

# Eynsham Annual Parish Meeting 2021

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham**  
**held on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Gordon Beach (Chairman), Katherine Doughty (Parish Clerk).

Parish Councillors: Andrew Bickley, Peter Emery, Andy Mosson, Nick Relph, Carl Rylett (Parish and District Councillor), Dennis Stukenbroeker and Mark Zumbuhl.

Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew.

25 members of the public and local organisations.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** - Eynsham Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Katy Crowe, Tricia Crowley and Sue Osborne. Mr Craig Thomas (Headteacher, Bartholomew School) PCSO Helen Keen (Thames Valley Police), Peter Kelland (West Oxfordshire District Councillor).
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 24 April 2018** - The minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2018 were approved with a minor amendment made.
3. **To consider matters arising from the minutes** - None.
4. **Notification of any other business** - None.
5. **To receive the Chairman's Report** - The Chairman's report was tabled and the subject of anti-social behaviour was discussed. An array of drug paraphernalia was displayed which had been collected from one of the local play areas one evening. Cllr Beach encouraged all residents to report crimes/concerns using the 101 Police service. It was noted that there had recently been a series of thefts from the allotments. Information on the Eynsham Neighbourhood Policing Area can be found at <https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N387/>

Cllr Beach discussed the ongoing problems being experienced with Taylor Wimpey at Hazeldene and Thornbury Green developments. It was noted that local authorities are not being as supportive as they could be and their lack of action does not bode well for the future in consideration of the thousands of houses that are going to be built.

6. **To consider the Financial Statement for the year 2018/19** - A copy of the unaudited accounts for 2018/19 had been circulated. Residents were asked to forward any queries to the Clerk.
7. **To receive the following reports:-**
  - (a) **Bartholomew School** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
  - (b) **Eynsham Allotment Association** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
  - (c) **Eynsham Community Primary School Governors** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
  - (d) **Eynsham Consolidated Charity / Bartholomew Educational Foundation** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
  - (e) **Eynsham Fire Service** – No report was available.
  - (f) **Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan** – Report was tabled. Cllr Beach reported that the revised Neighbourhood Plan had been 'health checked' by an NPIERS representative. Following minor amendments and a consultation period, it was formally re-submitted to the District Council. The Council selected an independent examiner (from one of a handful made available by the District Council) and they have now commenced their procedures. It is anticipated that a referendum could be undertaken in the forthcoming autumn. Cllr Andrews has not stood for re-election and was thanked for his help and support with the Neighbourhood Plan.
  - (g) **Eynsham Playing Fields Managers** – Report was tabled. The Chairman referred residents to the latest draft plans on display for the replacement Pavilion. It is anticipated that the building work will commence in May 2020.

- (h) **Eynsham Village Hall Management** – Report was tabled. It was noted that the Pre-School closed down and therefore stopped using the hall, however a new gymnastics club has started using the hall. A new Bookings/Finance Clerk has been appointed. A query was raised regarding income from the solar panels – the panels are only of a small benefit as most of the income generated is paid to the green energy installer.
  - (i) **Cllr Charles Mathew, Oxfordshire County Councillor** – Report was tabled. £15,000 of grants are available for charitable purposes within the division (with effect from 5 April). Last year, £2400 was provided to the pre-school (in the Primary School) for new toilets and wash basins. Noted that Cllr Mathew is Chairman of Eynsham Day Centre who require a replacement Co-ordinator.
  - (j) **Thames Valley Police** – PCSO Helen Keen is being replaced by PCSO Lucy James at the end of May. Helen has undertaken a tremendous amount of work around the village. A query was raised regarding the crime figures provided (Clerk is to check these with Helen). It was noted that the Post Office re-opened today following damage caused to the building due to criminal removal of the cashpoint. It was appreciated that the Post Office owners have worked hard to have it up and running again so quickly.
  - (k) **West Oxfordshire District Councillors** – Cllr Rylett's report was tabled. Flytipping at the Back Lane Recycling Site was discussed. It appears commercial waste is being deposited there.
17. **Any other business** – Cllr Beach advised that there would be no Parish Council election on 2 May due to a lack of nominations. 10 members had been declared elected leaving 5 members to co-opt.

Cllr Beach invited those present to show their appreciation for Joan Stonham who had recently received a High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Award in recognition for her years of contributions to community communications. The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed:

Dated:

# **Eynsham Parish Council**

## **Chairman's report 2020 – 2021**

This report reflects on two of the most difficult years in our history. I wrote my first annual report in 1999 and some of the issues raised then remain with us today. Making progress with Thornbury Green, Hazeldene, plans for the A40, minerals together with plans for the north and west have taken large amounts of time and continue to do so. Support from both Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council and our local Member of Parliament has been thin on the ground and consultations appear to arrive each month, with our comments often being ignored.

### **Western and Northern Extensions**

Like many in the village we remain deeply concerned at the manner in which WODC brought forward masterplans for both the west and the north and whilst planning applications have been lodged by developers, progress remains disjointed and slipping in time every month. However, we battle on and further consultations and public enquires creep ever nearer and we are now preparing to fight our corner based on our Neighbourhood Plan and all the work that went into it.

It is with regret that I must report we have still not had complete answers to matters raised with both WODC and the County Council at the public meeting but we continue to press.

### **The A40 and new Car Park**

This has also made slow progress with OCC taking far longer than they promised to produce the “Business Case” for central Government. In the end we made a Freedom of Information request to force them to reveal the position. We remain troubled by a number of aspects of their proposed planning application which remains focused on more cars and traffic rather than looking at long term public transport solutions. They have produced no evidence that current ideas will do anything other than attract more vehicles through our village. The plans will cost a considerable amount of money and damage the environment in many ways.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

We continue to see the impacts of this both on council property and on residents. In these difficult times I am reluctant to criticise the Police but despite many promises we still rarely see an officer in the village. We are now employing a security company to lock our car park at nights, a further burden on our finances.

Thank you to those residents who have reported activities. Please be careful if you are picking up drug related materials and please keep us advised of car registrations.

### **Sports Pavilion & Bartholomew Room**

Work has now started at the Bartholomew Room and will be completed over the coming months. We are interested in finding a better way to use this building and to have it open on a more regular basis.

The Planning Application for the Sports Pavilion is now with WODC and if this is successful then we can start thinking about a new start for the building which is long overdue.

## **Thornbury & Hazeldene**

Both these schemes are developments by Taylor Wimpey. Battling with the developer, WODC and OCC has taken up many hours and it is disappointing to report that we have a long way to go.

The roads at Hazeldene have still not been adopted, after almost ten years, and OCC and the developer continue to blame each other.

Thornbury has been a nightmare from day one. Residents have had to endure daily breeches of planning conditions. Help from both OCC and WODC has been poor. We continue to have major concerns about vehicles using Thornbury Road and what will happen if further houses are built to the west.

Despite a number of meetings with OCC & WODC progress is slow and both councils appear to be trying to take as little action as possible, a pattern repeated over the past three years.

## **Finally**

The Parish Council remains short of Members and with the ever increasing workload, any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. We are overdue to revise our Neighbourhood Plan and this remains a major task to help us influence the development of the village. We are also advancing plans to promote a 20mph scheme for the whole village and whilst this is likely to come in stages, it remains one of the items requested by residents when we wrote our existing Plan.

The continuing support from the village is very much appreciated. These are difficult times for Eynsham and for the Country as a whole but it remains important we raise our concerns about the future and the impact it will have on life in the village.

I have now been Chair of the Parish Council for more than twenty years and it has been an honour and privilege to hold that office. However, I have decided that it is time to retire from the Parish Council and I will leave at the end of April. Until then I will continue to press on all the outstanding matters and will offer support to whoever replaces me.

Please keep us advised of your thoughts on the matters raised in this report and anything else which we may be able to help with. When we form the new Council in May, we will have a number of vacancies, so if you feel that you have the time and skills to assist then please drop me an email or give me a call.

*Gordon Beach*

# Eynsham Parish Council

## Audited accounts 2019/20

### Income & Expenditure

	2018/19	2019/20	Variance 2018/19 2019/20	Notes
<b>Income Summary</b>				
Precept received	£96,796	£99,036	£2,240	
Interest received	£492	£713	£221	
<b>Other operating income</b>				
Administration	£2,378	£2,067	£311	
S106 Money	£0	£7,553	£7,553	For Eynsham Play facilities
Allotments	£1,813	£943	£870	Last year two payments received in one financial year
Verges and Footpaths	£198	£3,007	£2,809	Street cleaning + Grass cutting grants
Cemetery	£0	£0	£0	
Pavilion	£9,279	£9,354	£75	
Wharf Stream Way	£7,500	£0	£7,500	S106 grant last year for WSW
Play Areas	£1,000	£0	£1,000	
Community Facilities	£0	£0	£0	
Playing Fields	£0	£0	£0	
Bartholomew Room	£760	£1,010	£250	
Skate Park	£0	£0	£0	
Market Square	£0	£0	£0	
Street Furniture	£0	£0	£0	
Grants - Inc S137	£0	£0	£0	
Fishponds	£0	£0	£0	
Communications	£400	£0	£400	
	<u>£120,616</u>	<u>£123,683</u>	<u>£3,067</u>	
<b>Expenditure Summary</b>				
Administration	£40,136	£57,424	£17,288	Increase to staff costs and purchase of new printer / Laptop
Allotments	£0	£2,190	£2,190	Grounds maintenance
Verges and Footpaths	£18,252	£14,935	£3,317	Less tree maintenance in 2019/20
Cemetery	£437	£672	£235	
Pavilion	£13,225	£17,679	£4,454	More spent on grounds maintenance + contract cleaning
Wharf Stream Way	£3,666	£2,000	£1,666	Art Installation
Playing Fields	£0	£0	£0	
Play Areas	£12,573	£36,730	£24,157	New play equipment
Community Facilities	£3,225	£4,221	£996	
Bartholomew Room	£3,199	£10,064	£6,865	Property maintenance + legal fees re: refurbishment
Skate Park	£0	£0	£0	
Market Square	£0	£0	£0	
Street Furniture	£0	£0	£0	
Grants	£975	£2,075	£1,100	GPoC Grants
Machinery	£0	£0	£0	
Traffic Improvements	£0	£0	£0	
Neighbourhood Plan	£0	£0	£0	
Fishponds Project	£274	£1,530	£1,256	Maintenance
Market Towns Initiative	£0	£0	£0	
Communications	£912	£1,192	£280	
	<u>£96,874</u>	<u>£150,712</u>	<u>£53,838</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>£23,742</u>	<u>-£27,029</u>		
<b>General Funds Analysis</b>				
Balance as at 1 April 20xx	£59,370	£68,113		
Plus Income for year	<u>£120,616</u>	<u>£123,683</u>		
	£179,986	£191,796		
Less Expenditure for year	<u>£96,874</u>	<u>£150,712</u>		
	£83,112	£41,084		
Transfers to/from reserves	-£15,000	£20,432		
Closing Balance as at 31 March 20xx	<u>£68,113</u>	<u>£61,516</u>		

