

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham
held on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gordon Beach (Chairman), Katherine Doughty (Parish Clerk).

Parish Councillors: Andrew Bickley, Peter Emery, Andy Mosson, Nick Relph, Carl Rylett (Parish and District Councillor), Dennis Stukenbroeker and Mark Zumbuhl.

Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew.

25 members of the public and local organisations.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** - Eynsham Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Katy Crowe, Tricia Crowley and Sue Osborne. Mr Craig Thomas (Headteacher, Bartholomew School) PCSO Helen Keen (Thames Valley Police), Peter Kelland (West Oxfordshire District Councillor).
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 24 April 2018** - The minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2018 were approved with a minor amendment made.
3. **To consider matters arising from the minutes** - None.
4. **Notification of any other business** - None.
5. **To receive the Chairman's Report** - The Chairman's report was tabled and the subject of anti-social behaviour was discussed. An array of drug paraphernalia was displayed which had been collected from one of the local play areas one evening. Cllr Beach encouraged all residents to report crimes/concerns using the 101 Police service. It was noted that there had recently been a series of thefts from the allotments. Information on the Eynsham Neighbourhood Policing Area can be found at <https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N387/>

Cllr Beach discussed the ongoing problems being experienced with Taylor Wimpey at Hazeldene and Thornbury Green developments. It was noted that local authorities are not being as supportive as they could be and their lack of action does not bode well for the future in consideration of the thousands of houses that are going to be built.

6. **To consider the Financial Statement for the year 2018/19** - A copy of the unaudited accounts for 2018/19 had been circulated. Residents were asked to forward any queries to the Clerk.
7. **To receive the following reports:-**
 - (a) **Bartholomew School** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (b) **Eynsham Allotment Association** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (c) **Eynsham Community Primary School Governors** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (d) **Eynsham Consolidated Charity / Bartholomew Educational Foundation** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (e) **Eynsham Fire Service** – No report was available.
 - (f) **Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan** – Report was tabled. Cllr Beach reported that the revised Neighbourhood Plan had been 'health checked' by an NPIERS representative. Following minor amendments and a consultation period, it was formally re-submitted to the District Council. The Council selected an independent examiner (from one of a handful made available by the District Council) and they have now commenced their procedures. It is anticipated that a referendum could be undertaken in the forthcoming autumn. Cllr Andrews has not stood for re-election and was thanked for his help and support with the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - (g) **Eynsham Playing Fields Managers** – Report was tabled. The Chairman referred residents to the latest draft plans on display for the replacement Pavilion. It is anticipated that the building work will commence in May 2020.

- (h) **Eynsham Village Hall Management** – Report was tabled. It was noted that the Pre-School closed down and therefore stopped using the hall, however a new gymnastics club has started using the hall. A new Bookings/Finance Clerk has been appointed. A query was raised regarding income from the solar panels – the panels are only of a small benefit as most of the income generated is paid to the green energy installer.
 - (i) **Cllr Charles Mathew, Oxfordshire County Councillor** – Report was tabled. £15,000 of grants are available for charitable purposes within the division (with effect from 5 April). Last year, £2400 was provided to the pre-school (in the Primary School) for new toilets and wash basins. Noted that Cllr Mathew is Chairman of Eynsham Day Centre who require a replacement Co-ordinator.
 - (j) **Thames Valley Police** – PCSO Helen Keen is being replaced by PCSO Lucy James at the end of May. Helen has undertaken a tremendous amount of work around the village. A query was raised regarding the crime figures provided (Clerk is to check these with Helen). It was noted that the Post Office re-opened today following damage caused to the building due to criminal removal of the cashpoint. It was appreciated that the Post Office owners have worked hard to have it up and running again so quickly.
 - (k) **West Oxfordshire District Councillors** – Cllr Rylett’s report was tabled. Flytipping at the Back Lane Recycling Site was discussed. It appears commercial waste is being deposited there.
17. **Any other business** – Cllr Beach advised that there would be no Parish Council election on 2 May due to a lack of nominations. 10 members had been declared elected leaving 5 members to co-opt.

Cllr Beach invited those present to show their appreciation for Joan Stonham who had recently received a High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Award in recognition for her years of contributions to community communications. The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed:

Dated: