

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham
held on Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Gordon Beach (Chairman), Rachel Faulkner (Parish Clerk)

Parish Councillors: *Tricia Crowley*, Jane Baldwin, Sue Brown, Katy Crowe, Ross Macken, Richard Andrews, Nick Relph, Dennis Stukenbroeker, Andrew Bickley and Andy Mosson
Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew

West Oxfordshire District Councillors Peter Emery and Edward James.

24 members of the public and local organisations.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Eynsham Parish Councillors: Dr Mark Zumbuhl. WODC District Councillor: Peter Kelland

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting of 26 April 2016 were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes - None

4. Notification of any other business –

Cigarette butts

Parking

5. Parish Council Chairman's Report – the Chairman's report was tabled. The Chairman expressed his concerns regarding the lack of response by West Oxfordshire District Council to the questions raised by residents at the public meeting regarding housing development in and around the village.

The chairman also expressed concern about the proposals for the A40 and Park and Ride scheme.

He assured residents that the Parish Council would continue to seek answers from the County and District councillors regarding these matters.

A question was raised regarding the timing and status of the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. Financial Report – a copy of the unaudited accounts for 2016/17 had been circulated.

7. Police Report – A report had been circulated in the packs and a verbal report was given by PCSO Helen Keen and is available on the village website. She reassured residents that the PCSOs would still be based in the Village Hall.

A resident reported that due to the bus service cuts more cars are now parking in the village, the car parks are full and on street parking has increased.

Helen reported that there are parking attendants that serve the village although they also look after other villages. The police are no longer able to issue parking tickets to cars parked on double yellow lines.

The chairman reported that he had been doing some work researching parking issues to try and ascertain exactly what the problem is as there was a lot of speculation and anecdotal evidence about drivers using parking spaces all day and catching the bus into Oxford.

Ross Macken suggested that one solution might be to encourage drivers to use the Pavilion car park as it is generally empty during the week. He asked whether it might be possible to move the bus stop nearer to the Pavilion to make this a more attractive option.

Professor Dowling asked whether the person who perpetrated an armed robbery at the coop had been caught. Helen reported that the person had not yet been identified.

8. Fire Service Report – The report had been tabled and made available in the Annual Parish report and on the village website.

9. Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew tabled his report and it is available on the website.

Peter Emery asked about the recent figures published by OCC regarding their accounts. He expressed concern regarding the reported underspend of £2.2m on the roads.

A resident asked about the savings that OCC suggest could be made by forming a unitary authority. Cllr Mathew said that he felt that £60m was a conservative estimate.

A resident asked about the exact location for the proposed Park and Ride. Cllr Mathew said that the proposal was for a 500 place car park situated west of Cuckoo Lane.

A resident asked what Cllr Mathew's views are regarding a reversible bus lane. Cllr Mathew said that he continued to ask for a report from council officers regarding traffic movements.

10. West Oxfordshire District Councillors' Report. A report from Cllr Emery was available in the pack and is available on the website. Cllr James spoke about the roles of the three District Councillors. His report will be made available on the website.

A resident of Abbey Street expressed concerns about the increase of cigarette butts on Abbey Street, Lombard Street and outside the Red Lion. She asked if the street cleansing could be increased to clear this problem up. Cllr Emery and Cllr James said they would report back to their committees.

A number of residents expressed concerns regarding the mess around the Red Lion. Mr Beach said that he would be talking to the owners of the Red Lion later in the week and would raise the issue with them.

A resident asked why the questions put to the officers of WODC regarding future developments. Cllrs Emery and James said that they shared the frustrations of residents and would continue to press for answers. Cllr Emery encouraged residents to attend the meeting on 9th May at Wood Green to discuss the Local Plan.

Professor Dowling asked about the proposed new link road to the west of the village. Cllr Emery said that the Local Plan currently supported the link road. Cllr Beach reported that the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan did not support the proposal and felt that it would be opening up this area for much larger proposals for housing growth.

Cllr Mathew said that he felt the proposed link road would be used as a rat run.

11. Eynsham Community Primary School Report and Bartholomew School – reports had been received from the Primary School and Bartholomew School and are available on the website. Professor Dowling congratulated the Primary School on the recent works taken place. Bartholomew School is in the top 3% of the country for progress in A-level results. 45 primary schools feed into the Bartholomew School.

12. Eynsham Consolidated Charity and the Bartholomew Educational Foundation.

Reports had been received and are available on the website.

13. Playing Field Managers' Association – The report has been received and is available on the website.

14. Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report – The report had been received and is available on the website. It has been decided that the Community Day would be held every two years so there would not be one in 2017. The chairman was asked how much of a saving was being made since the installation of the solar panels. Roy reported a saving of around 20%.

15. Allotments Association Report – A report had been tabled and is available on the website. Mr Bickley reported to the meeting that the deer fencing has now been installed due to a grant from Tesco.

16. Neighbourhood Plan – Eynsham Futures.

A health check of the Neighbourhood Plan was being undertaken by an independent inspector. Following this the plan will be put out for a six week consultation before being examine by the Inspector who might suggest some amendments to the plan.

The plan would be put to a referendum in the autumn and all residents will be given the opportunity to vote on whether to adopt it.

17. Any other business.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider:- None