# Eynsham Parish Council

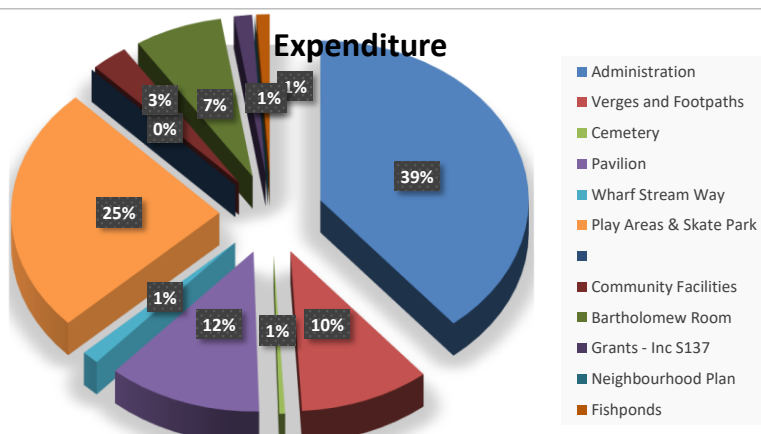
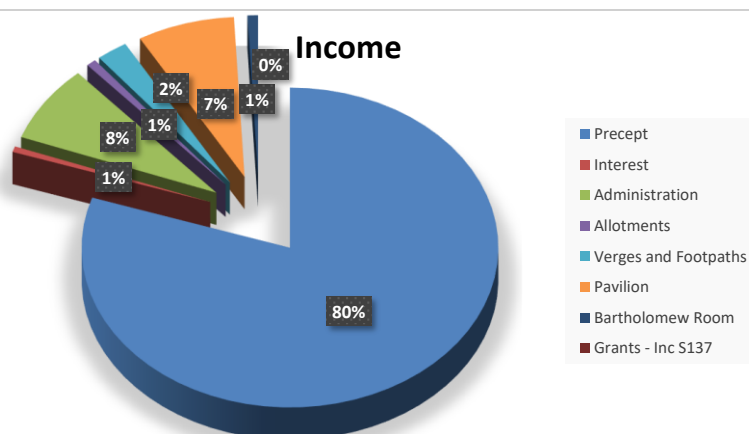
## Audited accounts 2019/20

### Balance Sheet

	2018/19	2019/20
Long Term Assets	£0	£0
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtor Control	£0	£125
Vat Refunds	£8,927	£3,242
Current Account	£59,126	£45,623
CCLA	£70,000	£70,000
WODC Loan Account	£49,500	£49,500
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Booking damage deposits held	-£196	-£300
Creditor control	£0	-£6,688
Accruals	£0	-£1,129
Receipts in advance	£0	-£44
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>£187,357</b>	<b>£160,329</b>

### Represented by

Current Year Fund	£0	£0
General Reserve	£68,113	£61,516
Community Reserve	£20,596	£20,596
Pavilion Refurbishment Reserve	£11,776	£11,636
Neighbourhood Plan	£1,845	£0
Street Furniture Reserve	£3,048	£3,048
Bartholomew Room Reserve	£8,979	£9,979
Communications Reserve	£3,596	£3,596
Asset Renewal Reserve	£6,000	£6,000
Car Park Resurfacing Reserve	£1,000	£1,000
Play Area Equipment	£29,640	£8,193
Churchyard Reserve	£31,867	£32,867
Wharf Stream Way Reserve	£0	£0
Fishponds Reserve	£898	£1,898
	<b>£187,357</b>	<b>£160,329</b>



# **Thames Valley Police Report for Eynsham Parish Council**

## **Annual Report 2021**

Wow what a year it's been. Who would have thought a year ago we would end up in the grip of a national pandemic and the country would be put into not one but three national lockdowns.

We would like to personally thank members of the public who are doing their bit and staying home.

The Neighbourhood Policing structure has changed yet again this year. PCSOs Lucy James has left neighbourhood policing for pastures new and Helen Keen has returned to the Eynsham area. PCSO Chris Jones is still our schools officer covering the whole of West Oxfordshire.. PC Tracy Mills is your community police officer looking after Eynsham, as well as the rural areas in between as part of her 'beat'. PC Tracy Mills will operate from Witney.

Throughout this year the West Oxfordshire neighbourhood team have continued to patrol Eynsham and I would like to thank them for their dedication and professionalism in what has been a very difficult and challenging year.

We continue to use of the Thames Valley Alert system which is a great way that the police can communicate with the public as well as receive messages back. We encourage people to sign up for this and they can do so at

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

You can also follow the team on Facebook and Twitter just search for TVP West Oxon.

It goes without saying that we rely on your continued support which is much appreciated so if you notice something that is out of the ordinary, or you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult, there are ways to report it to the police and the relevant agencies. Call 101 or report anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111



Figures for the year 12/02/20 to 12/02/21

Burglary (residential & business) 11  
Criminal damage 23  
Action Fraud 12  
Thefts including from vehicles 15  
Assault with injury 21  
Assault without injury 30  
Public order 16  
Drink/Drug drive offences 7  
Shoplifting 13  
Fuel theft, driving off without payment 9  
Road traffic collisions 11  
Drug offences 4  
Dangerous dog incidents 4  
ASB 14  
Arson 1

Trends across the LPA see a rise in Action fraud reports-online scams (not just elderly)

PCSO *Helen Keen*

*Eynsham* Neighbourhood Team

March 2021

## **EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020/21**

### **Annual report by Charles Mathew, Oxfordshire County Councillor for the division of Eynsham**

Colleagues in Eynsham

As the years have raced by, I find myself entering the last few weeks of my tenure as your County Councillor for the division of Eynsham. Since you kindly elected me in 2006, many of the tasks have remained the same- potholes, planning and liaison with the local authorities. It has not always been a smooth passage but I have done my best to ensure that fair treatment was doled out to the residents and problems highlighted.

