



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room  
on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present: Councillors** - Mr G Beach (Chair) Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Ms T Crowley, Ms K Crowe, Mr P Emery, Mr R Macken, Ms S Osborne, Mr N Relph, Mr D Stukenbroeker.

**Also in Attendance:** Clerk to the Council, Cllr Mathew and 5 members of the public.

**16/485 Apologies for absence** – Dr M Zumbuhl, Mr A Mosson.

**16/486 Declarations of Interest** – none.

**16/487 Minutes of the meetings held on 3 January 2017** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

### **16/488 Public Participation** –

- Professor Dowling expressed concern about the procedural process of the Neighbourhood Plan. He asked that before the NP was approved the council assured itself that there was no over representation or bias from particular parts of the village.
- Local resident, Ms Chance said she was in favour of a link road as it might ease traffic in the centre of the village.
- Ms Parrinder, Chair of NP Steering Group gave the council some documentation regarding designated green spaces. There had been some objections from local landowners.
- Cllr Mathew told the council that he favoured the idea of a unitary authority. The county council is currently in talks with two of the district councils and hope to enter into discussions with others.
- Cllr Mathew passed on his thanks to the council and NP Steering Group on their work on the plan.

**16/489 Correspondence** – the council noted the date of the OCC consultation regarding the unitary authority.

**16/490** The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.

**16/491 Finance.** It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

**16/492** Mr Nick Relph was appointed as trustee to Eynsham Consolidated Charity and the Bartholomew Educational Foundation.

**16/493** Mr Emery and Mr Relph gave the committee information about options for WiFi from Virgin and BT. The council **RESOLVED** to install wifi at the Bartholomew Room and Mr Relph to continue negotiations with BT based on an annual cost of around £300.

**16/494** The council received reports from councillors representing the council on outside bodies:

- Village Hall committee – Ms Crowley
- Witney Oxford Transport Group – Mr Beach, Mr Stukenbroeker
- Meeting with the new Vicar for the Benefice of St Leonard's Eynsham and St Peter's Cassington – Mr Beach

**16/495** The council discussed the consultation regarding Community Infrastructure Levy. Mr Stukenbroeker to produce a report for members prior to the meeting of the council in March.

**16/496** Mr Beach updated the council regarding a meeting with Gladman regarding their proposal for a Garden Village at Barnard Gate. Gladman did not confirm when they would be submitting a planning application although it was thought likely to be Sept/October 2017.

Jansons presented their plans for Derrymerrye Farm for 200-300 houses which included some changes to infrastructure/roads. Jansons have invited the Parish Council to attend pre-submission meetings with the District Council.

**16/497** The council discussed the A40 consultation. The latest information suggests a Park and Ride facility initially for 500 cars will be completed by 2020.

**16/498 The council discussed Eynsham's Neighbourhood Plan.** The plan is almost complete and ready for submission. the following questions were asked of the council

- To discuss whether the PC supports the proposal for a Science Park or other employment to match residential expansion.  
Response: Garden Villages should include employment land and therefore this element should remain in the NP.
- To discuss whether to support protection of the land south of the Chil Brook/ Chilbridge Road in preference to a Western Link Road to take traffic off village streets.  
Response: The council considers the harm caused by a western link road and housing development south of Chilbridge Road outweighs the benefits of reduced traffic and the NP should be worded accordingly.
- To discuss whether the PC accepts the proposal for 3200 houses and whether these should all be located in the Garden Village.  
Response: EPC does not dispute the total allocation of 3200 but has always maintained that the GV should be built first with an allocation of 600 to the west of Eynsham held as a reserve and therefore these elements should remain in the NP.
- To discuss whether the PC is happy to endorse the Local Green space areas as being of importance to the village and to include those proposed that are owned or controlled by the PC.  
Response: The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to endorse the nominated Local Green space areas as being of importance to the village.
- To discuss whether the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan can go to WODC as a formal submission.  
It was agreed that final approval could be delayed until the meeting on March 7th. In the intervening 4 weeks members would have an opportunity to review the additional sections proposed by EFSG (which had not reached members in time for consideration) and the document would be polished ready for formal submission.
- Additional discussion included the 'buffer zone' between Eynsham and OCGV and how the NP should respond to residents concerns that it was inadequate. Members insisted that a buffer zone was essential in accordance with residents wishes and should be included in the NP.
- It was also agreed that the suggestion of dwellings without parking places to discourage car use put forward by Natural England was contrary to WODC policy and impractical and should not be included in the NP.

**16/499** The council discussed a letter from WODC regarding the naming of the proposed Garden Village and setting up of Community Panel. Mr Beach to respond.

**16/500** Committee Meetings – the council adopted the minutes and received recommendations of the following meetings:

- Fishponds – 10 January 2017 at 6.30pm

**16/501 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:**

- Finance and General Purpose – 21 February 2017 at 7.30pm
- Planning – 7 March 2017 at 6.30pm
- Council – 7 March 2017 at 7.30pm

**The Meeting closed at 9.55pm**