

**CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2016 at Culham Parochial C of E School**

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

**In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), District Cllr S. Lawson and two members of the public.**

**1. Public Participation**

Mr Taylor representing the Morrell Family reported that the family are minded to make a contribution to the Church but are concerned not to offend other groups within the Parish. The Waggon and Horses has been cleared and they will be holding a pre-application meeting with the District Council soon.

The weir is beginning to look better. A temporary roof has been fitted and the entrance ways for the fish and eel passes are being dug. The contractor hopes to begin testing by the end of the month. Mr Taylor asked what colour the Parish Council felt the timber cladding should be? Ash was suggested.

Mr Taylor reported that the track will be grassed over. The Parish Council are concerned that the track be made level with the field and finished as per the planning permission. The spoil from the site will be spread as per Environment Agency requirements.

The Parish Council would like the area to be reinstated as much as possible to its original state.

Concerns were raised about orchids in the area. Mr Taylor will take steps to ensure they are protected.

Concerns were raised about a recent Health and Safety matter on the site. Mr Taylor will investigate.

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

District Cllr Lawson reminded residents to register for voting. SODC are making available a Revenue Grant Stream to sit alongside the Capital Grant Scheme. The unitary Authority debate has reached a stalemate. Residents can now only put recycling loose in their bins or use clear sacks.

The Polling Station review is looking at voting facilities in Culham. It was suggested that the Church could be used if a portaloo was installed which would be more satisfactory than the current arrangement of traveling to Clifton Hampden.

It was reported that the new traffic lights at the Waggon and Horses junction are changing too quickly. A child has been knocked off their bike and there have been several near misses with pedestrians trying to cross the road. The Clerk will report the matter to OCC Highways.

**3. Apologies for absence**

There were none.

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

There were none.

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed with two amendments.

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

Mr Boyland has been unable to cut back the cemetery hedge because of the chicken wire. It was agreed to move the chicken wire to the other side of the hedge.

## **7. Polling Places Review**

As per the District Councillors report.

## **8. Thame Lane Road Safety**

No further progress.

## **9. Recreation Ground Report and use of Shed**

The shed has almost been cleared. It was agreed to consider reconnecting the water and electricity.

## **10. Tree Planting**

It was agreed to find someone to plan, plant and care for new trees.

## **11. Grass Cutting**

The verges in the village have still not been cut. Taking over management of the verges will be discussed next month.

## **12. Culham Community Building**

The committee have applied for a grant to help with starting the project.

## **13. Culham Show 2016**

The show will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## **14. Hydro Scheme Works**

As per Public Participation.

## **15. Waggon and Horses**

As per Public Participation.

## **16. Gate in Lock Car park**

It was agreed that the Environment Agency will need to agree to the installation of a new gate and a contractor found to complete the work.

## **17. Village footpaths and pavements**

Cllr Epps will arrange for the hedge along Tollagte Road to be cut back.

The Clerk will ask if the pavement along the top of the Green can be repaired whilst the Burycroft is closed for resurfacing.

## **18. Bus service**

The timetable has been changed.

## **19. Parish Councillors training**

Training is available from OALC.

## **20. Planning Applications**

P16/S2774/FUL - Lightweight canoe storage and hut with associated parking area. Land at Rye Farm Meadows - Approve

## 21. Agree Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	192.62		192.62
HMRC - PAYE	44.40		44.40
J. Boyland - Maintenance	552.00	104.40	626.40
J. Thomas – Grass cutting	700.00		700.00

## 22. Correspondence

- Oxfordshire Volunteers
- Minerals and Waste Examination
- VWHDC Planning Policy

## 23. Items for report and inclusion on October's Agenda

- The Perspex in the Notice Board needs replacing
- Cemetery Fees

## 24. Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the school.

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

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