This past year the culmination of many years of discussion have led to the prospect of the Park and Ride on the A40, the bus lanes on the A40, the Garden Village Development , West Eynsham development, the prospect of further gravel excavation, the appearance of the 140 acre solar farm at Twelve Acre to name but a few. On all of these projects significant in the future of Eynsham, one is only able to attempt to ensure that the local existing residents were shown consideration and that the outcomes were the best which could be achieved in the circumstances. I offer apologies that the Eynsham of tomorrow will differ radically and not necessarily rationally from the ideal.

I have worked diligently with your Parish Council on these matters and attempted to influence the County Council; life can be frustrating! Occasionally the result of months of trying to attain a satisfactory outcome does win through- as is, I hope, the case with the road works at the Swinford Tollbridge scheduled to start on March 15th.

Thank you for your tolerance of my ways, for your friendship and not least for your help these last sixteen eventful years. I wish you all well in the future and that Eynsham will remain the thriving sparkling community it is today, although a bit bigger.

I have pledged to help my successor in any way I am able and will remain available should anyone feel I can help

Charles Mathew - 01865 882205 - [Charles.mathew@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Charles.mathew@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

# District Councillors Report, 2020-21

## Introduction

The District Councillors this year have been Carl Rylett, Dan Levy and Ed James.

Ed's term of office was due to end in May 2020, but the postponement of elections because of the Covid-19 outbreak means that he will remain in place until May 2021. We are expecting elections for the District Council post and for the County Council to go ahead in May.

The major planning applications relating to the village have continued to edge nearer to being approved or rejected. The District Councillors have continued to make the point that doubling the size of Eynsham is not in the interests of the existing or future residents, but we are hamstrung by the adoption of the Local Plan by WODC. We have repeatedly pointed out that the infrastructure which is required to support the expansion of Eynsham will not be put in place, and the result will be additional traffic congestion, inadequate provision for active travel (including getting from Eynsham to the Garden Village, Salt Cross) and more flooding and more sewage ending up untreated in the Thames.

Covid 19 has made this a strange year in many ways. One of them is that it has slowed up WODC responses to the major developments, as officers have focussed on Covid related support for the community. Alert readers will note a lot of what follows is similar to what was written a year ago.

## 1. Cotswold Garden Village

**This has now been officially called Salt Cross.**

The District Council's Area Action Plan will guide the planning, development and delivery of the Garden Village and describe a framework by which any planning application must adhere to, e.g. amount and type of affordable housing, environmental and design standards, services, drainage and biodiversity. This has finally gone to the Planning Inspectorate for approval. While it would be better if Salt Cross wasn't going to be built at all, and while there are still a number of flaws in the AAP, particularly relating to the crossings of the A40, nonetheless what has been submitted outlines a development that we can be proud of, with a genuine commitment to biodiversity, green space, active travel, zero carbon property and other "garden village" principles.

Meanwhile the developer, Grosvenor, has, we understand, objected to some of the AAP on viability grounds. It has also lodged a planning application with WODC, which ought not to be considered until the AAP has been adopted.

The two District Councillors who will continue to be in post after elections, and we trust the newly elected third councillor, will continue to insist on Salt Cross being a proper garden village, and continue to press for cycling, walking and public transport facilities to be delivered sufficient to allow proper connections between Salt Cross and Eynsham.

## 2. West Eynsham

WODC plan to submit its Supplementary Planning Document (SPD, similar to an Area Action Plan but less detailed) for about 1,000 houses in West Eynsham. This has been delayed – indeed we wrote this same thing 12 months ago.

It is apparent there are differences of opinion between the 3 (or 4 if you include Taylor Wimpey on Thornbury Green) developers involved. We believe the District Council is best placed to put together a master plan for the development for the benefit of current and future residents. While more attention has been paid to the Garden Village thanks to the various consultation events, this development will also have a very significant impact on Eynsham. Like the Garden Village this development was part of the adopted Local Plan in September 2018 and whether we agree with that decision or not, we are pushing for the highest standards possible

One of the developers, Jansens, has put in a planning application for the area adjacent to the A40. It is unfortunate that it has done so prior to the SPD. There have been a number of objections to this planning application, including one from the Parish Council. Among many concerns are the impact on flooding and the nature and route of the service (or spine) road serving the new properties.

### **3. Aurora Solar Farm.**

This is the solar farm proposed between Eynsham and South Leigh. It was supported by some villagers and opposed by others, including Dan. Planning permission was granted in March 2020, and although there have been initial archaeological explorations, nothing seems to have happened yet. Dan wrote to the developer asking for the bridleway to the south of the site to be upgraded to make it a viable cycling route between Eynsham and South Leigh. The developer has not said no to this.

### **4. Minerals and Waste Plan**

In early 2020 Oxfordshire County Council submitted a Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2031 which indicated a strong preference for choosing a site on Eynsham's western border for extracting minerals. We made sure the District Council objected to this suggestion. There is now a second round of assessment going on, which is unfortunate, as we had hoped that Eynsham would have been dropped from the list.

### **5. Refuse**

The Back Lane Bring Site was shut by WODC. This was at the request of the Parish Council. There have been both positive and negative reactions.

### **6. Committees**

Much of the work at WODC takes place via scrutiny and development committees. Carl is Vice Chair of the Lowlands Planning Committee and a member of the Economic and Social Scrutiny Committee and sits on the Climate Action Working Group.

Dan is on the Finance and Management scrutiny committee. He is the Cycling Champion for West Oxfordshire.

## **7. Community activity.**

Eynsham is a fantastically active community. Among other things that volunteers have achieved are a foodbank for people who need it, active sets of litter pickers, and a well-organised nature recovery network. The “Eynsham heroes” group has been set up to coordinate lock-down related activity and communicate with residents. Once the current epidemic is under control, I hope that the community will carry on its activity.

