

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

**Present: Cllrs G. Gibbs (Chair), A. Steele, A. Jones, 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 Kirby outlined proposals for tree planting on the Village Green. The cost of 5 – 6 trees including planting would be approx. £1250. The after care of the trees will be very important. It was agreed to set up a working party to move the project forward.

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

Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the proposed Oxford to Cambridge expressway is likely to have a huge impact on Culham. The proposal has come from Central Government and the County Council will be a consultee in the process.

The Oxford Transport Charging scheme study has been launched. A congestion charge is being considered as part of the study.

Cllr Lawson reported that the Didcot Garden Town Consultation is ongoing. She also encouraged the Parish to create a Neighbourhood Plan.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J. Thomas and S. Casey-Rerhaye.

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

There were none.

**5. Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

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

**6. Clerk's Report**

There was none.

**7. Recreation Ground Report and use of Shed**

Deferred to next month.

**8. Tree Planting including Christmas Tree**

As per public participation.

The Christmas Tree is now up.

**9. Pond Clearance and ongoing maintenance**

The Clerk will contact the Oxfordshire Volunteers to request they clear the pond.

**10. Grass Cutting**

Deferred to next month.

### **11. Culham Community Building Report**

99.6 % of respondents were in favour of the Church being used as a Community Building. The Oxford Diocese has granted £5,000 for a feasibility study. The legal and financial position of the Parish Council as part of the steering group will be confirmed by the Clerk.

### **12. Culham Show 2016 Report**

No details have been received.

### **13. Hydro Scheme Works**

Work is ongoing.

### **14. Waggon and Horses**

Cllrs Gibbs and Jones attended a meeting a SODC with Mr Taylor to discuss the future of the site.

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

The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency to obtain permission to put a gate in the Lock Car Park.

### **16. Village footpaths**

Deferred to next month.

### **17. Friends of St Paul's November meeting report**

The quiz night is on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **18. Planning Applications**

P16/S3666/HH - 4 Thame Lane - withdrawn

### **19. Agree Accounts for Payment**

20. Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby - Clerks Salary and Expenses	190.80		190.80
HMRC - PAYE	44.40		44.40
SODC - dog bins	31.40	6.28	37.68
J. Boyland - Maintenance	64.00	12.80	76.80
R. Epps - Christmas Tree	140.00		140.00

### **21. Budget 2017/18**

The budget was discussed.

### **22. Correspondence**

Letter from Bursar of Magdalene College regarding housing at Grenoble Road was noted.

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

- Dog fouling

### **24. Future Meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the school.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.