

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR EYNSHAM held on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Eynsham

Present: G Beach (Chairman), 7 Parish Councillors, PCSO Helen Keen, Mr R Mitchell (Eynsham Charities), County Councillor Mr C Mathew, District Cllrs Mrs Stevens, & Mr Andrews, Mr M Anderson – (Parish Clerk) & 24 members of the public.

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

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Prof & Mrs Dowling, Peter Kelland, Adrienne Beavis, PC Richard Conner, District Cllr Larry Poole.
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – Prof. Dowling had requested that Minute 9 be amended to the extent that the sentences commencing 'He also suggested' and ending 'the local authorities' be replaced by '*He then said that the existing Bitterell 106 Agreement already made provision of £150,00 for a 'Flood-lit Artificial-turf Multi-use Games Area' for the village and spoke of its possible relevance to the School's current proposal*'. The Clerk and Chair are supportive of this change to clarify the point raised. With this amendment the minutes of the meeting of 20 April 2010 were agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes** – There were no matters arising.
- 4. Notification of any other business** – The following items were raised
Celia Davies re a Premises Licensing application, Mr Green re West Oxfordshire District Council's local strategy and Mr Brown re Oxfordshire County Council's gritting during bad weather.
- 5. Police Report** – The report had been previously circulated. PCSO Helen Keen advised that one further police officer has joined the team; PC Rachel Coombes. Blue badge holders can park on double yellow lines for three hours. There was general congratulations and thanks to the police and PCSOs.
- 6. Fire Service Report** – No one was present.
- 7. Parish Council Chairman's Report** – The issues mentioned in the report concerning issues at the Bitterell referred to the footpath and lighting on this. There was concern over the consultation process with Oxfordshire County Council, but the matter has now been resolved. It was also felt that the consultation with Oxfordshire County Council over minerals and the toll bridge repair fund has also been inadequate.
- 8. Financial Report for 2010/11** – there were no questions.
- 9. County Councillor's Report** - The following questions were asked –
Mr Brown asked what was the gritting policy of Oxfordshire County Council. The main policy was to grit the main bus routes though this had not done completely last winter. Cllr Mathew said he would send a full written reply to Mr Brown.

A new Children's Centre had been opened in Eynsham and the County Council was thanked for this provision.

Further investigation and study was continuing with an aim of retaining a youth provision in Eynsham. Cllr Mathew remains confident that there will be such a youth facility.

10 District Councillors' Report – Cllr Andrews & Cllr Mrs Stevens

The figure of affordable houses was confirmed to be 40.

Mr Green was concerned that the West Oxfordshire District Council local strategy had not allowed sufficient time for response and the language used was difficult to understand. Cllr Andrews said that the consultation had been on-going for nearly two years. Mr Green also raised concern over the increase in traffic from new developments in West Eynsham and that land owners Oxfordshire County Council may allow more land to be developed as they had in Merton Close. Cllr Andrews said that there is no plan for additional development included in the Local Plan.

Mr Brown asked whether larger bins could be provided for larger families. Cllr Mrs Stevens said that this matter had been considered by the District Council and that there was only fifty such families in the whole of the District. It had been concluded that the way forward was to increase the amount of recycling.

11 Eynsham Primary School Governors' Report – tabled. The school numbers had increased by 50 children in the last year, but was not yet at capacity.

12 Bartholomew School Report – No-one present.

13 Eynsham Youth Centre – No questions.

14. Eynsham Charities – No questions.

15. Playing Fields Managers' Report – No questions

16. Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report – It is the 10th Anniversary of the Management Committee of the Village Hall in June 2011. A celebration would be held and all users are invited to attend and provide a display detailing their activities. The groups may also provide some entertainment. Dr Wright thanked the caretaker for keeping the village hall so tidy.

17. Allotments Association Report – No-one present.

18. Any other business – Ms Davies was concerned that few people knew of a Premises Licensing Application at Newlands Buzz (formerly Kardamon Lounge). The Chairman detailed the process that the Parish Council follow on such applications. Cllr Andrews said that this application will be considered by the District Council Planning Committee.

The Chairman advised that there are vacancies following the Quadrennial Election for the Parish Council. Councillors Mrs Beavis, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Jones and Cllr Miller had decided not to stand for office again at this time and the Chairman thanked them for their efforts.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider:-