CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 hosted online

Present were Cllrs S. Casey-Rerhaye (Chair), A. Morris and P. Owen.

In attendance L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr Lindsay-Gale, Mr Homer (ONeillHomer) and two residents.

1. **Briefing from Neil Homer of ONeillHomer on providing support to the parish council to create and have adopted a Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Homer gave an introduction to the services he offers in relation to completing a Neighbourhood Plan and answered questions.

2. **To receive report on proposals for the Waggon and Horses Site**

Mr Taylor reported that as permission is unlikely to be given to build houses on the site as it is in the Green Belt. It has therefor been decided to submit a application to demolish the pub and replace it with a hotel. Cllr Casey-Rerhaye suggested that any plans include a footpath that possibly joins up with the footbridge at the Europa School to create a safe crossing.

3. **Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)**

A resident asked what the traffic monitoring cameras around the village were for. Cllr Casey-Rerhaye reported that Council has tried to find out but has so far been unsuccessful. Cllr Lindsay-Gale agreed to look into it.

The hedge on the Burycroft is now blocking the road. This has been reported on Fix my Street. Cllr Lindsay-Gale to follow up.

Mr Taylor reported he has removed the barbed wire. The bridge at the permissive path is collapsing so he will build another bridge.

4. **County and District Councillor Reports**

County Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that Covid information is changing daily at the moment. There are concerns about the return of the students to Oxford. Schools have returned and are safe. There is a new bus route from Cowley to Abingdon which is coordinated with the school times. There is a Minerals and Waste Plan meeting to be held on Friday – the plan wont be ready for submission until 2023. The speed survey for Thame Lane has been scheduled.

District Cllr Casey-Rerhaye report that inspector has said that the local Plan is sound with some small modifications. Councillors are taking legal advice about their position in relation to the plan. If the plan is adopted the housing land supply would drop below 5 which would open up the possibility of speculative development. The planning white paper proposes to get rid of land supply figures but imposes numbers from central government.
Car parking charges are to increase by 20p and there is a consultation on free parking and Sunday parking charges. Council meetings are being held online and the public can now participate. There has been a good response to the corporate plan consultation.

5. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Steele.

6. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest
There were none.

7. To approve minutes of the meetings held on July 14th and July 27th 2020
The minutes of July 14th and July 27th were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

8. Clerk's Report
The Diocese have been in contact to say that the future of the school is still under negotiation and they will be in touch about using the building for meetings once an agreement has been reached.
There has been no response regarding the lease of the recreation field. The Clerk suggested council consider offering to buy the recreation field.

9. Local Plan Update
As per District Council report.

10. To agree response to P20/S1988/FUL
Change of use of land from agricultural land to farm park, wildlife and outdoor activity centre, associated buildings and outdoor play structures, mountain bike trail, formation of lake, ponds and wetland area, formation of a new vehicle/pedestrian access off the A415, associated engineering works, drainage and landscaping.(additional information received 16 July 2020 & updated traffic Model received 6 August 2020).
It was agreed to **Object** to the application.

11. Neighbourhood Plan

- To receive an update
  The consultation has finished and the outcome is due by 18th September.

- To approve instructing ONeillHomer subject to receiving government grant of £10k which would cover his fees. **Agreed.**

- It was agreed to apply for the government grant of £10,000.

12. To consider registering Tree preservation orders
Cllr Steele and Owen to speak with the District Council Tree Officer.

13. To consider planting a fir tree on The Green
It was agreed to plant a Christmas Tree on the Green but it would need to be kept under control.

14. To agree Accounts for Payment
The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	237.30		237.30
L. Dalby – anti virus	69.99		69.00
HMRC – PAYE	48.80		48.80
J. Boyland – Maintenance	867.00	173.40	1040.40
IAC Audit Consultancy Ltd – Internal Audit	175.00	35.00	210.00

Playsafety Ltd – Annual playground inspection	68.50	13.70	82.20
Berrymans – legal advice for Local Plan	10,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00
Fieldgte Consultants – report for Local Plan	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00

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

- Dog bins
- HIF Roads meeting

16. Future Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 13th October 2020.