



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30 pm
on Tuesday 1 November 2016

MINUTES

Present: Councillors – Mr G Beach (Chair) Mr R Andrews, Ms J Baldwin, Mr A Bickley, Ms S Brown, Ms T Crowley, Mr P Emery, Mr R Macken, Ms S Osborne, Mr N Relph, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Dr M Zumbuhl.

Also in Attendance: Clerk to the Council and 8 members of the public.

16/439 Apologies for absence – Mr A Mosson

16/440 Declarations of Interest – none

16/441 Minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2016 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

16/442 Public Participation

Cllr Charles Mathew reported that the discussions regarding a possible unitary authority continues. He reported that the county council is reviewing its policy regarding rent at the Children's Centre.

16/443 The council discussed progress of the proposed 20mph limit. Anthony Kirkwood (AK) from Oxfordshire County Council attended the meeting. Where average speeds are above 24mph signage is not considered enough and traffic calming is recommended (Witney Road, Hanborough Road were cited as examples). AK suggested that road humps are the most effective form of traffic calming. He suggested that approximately 75m between humps is usual. AK gave some indication of the costs involved of the options for traffic calming. He advised the council that were they to proceed they would need to employ independent consultants to plan the traffic calming measures.

16/444 The council received a presentation by the Bike Safe chair Ian Leggett regarding the proposed cycle path on B4044 from Eynsham to Oxford. The group has been campaigning for 4/5 years for a bicycle path. The group's request is for explicit, unequivocal support in the Neighbourhood Plan. The council reiterated its support of the proposal and agreed to support in whatever way they could.

16/445 Correspondence. A request was received from a resident of Clover Place regarding scaffolding on a neighbour's house. This is beyond the powers of the parish council and the clerk would respond accordingly.

16/446 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.

16/447 It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Katharine Crowe to the council and invite her to attend the December meeting.

16/448 Finance. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

16/449 The council discussed planning applications

- 16/03355/HHD Single Storey extension. 52a Shakespeare Road. – No objection subject to a condition that the development is ancillary to the existing dwelling on the site and not used as a separate dwelling.

- 16/0329/HHD Re-roofing of existing garage from flat to pitched roof to create storage space. 13 Queens Lane. No objection subject to a condition that the development is ancillary to the main dwelling and not to be used as a separate dwelling.
- 16/03360/S73 Erection of 77 dwellings. Eynsham Nursery and Plant Centre. **Objection.** The variation in design would raise the ridge height of some dwellings from the previously approved height to 10 metres which is out of keeping with the existing built environment and which would be an urbanizing intrusion into the surrounding area at the edge of the village.
The application makes no substantial changes to the site access which remains a contrived bottleneck extension of Old Witney Road for all traffic, including motor vehicles, emergency and essential services, cycles and pedestrians. The application ignores the WODC draft Local Plan, now approved by Cabinet for public consultation, which provides for a western link road which would provide access to the site other than through the congested centre of the village. The application also takes no consideration of the OCC changes to the A40 adjacent to the site being developed by OCC.
- 16/03396/S73 Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 15/01184/FUL to allow amendments to the plans for Plots 6-11. 15/01184/FUL: Erection of 13 dwellings with associated access, parking and open space. Land at Newland Street. **Objection.** The proposed design of the apartment block is not in keeping with the character of Newland Street or the village as a whole. Because of the considerably higher level of ground on which the block is proposed to be built it would have a disproportionately dominant effect on Newland Street compared with the properties on the opposite side. It would also have an adverse effect on the proximate listed buildings, The Gables and Newlands Inn and erode the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
The owner of the property promoted the application for development supported by the creation of a community orchard adjacent to the development site. The Parish Council is not aware of any effort by the owner to establish this orchard in conjunction with the proposed development.

The council asked that the landowner is contacted asking them to confirm their intentions regarding setting up a trust for the preservation of the orchard.

- 16/03427/FUL Conversion of existing building to provide six 2 bed self-contained flats. Erection of two 4 bed semi-detached houses. Associated parking, communal gardens, bin storage and cycle storage. 46 Acre End Street. **Objection.** The Parish Council objected to the original application (16/01883/FUL) stating 'The inclusion in the development proposal of three, three storey and three bedroom townhouses at the entrance to the narrow private road to an already compacted development of nine houses (Acre End Close) would constitute overdevelopment of the site to the detriment of the existing residents (BE2 and draft LP H2). The interior design is awkward and contrived, particularly the ground floor, considering the size and height of the houses proposed. While the applicant has reduced the townhouses to two 4 bed houses, at three storeys, the reduction is only approximately 50 sq ft and the visual bulk remains approximately the same. It is still overdevelopment and an awkward design.
While the applicant proposes one further parking space for the townhouses, this is still inadequate for the development as a whole and likely to generate on-street parking in Acre End Street, which is already overcrowded, one of the most congested streets in Eynsham, and a major bus route.
The existing exit on to Acre End Street has inadequate visibility splays and is crossed by a bus stop for the frequent S1 bus. The increased traffic generated across this bus stop from the extra dwellings would be contrary to T3.
- 16/03621/HHD Single storey side extension. 28 Chilbridge Road. No objection.
- Notification of Appeal. Erection of new tennis court on land to the rear of 15 Cassington Road. No comment.

16/450 The council discussed the Neighbourhood Plan. A meeting has been arranged on 9 November with the leader of West Oxfordshire District Council and senior officers to discuss the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the emerging Local Plan. A briefing document summarising the situation prepared by Eynsham Futures Steering Group was supported by the council.

A Neighbourhood Plan Day has been organised by Eynsham Futures for public consultation from 10.30 to 5.00 on Saturday 19 November.

The council **RESOLVED** to arrange a council meeting on Tuesday 29 November to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and the plans for the A40.

The clerk to arrange a Public Meeting to give residents an opportunity to discuss proposal for the A40 and housing growth. Leaders of District and County Councils to be invited to attend.

At this point of the meeting the chairman requested that standing orders be suspended as the meeting was running beyond 10pm. The council RESOLVED to suspend and continue the meeting.

The council RESOLVED to exclude the Public and the Press due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

16/451 The council discussed arrangements regarding the Playground Supervisor.

16/452 Committee Meetings – the council adopted the minutes and received recommendations from the following meetings:

- Play Areas – 11 October 2016 at 6.30pm
- Fishponds – 11 October 2016 at 7.30pm

16/453 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Finance and General Purpose – 8 November at 7.30pm
- Council meeting – 29 November at 7.30pm – Neighbourhood Plan
- Planning (if required) – 6 December at 6.30pm
- Council – 6 December at 7.30pm
- Play Areas – 13 December at 7.30pm - postponed

The Meeting closed at 10.38pm