Among other things, we have been offering encouragement to the Witney Oxford Transport Group, who are lobbying for a rail line between Carterton and Oxford, via Eynsham. Dan proposed a motion, agreed by WODC, that it work with the County Council to explore this in more detail. It is clear that the OCC changes to the A40 won't be sufficient or adequate for residents of West Oxfordshire.

If there is anything that the District Council can do to help, the councillors are always around to assist. They are also available to discuss housing, planning, refuse and other topics.



## **EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Beech Road, Eynsham, Witney, Oxon OX29 4LJ

Headteacher Mrs V Bayliss    Chair: Dr H Emery

### **Annual Report of the School Governors to Eynsham Parish Council AGM**

**March 2021**

Over the past year, the major focus has been – as everywhere – on working in a global pandemic, when schools have been closed, partially open or fully open. The top priority has been to ensure clear strategic direction, rooted in Government and Public Health advice. This has involved carrying out frequent risk assessments, safeguarding the wellbeing of the school community and continuing to provide excellent teaching, both remotely and face-to-face. The School staff have risen to the challenges of ensuring a safe school environment as well as high quality distanced learning via Google Classroom, and Governors and staff alike have been encouraged and impressed by the response of pupils and their families in this difficult time. Despite the disruption to the children's education, pupils are progressing and targeted catch-up support is being provided with further planned when school can reopen fully, while at the same time making sure that those who have made good progress remain challenged and engaged. The importance of looking after the wellbeing of staff and pupils is kept in mind at all times.

The challenges and disruptions of the past year have not prevented the school from focusing strategically on areas for school improvement. This has included the development of a new curriculum which is designed to build on children's prior learning through the use of Knowledge, Concepts and Vocabulary Organisers (KCVs). Knowledge is the core element of our curriculum and all our curriculum experiences and skills development are centred on subject-based knowledge progression. Only once these 'building blocks' of knowledge are securely in place can 'higher-order' thinking occur. Recent achievements involving the curriculum are the achievement of the Music mark and PE silver award and the school becoming a flagship school for its delivery of Personal, Social, Emotional and Health Education.

A particular area of focus is to build on and strengthen our community relationships. Improved communication is key to this and newsletters from the Board and Headteacher are now regular features. A working group that includes staff, parents and governors has been looking at rebranding the school and its uniform, while the PTA continues to do invaluable work in terms of financial support and community cohesion. A 'virtual tour' is on the school website, designed to give prospective parents an insight into daily life at ECPS in non-COVID times.

There is an increasingly closer and beneficial working relationship between Eynsham Primary and the other schools in the Eynsham Partnership Academy Trust, which comprises Bartholomew and Heyford Park schools, and five other local primaries. This brings benefits to staff and pupils alike, through sharing of best practice and development opportunities.

Teaching and learning improvements must be supported by secure financial management and, despite reductions in national funding, there is strong and prudent

financial leadership in the School, alongside innovative strategic planning, both of which are strongly supported by the EPA. The number of pupils on the school roll plays a significant part in the School's income and we are really encouraged by the size and growth of our Nursery, thanks to the excellent practice in this area. Efforts to improve the buildings are ongoing, with capital grants and government funding continuing to be sought.

Hilary Emery is Chair of Governors of this thriving community school ably supported by Paul Davies (Vice-Chair), Shona Bragg, Victoria Clark, and Lisa Denbow, and Ginny Bayliss (Headteacher). The Board is also supported in specific areas by Associate Members: Ros Avery (EPA Chief Finance Officer), James Bird (EPA Director of School Improvement) and Dan Powell (Finance and More Able).

The Board has transitioned from a Rapid Improvement Board to a Local Governing Board, following the successful Ofsted Inspection in September 2019 which resulted in the School being graded as 'Good'. Governors who have stepped down in the last 18 months, Lorna Shires (Chair) and James Clark, contributed to significant improvements in teaching and learning and improved behaviour for learning and we thank them for their service.

The Board actively contributes to the School's strategic direction, focusing on key areas for improvement as well as long term planning for finance and infrastructure improvements. By working alongside the School's strong leadership team led by Ginny Bayliss, the Board ensures stability and consistency, and monitors the implementation of an agreed School Development Plan. The School has continued to improve since the Ofsted 'Good' outcome and plans for the future are ambitious. We have admiration for, and pride in, a very special and unified body of staff who have completed a transformation of our School, our amazing children who have worked so hard and the families who have supported them.

2020 was a difficult year, to say the least, but one which has brought successes for the school and its community as well as challenges. The Governors thank the school community, particularly the staff for their cheerful and positive attitude in the midst of so many restrictions, as well as pupils and families for their ongoing co-operation and support.

**School Governors, as at March 2021, are as follows:**

<b>Governors</b>	<b>Appointed by</b>
Hilary Emery (Chair)	EPA
Shona Bragg	Parents
Victoria Clark	EPA
Paul Davies (Vice Chair)	EPA
Lisa Denbow	LGB (Staff, non-teaching)
Ginny Bayliss ( <i>ex officio</i> )	( <i>Headteacher</i> )
<b>Associate Members</b>	
Dan Powell	LGB
Ros Avery (Finance)	EPA
James Bird (School Improvement)	EPA
<i>Clerk: Kit Howells</i>	

The School website <https://www.eynsham.oxon.sch.uk/> provides further information.

*Hilary Emery  
Chair, Local Governing Board, Eynsham Community Primary School  
March 2021*



## **Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan**

Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan is proving to be an important tool when responding to planning applications, requesting S106 contributions and more generally in terms of planning projects. It enables the Council to comprehensively address planning aspects of applications and form constructive responses.

The Council had hoped to start work to revise the plan since its adoption and this significant task will now be prioritised from the start of the new Council year in May. The Council is thankful to all those who worked on the adopted plan and for the community's support at referendum.



