Facility
- Thames Lane road safety

27.Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 11th July 2016 at **7pm** at the school.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.