



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Footpaths Committee Meeting  
in the Bartholomew Room at 6.30pm  
on Tuesday 19 March 2019

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Sue Osborne (Committee Chairman), Cllr Gordon Beach, Cllr Andrew Bickley, Cllr Sue Brown, Cllr Peter Emery, Cllr Carl Rylett and Cllr Mark Zumbuhl.

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Clerk to the Council. There were no members of the public.

**19/FP1 To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Nick Relph was not present.

**19/FP2 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items** – None.

**19/FP3 To review the meeting minutes of the 18 September 2018** – It was noted that the minutes were approved at Full Council meeting on 2 October 2018. Cllr Osborne referred to minute 18/FP24 that way marker discs can be replaced on a like-for-like basis by members.

**19/FP4 Public Participation** – None.

**19/FP5 To receive correspondence (if appropriate)** – Cllr Brown advised that she had been made aware of horse-riders crossing Oxford Road Playing Field (south) to access the Fishponds. Cllr Osborne is to raise the concern in the next Eynsham News. Cllr Osborne had been contacted to note that footpath 206/6 Pumping Station to Mead Lane is inaccessible (item 19/FP9 refers).

**19/FP6 To review and update the Footpaths Spreadsheet** – The spreadsheet was reviewed and agreed that members will inspect new quadrants of the footpaths map as follows:- north west Cllr Zumbuhl; north east Cllr Brown; south west Cllr Emery; and south east Cllr Bickley.

**19/FP7 To draft a risk assessment form and rota for the Wharf Stream Way** – It was agreed that a risk assessment form will be drafted for quarterly completion.

**19/FP8 To receive an update on the Wharf Stream Way (including sale of land: effect on the permissive right of way part of the route)** – Installation of the artwork had been postponed due to poor weather and is re-scheduled for this coming weekend of 23/24 March. The Clerk will attend on 23<sup>rd</sup> and Cllr Brown/Cllr Zumbuhl on the 24<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the Council. Members referred to OCC's Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Site Allocations – Issues and Options Site Allocations document. It was noted that if OCC pursue the Eynsham site allocations, Wharf Stream Way could be negatively impacted. Clerk is to contact Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils to understand what happens to footpaths with permissive rights when the land is sold.

**19/FP9 To discuss rights-of-way problems and agree actions** – It was agreed that the process for pursuing footpath issues is:- (1) Report on Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) [Rights of Way website](#) (2) Clerk to find out who the landowner is using Land Registry information (3) Write to the landowner and copy the letter to the [Countryside Service](#). Clerk is to write to the landowner of 206/6 to request that the footpath is clearly marked and made accessible. (Cllr Zumbuhl temporarily left the meeting).

**19/FP10 To receive an update on the application for a Modification Order of FP 206/10** – A Direction Request was sent to the The Planning Inspectorate RoW team asking that OCC determine the application. However, it was noted that a Direction Request can only be considered after 12 months' notice has elapsed from the date that Form C was sent (5 September 2019). Clerk is to doublecheck the re-submission date and diarise accordingly.

**19/FP11 To discuss walk maps for the website and/or a mobile app** – (Cllr Zumbuhl returned to the meeting). Cllr Zumbuhl explained GPS footpath mapping systems available and recommended that GPX files for Eynsham walks are created which can be used on various platforms and could be made available on our website. Cllr Zumbuhl will create a couple of trial maps to upload to the PC website.

**19/FP12 To consider re-marking of FP 206/2, from Pavilion to FP 206/3 at the brook, when the Pavilion is rebuilt** – It was agreed to re-mark the footpaths when the Pavilion is rebuilt.

**19/FP13 To review income and expenditure against budget** – The Clerk reviewed income and expenditure with the Committee. The Committee has a budget of £3000 for the next financial year which reflects the remaining S106 funds available for Wharf Stream Way.

**19/FP14 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 6.30pm.** Councillors and residents are to refer to the published meeting agendas for confirmed dates/times.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.