## **EYNESHAM PLAYING FIELD MANAGERS REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING March 2021**

The PFM are yet to hold their AGM due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. The AGM will take place when the restrictions have been eased. The deadline for, the organisation, to uploading a balance to the charity commission is 31 October 2021.

Most of the PFM income comes from pitch fees. Income is also received from renting the field to the Carnival Committee. The end of the 2019 – 20 football season was disrupted by the first national lockdown. This also resulted in the Carnival being cancelled. The 2020 – 21 football season is currently suspended due to the most recent restrictions put in place by central government. This has obviously had an impact on the income that the PFM has been able to collect.

The PFM have successfully applied for two grants this year for grass cutting and maintenance to continue. One grant came from Sport England and the second grant came from Eynsham Parish Council.

A full report will be available once the PFM are able to hold their AGM.

Committee Chair – Sue Brown (nominated by Parish Council)  
Secretary – Geoff Watson  
Treasurer – John Ayres Committee –  
Sue Osborne (nominated by Parish Council)  
Gary Bailey  
Robbie Watson

## Eynsham Village Hall Report 2020/21

The past year has been a very difficult one for the Village Hall largely because we rely almost entirely on group activities which have not been permitted to take place since the pandemic became a serious problem in April last year. Consequently many of our overheads and other expenses have continued with virtually no income to offset the inevitable losses.

We were very relieved to receive an early Government grant of £10,000 in April which we assumed would see us through the problems ahead but the length of the pandemic has now overtaken us. The Village Hall has had to remain closed for most of the time except for two of our regular groups and one new group which were able to use the Hall when Government rules were relaxed for short periods. Most of our regular groups (about 16 in all) did not wish to take any risks even if guidance would allow it. And to make matters worse the Short Mat Bowls Club disbanded in September due to lack of members.

A lot of effort was put in at the beginning of the pandemic to ensure the building could be used safely with one way routes in and out of the building, hand sanitisers at entrance and exit points, a wide range of notices and signs, instructions to the users to record contact details of all attendees, and to ensure the mechanical ventilation in the main hall was turned on to provide a cross-flow of fresh air. A strict cleaning/disinfectant regime was also applied between each session.

We managed to keep the caretaker employed for the first month or two by taking advantage of the unused building to carry out some backlog maintenance, but he has now been laid off completely for several months except when needed for cleaning between the occasional sessions.

Also the booking/accounts clerk has been working at a reduced rate but the accounts still needed quite a lot of attention.

Our financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July so the attached Income & Expenditure Account is for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 ( i.e. 4 months into the pandemic). It shows how seriously our finances were already being affected in spite of the £10,000 grant as it meant we showed a profit at the end of July of £1,704. This would have been an £8,296 loss had it not been for the grant.

Since the end of July 2020 another 7 months have passed with very little income whereas ongoing expenses and overheads have continued at quite a high rate leading to a current situation of Village Hall assets in the bank reducing to approximately £7,000. We have applied to WODC for another Government grant but are currently waiting for a response.

Roy Wilkinson 02.03.21

# Eynsham Village Hall Income and Expenditure Account

## 1st August 2019 to 31st July 2020

Item	Income	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019
R1	Bookings, Rents (incl Deposits)	£24,006.80	£31,365.73
R2	Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00
R3	Bank Interest Received	£27.94	£34.42
R4	Total Receipts	<b>£34,034.74</b>	<b>£31,400.15</b>
R5		£0.00	
R6	<b>Total</b>	<b>£34,034.74</b>	<b>£31,400.15</b>

Item	Expenditure		
E1	Deposits Refunded	£450.00	£1,287.00
E2	Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
E3	Work Invoices & Wages	£11,402.63	£11,781.56
E4	Work Expenses	£1,712.26	£1,535.54
E5	Insurance	£3,806.59	£3,874.41
E6	Gas	£3,848.69	£3,476.94
E7	Electricity	£1,971.61	£485.20
E8	Water	£886.34	£1,304.41
E9	BT	£1,004.14	£1,062.00
E10	Alarms/Extinguishers	£436.80	£519.42
E11	WODC Rates and Waste	£1,332.82	£1,676.58

### Maintenance and Repairs

E12	Lights/Electric	£77.60	£160.00
E13	Boilers/Plumbing	£0.00	£1,176.45
E14	Project 1 (Dishwasher)	£0.00	£4,305.76
E15	Project 2 (Boiler)	£3,041.82	£5,625.53
E16	Other Running Costs	£2,358.70	£2,797.96
E17	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£32,330.00</b>	<b>£41,068.76</b>
E18		£0.00	
E19	<b>Total</b>	<b>£32,330.00</b>	<b>£41,068.76</b>

B1	Excess Of Income Over Expenditure	£1,704.74	-£9,668.61
B2	Balance from previous year	£18,178.62	£27,847.23
B3	<b>Year Total in Hand</b>	<b>£19,883.36</b>	<b>£18,178.62</b>

Balance at HSBC Current Account	£4,927.09	£3,250.29
Deposit Account	£14,956.27	£14,928.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,883.36</b>	<b>£18,178.62</b>

# Bartholomew Educational Foundation, Eynsham

*Grants for those under 25 living in the parish*

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2020 figures:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Dividends	3034	Grants:	
Rent	750	Individual grants (9)	1762
Bank Interest	32	Administration:	
Donations	<u>2115</u>	Clerk's fee & expenses	510
		Auditor's fees	53
		Surplus carried forward	<u>3606</u>
	5931		5931

### Bank:

Closing balance: £13,153

The Foundation's overall income was more than in the previous year (£4,363 in 2019), as a result of the appeal for donation of unwanted Winter Fuel Payments, made in the community News last December. This resulted in the receipt of donations totalling £2,115 to the year end. The majority of the Foundation's income comes from its holding with the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF), and part from rent from the field leased to Eynsham Cricket Club (reviewed 5-yearly). Periodically any surpluses that may be available are invested in COIF to maintain their capital value.

