

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 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 four members of the public

1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)

Pamela Morrel has died and this will mean a slight hiatus in business and will have an impact on the sale of the green.

The new Waggon and Horses plan has been submitted to SODC.

The Village Green – a proposal has been sent to the Clerk but will be on hold for now which includes reserving a right to put in a road.

No more news on the spoil heaps at the hydro plant.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would be commenting on the UKAEA reserved matters application. Concerned about multi storey car parks being built. Very urban design. Not inline with cycle path and train station.

2. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Lindsay-Gale's report was noted. The County Council has proposed a balanced budget with some savings which has been hard to achieve under the current circumstances. Cllr Lindsay-Gale has spent her Councillors Grant fund including buying laptops for Berinsfield School for home schooling. OCC is coordinating donations of laptops for children being home schooled in Oxfordshire.

Cllr Casey-Rerhaye asked about money being used for a feasibility study for a crossing to join the proposed permissive path. The Parish Council would consider contributing. S106 monies from the Waggon and Horses could be considered for the project.

District Cllr Casey-Rerhaye reported 30-50 % of officers are working on Covid so ask for patience with other services. Brown bin collection is still suspended.

There will be a £5 increase in the SODC portion of the Council Tax using as the council are using reserves but this is not sustainable especially taking into account Covid costs.

Looking at council tax reduction scheme to support those who are in difficulties. Local elections are going ahead in May which is a big demand on the council resources during Covid.

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 12th January 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

There was none.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Owen reported that the letter to residents has been finalised and will be sent out soon. More volunteers have been found.

8. To consider making donation to Bioabundance

A member of the public reported that several Parish Councils have joined and made a donation. Met the first target of £10,000 and aiming for £25,000. Cllr Casey-Rerhaye has taken advice from SODC regarding the Parish Council membership of the group. Cllr Owen proposed donating £500 and this agreed unanimously.

9. To discuss purchase of Green

Deferred. Place to booked on Village Green Law training.

10. To discuss recruitment of new Clerk

There has been some interest in the role.

11. To discuss village speed limits

Awaiting further information from OCC. Clerk to chase and mention use of CIL.

12. Recreation Ground and Play Equipment Report

A petition has been set up to ask the Church to extend the lease and will be sent to the diocese.

13. Trees and Hedgerows Report

- Tree planting plans
The Nicholson's plan has been received and agreed. Cllr Steele is trying to get quotes for planting. It was agreed to get further quotes for the trees. Agreed deferring the planting of the trees to November and try to get the hedging done before the end of March.
- Overgrown hedges on the Burycroft
Mr Taylor will look at the Morrels trees. Other side of the road to be reported on Fix my street.

14. To receive report of Solar Streets webinar

Mr Steele reported that they will be reporting to Abingdon Carbon Cutters on February 28th. Like to work in groups of ten. Will survey properties to ensure they are suitable and then offer quote for the panels and inverter. You can then use, store in a battery or sell to the grid. Report to be put in Mouthpiece and promoted in the village.

15. To agree Accounts for Payment

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£Total
Jim Boyland – Maintenance	76.00	15.20	£91.20
Peter Kirby – donation return	500.00		500.00
Rob Gibbs – website hosting	110.00		110.00
L Dalby – Clerk's salary and expenses	207.18		207.18
HMRC – PAYE	43.00		43.00
Mail and Print	428.16		428.16
Bioabundance	500.00		500.00

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

- Concern about parking outside the school building. Clerk has contacted the Church about this and meeting in the building and porch.
- Trees
- UKAEA application
- Co-option
- Size of nursery sign – unfortunately not consulted on large sign
- Gates?
- SODC are going to replace dog bin in car park and put in extra waste bins. Will assess how often it needs litter picking. Will look at repairing fence and have removed fallen tree.
- Litter picked from car park towards Waggon and Horses.
- Bin in Thame Lane.

17. Future Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 9th March 2021.