



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Fishponds Committee meeting held  
on Saturday 30 July 2011 at 10.00 am

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mrs V Hughes, Ms S Osborne, Mr Alan Collett.

**Apologies for Absence** – Mr Paul Staley.

**To receive declarations of interest** – none.

### **Election of Chairman**

Verity Hughes was proposed by Ms S Osborne and seconded by Mr Alan Collett.

**Minutes of 18 February 2011** – The minutes were approved as a true record.

**Public Participations** – none.

### **Parish Council Maintenance Schedule**

Last year's schedule was discussed and revised for 2011/12. Copy attached.

### **Review of past year's work**

- Routine maintenance – There have been problems with the routine strimming and mowing and it was discussed that the PC should be asked to ensure that there is sufficient time and funding for this to be carried out.
- Harvey's House Mound was cleared of many saplings, roots and all by Banbury and Witney College students via the Wychwood Project to allow for a larger mown area which will eventually discourage nettles, encourage more wild flowers and place more emphasis on the archaeological feature of the mound and the moat.
- The wall by the entrance to the car park has been repaired and more saplings and roots removed to create a slightly larger car park.
- The reinstated County Council footpath along the bank of the Chilbrook was covered with gravel, wheeled from the car park by local volunteers.
- The very muddy section of the north path has been moved neared the wall onto higher ground by the Eynsham Running Club celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- All the materials have been paid for by the Parish Council.

### **Projects for Next Year**

- A pond dipping platform to be built and installed in a shallow area of the moat near Monk's Green.
- Barley Straw to be sourced to reduce the algae in the water
- Repoint the wall of the car park.

Possible projects for volunteers were discussed and listed:-

- Reed clearance of the Old Chilbrook and the channel opposite the abbey information board.
- Clearance of the path to the blackthorn clump and to the seating position there.
- Spread gravel on the new part of the north path when it has settled.

- Look for drystone walling volunteers to rebuild the wall with all the stones that were recovered when the path was relocated.
- Paint the car park barrier uprights dark green.

**Date of next meeting** – 8 November 2011 at 7.30.

**Recommendation to Council:**

- Accept the maintenance schedule with particular attention to funding for the strimming and mowing.
  - Consider the funding requirements for next year as listed:
    - Pond dipping platform - £250 approx
    - Gravel for north path - £200 approx
    - Repoint the carpark wall both sides. - £2,500 very approx.
    - Supplying the dark green paint for the uprights of the carpark barrier - £30 approx.
- Say £3,000 if the car park wall is considered to be the responsibility of the Fishponds committee.