9 individual grants were made (16 grants totalling £3,925 in 2019). It will be seen that this resulted in a surplus for the year of £3,606. No doubt the reduction in the number of applications for assistance resulted from the uncertainty about higher education due to the Coronavirus epidemic. Apart from those for college/university expenses, they included grants for educational trips for Primary School pupils and educational trips abroad. The Foundation continues to advertise for applications by placing advertisements periodically in local publications.

The trustees meet quarterly in May, September, November and February. The next meeting is on 17 May. The Charity maintains a sub-committee which is available at short notice to give consideration to urgent cases which may arise between meetings. Applications should be made to the Clerk by email or in writing. Grants are available for educational purposes to those under the age of 25 living in the Parish of Eynsham. The trustees are Andy Mosson (Chairman), Dr Max Peterson, Ann-Marie Roisin, Carl Rylett, Nick Relph, Angie Cox, and the Vicar, Duncan Fraser.

For information about the Foundation, search "Grants" at Eynsham Online  
[www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk)

# Eynsham Consolidated Charity

Grants to relieve local need hardship or distress

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## REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

### 2020 Figures:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments:</u>	
Dividends	5172	Grants:	
Bank Interest	36	Individual grants (27)	4482
Field Rent	400		
Donations	<u>2400</u>	<u>Administration</u>	
		Clerk's fee & expenses	513
		Auditor's fees	53
		Surplus carried forward	<u>2960</u>
	8008		8008

### Bank:

Closing balance: £19.074

The Charity's overall income was higher than in the previous year (£6,715 in 2019), as a result of the appeal for the donation of unwanted Winter Fuel Payments, made in the Community News last December. This was even more successful than in the previous year (£1,200 in 2019) and resulted in the receipt of donations totalling £2,400 to the year end. The Charity's main source of income continues to be from its holdings with the Charities' Official Investment Fund. Periodically any surpluses that may be available are invested in that fund to maintain their capital value.

27 individual grants were made last year (23 in 2018) amounting to £4,482 (£3,258 in 2019). As usual, a number of grants were made in January in the form of cash payments to help needy residents with their heating costs. Other specific grants, for example, were made towards the cost of white goods (washing machines, etc), necessary clothing, special equipment for persons with disabilities, essential furniture, and sundry urgent debts. Often grants are made to families with multiple health problems or other severe difficulties.

The Charity can, of course, make grants to persons of any age in the Parish of Eynsham and Freeland, provided the grant is to relieve need, hardship or distress. The Charity continues to advertise for applications by placing advertisements periodically in local publications, and on the village website.

The trustees meet quarterly, in May, September, November and February. The next meeting is on 17 May. Grants can be applied for (either by or on behalf of a person in need, hardship or distress) by emailing or writing to the Clerk or by applying to any of the trustees. The Charity maintains a sub-committee which is available at short notice to give consideration to urgent cases which may arise between meetings. Trustees living in Eynsham are Andy Mosson (Chairman), Dr Max Peterson, Julie Jordan, Carl Rylett, Nick Relph, Derek Malin, and the Vicar, Duncan Fraser. The Vicar of Freeland (new appointee) and an appointee of the Freeland Parish Council (Mike Foster) also serve as trustees.

For information about the Charity, search "Grants" at Eynsham Online  
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## Report of the Allotment Association to the Annual Meeting of Eynsham Parish Council to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

In submitting the Allotment Association's Report to the EPC Annual Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 I attach outgoing Chair's annual report for the allotment year 2019-20, together with the draft Minutes of the Association's 2020 AGM, both of which are publically available on the web site, and this further summary by way of an update.

The Association's AGM was held by correspondence from 8<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. All members were invited to submit nominations for election to the Committee and items of other business. All the constitutional positions were filled, annual reports were submitted and accepted, no other business was notified. The retirement of Andy Swarbrick as Chair and Christine Jackson as Treasurer was noted. Gratitude was expressed for the hard work and sustained commitment that they have given to the Association over the last 7 years.

The Association started its current financial year with a balance of £2895.21 and did not need to raise the level of plot rents for 2020-21. Throughout the year the demand for plots has been very high. Over the last 12 months 16 plots became vacant and have been re-let. There are currently 26 people on the waiting list. Plots are allocated on a strictly 'first come first served' basis so unfortunately there is little prospect of recent applicants acquiring a plot quickly. The waiting list remains open but new applicants are informed of the situation. There is a maintenance programme which is mainly concerned with mud (particularly re car parks and tracks), ditches and trees, but floods and COVID have meant almost all activity has been on hold over the winter months. We look forward to spring.

Martin Groves (EAA Chair)  
Large Thatch  
Church Street  
Eynsham  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## **EYNESHAM ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held by correspondence under the conditions of COVID19 restrictions between 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 20th October 2020

1) Attendance and Procedure

Members of the 2019-20 Committee corresponded about the best way to hold the AGM under the restrictions of government COVID19 regulations. Options considered were 1a) to defer the AGM until restrictions were lifted 1b) to conduct the meeting by Zoom or on some other virtual platform 1c) to conduct the meeting by correspondence (letter and email) limiting the agenda to those matters which could only be dealt with in the context of an AGM. Option 1c) was preferred and in a letter of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 all members of the Association were notified of the procedural proposal and invited to give notice of any other essential business that might need to be dealt with under these arrangements. No objection was raised to the proposed procedure and no matters of Other Business were raised. All members may be deemed to have attended the 2020 AGM.

2) Minutes of the AGM held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

The Minutes of the AGM of 31 October 2019 were circulated to all members. Objections, corrections or amendments to be received by 15th October. No objection or further comment was received. The Minutes were deemed to be approved Nem Con and are attached.

