

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

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

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

1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)

Mr Taylor reported that the Morrel Family have agreed to a permissive path from the Waggon and Horses to opposite the Europa School. The Clerk to contact Adkins and the School. The family would not want it to be a cycle path.

Mr Taylor also reported on the latest plans for the Waggon and Horses which would include a meeting room. The Clerk to send the plans to the Mouthpiece to give residents a chance to comment.

The permissive path around The Moor is to be closed on Christmas Eve.

Some of the spoil heap from the hydro plant will be used to patch the haul road. The trust continues to plan to remove the rest.

The family have agreed to sell the whole Green to the Parish Council but would want to reserve the right to build a vehicular access should they ever obtain planning permission to build on the field behind the Church. It was agreed in principle to accept the offer.

2. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Lindsay-Gale reported that the vaccine is good news but everyone needs to continue to be careful. The County Council has measures in place to support schools and attendance continues to be above the national average.

There will be no further decisions on gravel extraction until after the County Council elections in May.

The County council has voted to support 20-mph speed limits for communities who want them. The details are to be confirmed.

A member of the public asked about the 20-mph speed limits in relation to Thame Lane. It was noted that the OCC speed survey showed there is very little speeding in Thame Lane but the resident felt people slowed down for the survey. The member of the public reported that the residents of Thame Lane would support a 20-mph limit. It was agreed to ask OCC to start the process of obtaining a 20mph limit and ask SODC if CIL money could be used for this purpose. It was also agreed to ask if there would be cost savings in applying for a 20-mph speed limit in the High Street at the same time.

Cllr Casey-Rerhaye reported that the Local Plan needs to go through scrutiny, cabinet and full council by the end of December. The Government have given no choice but for the plan to be adopted.

Cllr Lindsay-Gale left the meeting.

3. Apologies for absence

There were none.

4. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest

There were none.

5. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2020

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

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Biffa will litter pick The Burycroft.

The Clerk has spoken to the Diocesan agent who has confirmed that the Diocese is currently unwilling to extend the lease on the recreation ground. It was agreed that the Cllr Owen would contact the new Bishop of Dorchester and that a campaign should be started to persuade the Church to either sell the land to the Parish or extend the lease.

7. To agree Budget for 2021-22

Briefly discussed and deferred to next meeting.

8. Green Report

- Telegraph Poles – Cllr Owen to cut them up for use as posts.

The Clerk will investigate costs for buying the Green and find out if CIL money could be used.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Owen reported that he had met with Neil Homer. The committee is preparing a questionnaire as a follow up the Community Led Plan which will be posted to the village in January. Cllr Owen will be meeting with SODC to discuss the plan. Concerns were raised that the Neighbourhood Plan will not give the Parish Council any influence over the proposed development.

10. To discuss village speed limits

As per County Councillors report.

11. Hydro roadway conversion/reinstatement and removal of waste close to the bridge over the cut.

As per public participation.

12. Recreation Ground and Play Equipment Report

Cllr Casey-Rerhaye to contact group to start a campaign.

13. Trees and Hedgerows Report

Cllr Steele reported that it is hoped to go ahead with further tree planting before February.

14. Planning

- P20/S4208/HH Single storey outbuilding to be used as: additional bedroom, office and office store. 1 Tollgate Road. No Strong Views
- STEP Consultation – agreed to comment about concerns of how the building will sit in the landscape and ask them to consider the colour and design of the building.

15. To agree Accounts for Payment

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	214.50		214.50
HMRC – PAYE	43.00		43.00
P. Owen – Christmas Tree	49.00		49.00
J. Boyland – Maintenance	76.00	15.20	91.20
Groundscare Group- replacement cheque	160.00	32.00	192.00

16. Items for report and inclusion on January's Agenda

- Grass cutting review

17. Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 12th January 2021.