

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR EYNSHAM
held on Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Eynsham

Present: Gordon Beach (Chairman), Parish Councillors Sue Osborne, Olaf Rock, Richard Andrews, Peter Emery, Dennis Stukenbroeker, Paul Wilding and Andy Mossman, Oxfordshire County Councillor: Charles Mathew, West Oxfordshire District Councillors: Peter Kelland and Ed James, Parish Clerk: Rachel Faulkner and 27 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 Councillor Mrs Verity Hughes, Dr Fred Wright, David Rossiter, Andy Bickley, Sue Brown, Nick Relph, West Oxfordshire District Councillor, Larry Poole also from Ann Cross.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting of 16 April 2013 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes – None

4. Notification of any other business –

A resident asked that the proposed bus stop at Bartholomew School be discussed.

5. Police Report – The report was tabled by PC Martyn McHale. Recorded crime figures reduced from 198 last year to 103 this year. A reduction of 48%. 20 of these were for making off without payment from the garage on the A40. The full report is published in the Annual Report.

A resident reported a noisy moped rider was causing annoyance around the village. This was confirmed by other residents. PC McHale confirmed that he would look into it immediately.

Joan Stonham asked about the parking survey at the primary school. PCSO Keen said that all respondents had requested trialling a one way system.

Donald Richards asked whether the rules for one-way streets applied to horses. PC McHale said he would look into it.

Paul Wilding asked if the Police could identify the reasons for the decrease in crime figures.

PCSO Keen said that she felt the police were targeting problem areas and communicating better with the public.

Pam Richards wanted to express her thanks to PCSO Helen Keen for her support and regular visits to the Day Centre.

The Chairman asked to formally thank PC Richard Conner for his hard work in the previous year.

6. Fire Service Report – The report had been tabled and available in the Annual Parish report.

7. Parish Council Chairman's Report –

A resident expressed her thanks for the work in the Fishponds in particular to Verity Hughes and her team. The Chairman reminded residents about the Fishponds Foray on 18th July.

District Councillor Peter Kelland commented that the fitness suite at the Sports Centre is not well used and asked if help could be given to support it.

Stuart Green asked about the work being done on the Wharf Stream near The Talbot Inn. The Chairman agreed to send an email to the Wharf Stream team to confirm what is being done.

Trevor Green asked about an uneven footpath – Hanborough Close to Marlborough Place.

Councillor Mathew took the details to look into.

8. **Financial Report for 2013/14** – there were no questions.
9. **Oxfordshire County Councillor's Report** - Cllr Mathew had previously tabled his report. Trevor Green asked about the funding for the proposed zebra crossing outside Bartholomew School. Cllr Matthew said that there would be a public consultation soon after Easter when objections to the scheme could be raised. £16,000 would be coming from Section 106 funding as a result of residential development. The school has put aside £5k and Eynsham Parish Council has agreed, that subject to approval of the final plans, they would contribute £3k. Councillor Mathew had also approached other local Parish Councils with students who attend Bartholomew School and expected contributions from them.
- 10 **West Oxfordshire District Councillors' Report – A report had been produced by Cllrs Poole and James**
Councillor Kelland reported that the Environment Agency has warned that most canal locks would be self manning in the coming year. He asked that the Parish Council consider offering support to the local lock keeper.
Andy Mosson asked about the possible closure of the toilet facility at Oxford Road Playing Field. Councillor Kelland and Poole were working with officers at West Oxfordshire District Council and did not anticipate it closing soon.
- 11 **Eynsham Community Primary School Report** – a report had been previously received.
12. **Eynsham Charities** – Two reports were received. Leslie Gerrans reported that Angie Cox is now also a trustee of the Bartholomew Educational Foundation.
13. **Playing Fields Managers' Report** – A report had been received.
14. **Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report** – The Report had been received. The new chairman, Roy Wilkinson, introduced himself and thanked the previous Chairman, Dr Fred Wright, for his hard work. He reported on various improvements to the Village Hall and a change of personnel with Rachel Budd taking over the bookings. Mr Wilkinson thanked the previous booking clerk, Joan Woodruff, for her hard work.
He reported that there had been a 20% reduction in the use of electricity since the installation of the PV Panels.
Sue Osborne asked whether the bollards had been permanently removed between the Village hall and Scout Hut. Mr Wilkinson confirmed that they would not be replaced.
15. **Allotments Association Report** - There were no questions. The new Chairman, Andy Swarbrick introduced himself. Councillor Mathew asked if there had been any problems with the travellers. None were reported.
16. **Any other business** – Councillor Kelland asked if the Medical Centre could be asked to provide a report for future meetings.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider: – None