CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Monday 10th October 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), County Cllr L. Lindsay-Gale, District Cllr S. Lawson and one member of the public.

1. Public Participation
Mr Taylor reported that the tree on the corner of Tollgate Road and High Street may have to be taken down.
The Waggon and Horses pre-application has been knocked back. It was agreed that two Parish Councillors would attend a meeting with the planning officer to discuss the proposals.
The Parish Council are keen to support starter homes in the parish.
Hydro scheme – the water way is now open and the site is looking tidier. It is hoped to get the roof on this week. Once the cladding, tiles and planting have been completed the impact of the site will be softened. The road will be soiled and grassed over. They are in talks with the Environment Agency regarding the use of the leftover spoil. Mr Taylor assured residents that fences will be reinstated.

2. Reports from County and District Councillors
Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the County Council is aiming to make better use of its property portfolio and a scheme to install automatic swipe cards to allow wider access to libraries is being trialled.
The Parish Council reported that the new traffic lights by the Waggon and Horses continue to cause problems for pedestrians.
Pricing for a footpath for Thame Lane has been given to the Europa School.

Cllr Lawson reported that she is aware that it is difficult to buy clear plastic sacks for use in the recycling bins. The Polling Station review is ongoing.

3. Apologies for absence
There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest
Cllr Epps declared a personal interest in the Waggon and Horses.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016
The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported that following a fall on the Bridleway across the Green that OCC Countryside would be inspection the condition of the bridleway. The future of the Green was discussed and it was agreed that further reduction in the grassed area should be prevented.

7. Recreation Ground Report and use of Shed
Quotes for re-establishing power and water to the shed would be investigated. The Clerk will contact the Diocese regarding any plans for the shed.

8. Tree Planting
Cllr Steele has found volunteers to create a plan of tree planting for the Green.

9. Grass Cutting
The Clerk will find out if it is possible for the Parish Council to cut the verges within the village and along the Burycroft but not along the A415.
It was agreed to obtain new quotes for all the grass cutting.

10. Culham Community Building Report
There will be a meeting soon.

11. Culham Show 2016 Report
The show brought the community together and the committee re keen to run it again. The school and church made money from the event.

12. Hydro Scheme Works
As per public participation.

13. Waggon and Horses
As per public participation.

14. Gate in Lock Car park
The cost of installing the gate will be £525. The Clerk will contact SODC and the Environment Agency regarding the work.

15. Village footpaths
The Clerk will report the condition of the footpaths to OCC.

16. Planning Applications
There were none.

17. Completion of Audit 2016
The External Auditors report was noted.

18. Agree Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	192.82		192.82
HMRC - PAYE	44.20		44.20
J. Boyland - Maintenance	846.00	169.20	1015.20
J. Thomas – Grass cutting	260.00		260.00
BDO LLP – External Audit	100.00	20.00	120.00

19. Correspondence
There was none.

20. Items for report and inclusion on November's Agenda
- Play area
- Reeds in pond
- Christmas Tree
- Emergency Plan

21. Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 14th November 2016 at the school.

Signed……Dated……..