

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Wednesday, 10th January 2024, hosted at Culham Church

Attendees – Councillors:	Apologies noted:
Chris Pritchard (CP) CHAIR	Siobhan Sargeant (SS)
Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR) Councillor and District Councillor	Mike Richmond-Cooper (MRC)
Nacho Gimenez (NG)	Robin Bennett (RB) County Councillor
Caroline Baird (CB)	
	Denise Corney – Clerk
	In Attendance:
	Minutes taken by NG in the absence of the Clerk.
Members of the public:	

The Meeting Opened at 7.30pm

		ACTION
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Quorate The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies had been received Mike Richmond-Cooper and Siobhan Sargeant. The Clerk had sent apologies due to illness. The meeting was Quorate.	
2.	Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Report from SODC Councillor – Sam Casey-Rerhaye SCR explained that the Consultation of the Joint SODC and Vale of WH DC Local Plan 2041 opened on the 10 th January 2024. SCR gave a brief overview of her report which had been uploaded to the CPC website: District-Councillor-Rpt-Jan-2024.docx (live.com)	
4.	Report from County Councillor The report from Robin Bennett had been uploaded to the CPC website: OCC-News-January-Robin-Bennett.docx (live.com)	
5.	Clerks' Report The Clerk was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk's report had been uploaded to the CPC website: Clerks-Report-January-2024.pdf (culham-pc.gov.uk)	
6.	Public Participation (15 minutes maximum) A member of the public raised a concern about the proposed location of the defibrillator at Culham Lock due to the distance from the centre of the village. The concerns were noted by the Parish Council.	
7.	To Approve Minutes from 15th December 2023	



	The minutes from 15 th December 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were APPROVED . A signed copy of the minutes would be uploaded to the website.	APPROVED
8.	HIF1 Road CB confirmed that fundraising activities continued to assist the costs for legal representation at the forthcoming Planning Inquiry.	
9.	Abingdon Reservoir CB confirmed that Thames Water had been invited to give a presentation preceding the CPC meeting scheduled for 13 th March 2024. CB would contact Thames Water to confirm timings and the CPC agenda would be adjusted accordingly.	CB
10	Improving safety along the pavement along Tollgate Road/Tollgate Road Crossing NG continued to chase the Diocese of Oxford regarding access to the recreation ground through an opening in the hedge.	
11	Defibrillator Installation Progress update (CP) The Defibrillator had been purchased and the PC would consider reviewing the location for installation due to residents' concerns and a lack of response from Thames Waterways. CP and NG would approach the Nursery for a further discussion.	NG/CP
12	Purchase of additional trees (Orchard) and benches (SS) Agreed to discuss and add as item on agenda for meeting on 14 th February 2024	
13	Finance – Budget Variance and approval of Budget and Precept 2024/25 Councillors had reviewed the draft budget and it agreed that the following adjustments would be made: Increase Village Improvements to £3,000 to provide some funding for the path parallel to Tollgate Road. Increase: Cemetery Steps to £2500. Query the reduction in dog bin emptying cost – this was clarified prior to the meeting and was now covered by the normal waste collection. The Clerk would adjust the budget as recommended and would issue a final copy. Councillors RESOLVED to submit a request for the precept for 2024/25 in the sum of £25000.	AGREED CLERK RESOLVED
14	To Agree Accounts for Payment: Clerk's Salary – January 2024 for payment 30 th January 2024 £442.00 AED Donate – Defibrillator £1565.83	AGREED AGREED
15	To discuss the following Planning Applications: No further applications received during the period to 8 th January 2024	
16	Items for report and inclusion on next Agenda: Tollgate Road – safety improvements and crossing Defibrillator – agree location Community Orchard Additional trees/benches	

	20mph limit The Green – update from the Clerk – progress with Solicitors HIF1 Abingdon Reservoir Cemetery Steps – additional quote	
17	Date of Next Meeting: <i>Wednesday 14th February 2024 at the Church..</i>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

