

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 27th April 2021, hosted online

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

In attendance J. Denn (Clerk), and six members of the public.

1. Public Participation (Max 15 minutes)

A resident of Culham came to talk about and in favour of a new crossing over the A415 to the Europa School. The council talked about all the concerns and Cllr. S.Casey-Rerhaye reported that it is a Highways matter. The Council also discussed with Mr Taylor the possibility of a permissive pathway behind the Wagon & Horses as a temporary measure.

ACTION – Clerk to email Jon Beale from OCC Highways.

A resident of Thame Lane asked if there were any updates on the speed restrictions or for a one way road. Cllr. S.Casey-Rerhaye reported that there was no update at this time.

Cllr. S.Casey asked Mr Taylor to remove the plastic shielding around the dead trees by the Hydro Plant. Mr Taylor responded that this would be done as soon as some works were completed in the area and that new trees will be planted to replace the dead ones.

Mrs Baird thanked Culham Parish council for their donation to Biobundance. She also reported that Biobundance will have their 1 hour oral hearing on the 29th April 2021 to see if their application can be taken to the High Court. CB also thanked Mr Taylor for the new bridge and asked if the remains of the old bridge could be removed from the site. Mr Taylor responded that the items will be removed in due course and asked that regular walkers kept a vigilant eye on the positioning of the bridge. That some adjustments made be required.

2. County and District Councillor Reports.

Cllr. S.Casey-Rerhaye will share her Annual Report at the Council's Annual meeting in May 2021.

Cllr. Lindsay-Gale unable to comment on her report as she was not in attendance.

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr. P Owen.

4. Declarations of personal and pecuniary interest.

There were none.

5. To approve minutes of the meetings held on 9/3/2021 and 17/03/2021.

It was agreed by the Chair that approving these minutes would be done at the meeting on 5th May 2021.

6. Clerk's Report.

Lucy Dalby (previous Clerk) has submitted the VAT return. Clerk requested a mobile phone. To look into possibly of 2 sims in current personal phone. It was discussed and agreed that the Webhost and Email required updating.

ACTION – Clerk to email Rob Gibbs.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Report.

Cllr S.Sargeant reported that 2 weekly meetings have been put in place to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward. Survey's to village residents also being collated.

8. To discuss gate proposal, speed survey and mobile cameras. Including camera signage on The High Street.

Cllr. S. Sargeant has obtain estimates from OCC Highways for gates in the village at 3 points. Tollgate Road, High Street and The Burycroft. Approx. £6000.00 for all gates. It was agreed by all Councillor's to purchase the gates. The gates have no provision in the Budget for 2021-2022.

ACTION – Clerk to look at the Budget.

Cllr. S. Sargeant has been investigating for a solar mobile speed camera to be installed in the village with 3 permanent positions that will be randomly rotated. No purchase cost to the Parish Council, but a survey with monitoring cables will be required at approx. £120 to qualify for the need for the cameras.

ACTION – Cllr. S. Sargeant to confirm - £120 for each survey position.

Cllr. S.Sargeant reported that the bins were being emptied regularly in the carpark. That illegal advertising signage had been taken down. The council also discussed about the signage referring to 'Marked Bays' A request for this to be removed.

ACTION – Clerk to email SODC.

9. To discuss footpath signage.

The signage on the path by the Old Lion towards the Donkey Bridge as misleading. There is a big dip that gets flooded during the winter months too. Footpath Officer required look at signage and request assessment for possibility of a new hump bridge.

ACTION – Clerk to contact Footpath Officer.

10. Recreation Ground and Play Equipment Report.

No progress to date with the Diocese on the extension of the Recreation Ground lease to the Parish Council. A resident has a petition active. It was agreed that we would invite help from the new Vicar at St Paul's.

ACTION – Clerk to email Diocese and Vicar

11. Trees and Hedgerow Report. Including the purchase of a semi permanent watering system on the Recreation Ground.

The Council discussed the most practical and effective way of watering to maintain the hedge. It was also agreed to purchase a watering system.

12. To consider in person meetings from May 2021.

Remote meetings are not legal from the 7th May 2021. It was agreed by all to bring forward the Annual Council Meeting to Wednesday 5th May 2021. Future meetings will be held in the new Nursery School.

13. Internal Audit.

All the necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Internal Auditor.

14. Polling Station.

It was stated by Cllr. S.Casey-Rerhaye and a local resident, that no consultation or provision had been made to provide a local Polling Station for village residents.

ACTION – Clerk to email South Oxfordshire District Council.

15. Planning Application.

P21/S1388/FUL Construction of two parking hubs – Culham Science Centre.

It was unanimously agreed to object to the proposed application.

ACTION – Clerk to respond to SODC

16. The agree Accounts for Payment.

The following payment was made between meetings

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ TOTAL
Curry's PC World – New Laptop for Clerk	312.50	62.50	375.00

The following accounts for payment were agreed

Payee and Reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ TOTAL
OALC - Training	50.00	10.00	60.00
J Boyland – Maintenance	468.00	93.60	561.60
O Neill Homer – Neighbourhood Plan	3225.00	645.00	3870.00
Woodland Services – Maintenance	275.00	55.00	330.00
South Oxfordshire District Council - Dog Bins	134.55	26.91	161.46

17. Items for report and inclusion on May's Agenda.

The following planning applications will be discussed at the meeting:-

P21/S1471/LB – P21/S1469/LB – P21/S1257/FUL – P21/S1384/FUL

18. Future meeting – To confirm the date of the next Parish Council and discuss the Annual Parish Meeting.

The date for the next Parish Council meeting was agreed as Wednesday 5th May 2021, at 6.30pm. Via zoom.

This is to be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in June 2021. The date to be confirmed.