CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at Culham Parochial C of E School

Present: Cllrs S. Casey-Rerhaye (Chair), A. Steele and P. Owen

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr Lindsay-Gale and four members of the public.

1. **Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)**
   Mr Epps introduced Jo Oughtred who is running the VE day celebrations. They hope to hold on The Green and will consider road closure. A grant will be needed for a toilet needed and they asked if the event would be covered by the Parish Council Insurance (Parish Clerk to confirm). Mr Taylor offered to fund a second toilet.
   Peace in Europe celebration.

   Mr Taylor reported that the Morrel's planning consultants have met with SODC who have said they will not allow 9 houses in the green belt. So the family intend to apply for a larger motel and sell the site. There have been further problems with break-ins at the pub.

   A new resident reported he had been litter picking in the village and has made an arrangement with SODC for collection of the waste. The litter has included sharps. Council thanked him for all his hard work.

2. **Reports from County and District Councillors**
   Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the Budget passed through today. Positive budget rather cuts as in previous years. Complete agreement from all sides. Building up services especially social care. More money for school buildings and more for SEND team. More money for roads. Committed to green agenda and investing in LED street lights. Confirmed looking into business case for zero emission zone in Oxford. Include charge for cars going into the city. Parking tax. Money will be spent on direct line bus services.
   New library opened in Barton.
   OCC has agreed to take on the SODC Local Plan if it is offered.

   Cllr Lindsay-Gale has asked the head of The Europa School to speak to Dept of Education about opening the back gate. Speed survey taking place.

   Culham School will formally close on 31st March. 8 children are transported to Clifton Hampden daily. The building belongs to the church. Cllr Lindsay-Gale is to visit Bishop Colin to talk about future of the building. County Council keen to develop it for a centre for SEN children.

   Cllr Casey-Rerhaye gave her report. SODC spoke at the OCC meeting about the local plan. Mr Jenrick MP has not responded to letters from SODC.
   Minerals and Waste site only one in South Oxon is in Nuneham Courtenay which for various reasons is not suitable.
   There will be an increase in council tax as it is not sustainable to keep dipping into reserves.

3. **Apologies for absence**
   Apologies were received from Cllr Morris.

4. **Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest**
   There were none

5. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020**
   The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. **Clerk's Report**
   The Clerk reported that she had made a successful bid for a grant for planting trees from the SODC Councillors award scheme.
   The playground grant has been submitted. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the diocese regarding the length of the remaining lease on the recreation field before any equipment is installed.
   There has been no information about the use of the school for Parish Council meetings once it closes on March 31st. The Clerk will follow this up.
   The Clerk will report the Tree house to OCC once again.

7. **To discuss the War Memorial and possible VE Day/Battle of Britain Day Commemorations**
   As per public participation.

8. **To discuss speeding in the parish**
   As per OCC report.
   It was agreed to look at Tollgate Road speeding next.

9. **To discuss condition of Bridleway around Village Green**
   The Clerk reported that she is going to take advantage of 30 minutes free legal advice from OALC about Green.
   It was agreed to write a letter to all the residents of The Green explaining that it is a Bridleway and not a road. Its surface can't be tarmacked and OCC is only obliged to maintain the surface as a bridleway. The Parish Council could consider purchasing more gravel but the residents would have to spread it themselves and look after it but moderating their speed.

10. **To discuss high speed broadband**
    There will be further communication from OCC in due course.

11. **To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan**
    Cllr Owen will contact SODC regarding a grant for starting a Neighbourhood Plan.
    There will be a public meeting on 26th February.

12. **Planning**
    P20/S0023/FUL Proposed change of use of annex to single dwellinghouse with garden, parking area, and associated works Culham Court Abingdon Road
    No objections

13. **Agree Accounts for Payment**
    The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	210.58		210.58
HMRC – PAYE	47.20		47.20

J. Boyland – Maintenance			91.20
SODC – dog bins			82.88
R. Gibbs – website hosting			110.00

14. Correspondence

Complaints have been received about the damage to the grass verge by the school bus. The Clerk showed Cllr Lindsay-Gale the damage.

15. Items for report and inclusion on March's Agenda

- Neighbourhood Plan
  - Jim Boyland – consider for next year.
  - Ask Mr Boyland about watering the trees?
  - Wild flower meadow?
  - Money for toilets
  - Annual Meeting

16. Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 10th March 2020 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.