3) The Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was circulated to all members. The outgoing Committee noted Andy Swarbrick's resignation as Chair and registered its gratitude and thanks for the service he had given to the Allotment Association throughout the 7 years of his Chairing of the Committee. The Chair's report was accepted, deemed to be approved Nem Con and is attached.

4) The Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Audited Report for the year 2019-2020 was circulated to all members. The outgoing Committee noted Christine Jackson's resignation as Treasurer and registered its gratitude and thanks for the work she had undertaken as Treasurer throughout the 7 years of her service as Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report on the Association's financial year was accepted, deemed to be approved Nem Con and is attached.

5) Best Kept Allotment 2020

Due to the restrictions of COVID19 no Best Kept Allotment competition was held in 2020.

6) Election of Officers

In a letter of 8th October all members were invited to make nominations for election to the Offices and general membership of the committee for the forthcoming year 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Nominations to be received by 15th October 2020. The following nominations were received. No objections were raised against any of those nominated. No Office was contested. All the nominations were accepted, deemed to be approved Nem Con and were duly elected.

Office	Nominated Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Martin Groves	Jackie Skipwith	Sue Raikes
Vice-chair	Peter Taylor	Michael Green	Martin Groves
Secretary	Peter Feakes	Helen Jordon	Tim Jordon
Treasurer	Michael Green	Christine Jackson	Tony Pendry
Membership secretary	Margaret Key	Helen Jordon	Jackie Skipwith
Other member	Helen Jordon	Margaret Key	Chris Potts
	Chris Potts	Martin Groves	Helen Jordon
	Christine Jackson	Michael Green	Bridget Pitcher
	Peter Ayres	Helen Jordon	Tim Jordon
	Deb Arrowsmith	Margaret Key	Chris Potts
	Mike McCluskey	Martin Groves	Bridget Pitcher
	Christine Cox	Margaret Key	Chris Potts
	Bridget Pitcher	Helen Jordon	Judy Wood
Parish Council Rep	Sue Osborne	Parish Council	

7) Other Business

The essential business of the 2020 Eynsham Allotment Association 2020 AGM was thus concluded and summarized in a letter to all member on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Under the conditions of COVID restrictions the day to day business of the Association will be exercised by the Officers who will consult with other members of the Committee as and when necessary.



# Eynsham Allotment Association

## Annual Report - October 2020

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### Welcome to the annual report for Eynsham Allotments

Given coronavirus this will be a brief annual report.

This year is different. Everyone and every organisation has been distracted by coronavirus. Your committee stopped having actual meetings and instead most of the committee work has been conducted by email. To ensure we did things as correctly as possible, both in terms of legal and social consequences, we took our guidance from national allotment bodies.

Plot letting was halted completely during the period of full lockdown and once that period ended it took some time to get plot letting restarted. The good news is we have nearly every plot fully let. Also there is still a waiting list of around 20 potential plotholders. Given our normal waiting list is around 5 or 6 people it is good to see such a strong interest in growing plants.

To make life easier with covid and its consequential stress we cancelled the annual best kept plot competition. That said many plots have been in a very healthy state and indeed the site has arguably never been healthier. We have had lots of sunny days and, for those people who spent time on their plot, this has not only been good for their plants but also provided good access to Vitamin D, exercise and socially distanced space.

The rent will be held with no change this year.

This is my last year as your chairman and I thank you for supporting me through my seven years. I am working with the committee to ensure a smooth handover.

I hope as 2021 dawns that life and the allotments will increasingly return to normal and indeed a good future.

Andy Swarbrick, Chair

## **Eynsham Heroes**

The Eynsham Heroes volunteer group was set up by Sean Grace in March 2020 to provide a safety net for the community in the face of increased isolation and confusion caused by the unfolding pandemic. Key principles were to keep things simple, facilitate generosity that already existed in the village and support local organisations and businesses.

The Eynsham Heroes have provided a platform for volunteering and community spirit in the form of 10 community WhatsApp groups. These groups have facilitated better communication with neighbours, to allow those who were isolating or in need of help to ask for help from their neighbours. It is hoped that these groups may serve the residents for years to come allowing neighbours to share news, communicate and perhaps even organise street parties when this is all over.

Representatives from each group have worked together as an admin team, coordinating with volunteers in each WhatsApp group to share information and updates with residents, fundraise for the Community Larder and deliver prescriptions, shopping, leaflets, local service information, Eynsham News and medical test kits (in collaboration with EMG). There are too many standout residents to thank for involvement and support but certainly a special mention must go to Laura Stringer for her PR and the Christmas campaign, Andy Goodwin for organising the distribution of Eynsham News and helping with the Christmas vouchers scheme, Robert Barry, Claire Phillips and Janet Stewart for their regular work in administering help requests and prescription runs, and Bob and Pam Thiele for their continuous efforts in coordinating and running the Community Larder.

The Eynsham Good Neighbour Network has also provided a fantastic service to residents responding to calls throughout the week and across the year. It has been referring volunteering requests to our admin team who have been sourcing volunteers in response. Without its involvement the response would have been far more challenging.

The Eynsham Community Larder has grown with some 35 households currently in receipt of the service, and more than 50 having been helped overall. The Community Larder has received over £14,200 in community donations plus £4,800 from WODC, as well as additional donations of £5,250 for the Christmas campaign including the Christmas 'local business vouchers'. In total, 47 adults and 68 children received a Christmas treat box to make sure everyone could have a special Christmas.

In anticipation of the end of the pandemic we are reviewing future options for the network we have created. The current preferred option is to look to integrate the group with other volunteering services in the village. We are also considering a slight readjustment to become a volunteering hub for the community, as the WhatsApp groups have over 600 members who have shown willingness to volunteer. This could then be a way for all organisations to source help or publicise their projects in the village into the future.

The Eynsham Heroes admin team