

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham
held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 7.30pm held remotely

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

Parish Councillors: Milly Chen, Katherine Crowe, Tricia Crowley, David Knight, Ross Macken, Andy Mosson, Sue Osborne Nick Relph, Carl Rylett (Parish and District Councillor), Francis Zealley.

Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew.

West Oxfordshire District Councillor Dan Levy.

29 members of the public and local organisations.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – None.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 23 April 2019** - The minutes of the meeting of 23 April 2019 were approved with a minor amendment made.
3. **To receive the Chairman’s Report** - The Chairman’s report was tabled and included the western and northern extensions, the A40 and new car park, anti-social behaviour, Sports Pavilion & Bartholomew Room updates, Thornbury and Hazeldene. The report concludes that the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan will be revised, the Council is continuing work on a 20mph scheme, there are Parish Council vacancies and Cllr Beach is to retire at the end of April after more than 20 years of service.
4. **To consider the Financial Statement for the year 2019/20** - A copy of the unaudited accounts for 2019/20 had been circulated. Residents were asked to forward any queries to the Clerk.
5. **To receive the following reports:-**
 - (a) **Thames Valley Police** – A report was tabled. PCSO Helen Keen wasn’t available.
 - (b) **Eynsham Fire Service** – No report was available.
 - (c) **Cllr Charles Mathew, Oxfordshire County Councillor** – Report was tabled, no questions were raised.
 - (d) **West Oxfordshire District Councillors** – District Councillor Dan Levy and Carl Rylett were available for questions (none raised). Report was tabled.
 - (e) **Bartholomew School** – Mr Thomas, Headteacher provided an update. It has been an unusual year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr Thomas thanked volunteers who had been assisting with pupil Covid-19 testing (500 students per day) thereby enabling children to return to school that week.
 - (f) **Eynsham Community Primary School Governors** – A comprehensive report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (g) **Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (h) **Eynsham Playing Fields Managers** – Report was tabled. Cllr Osborne welcomed questions. None raised.
 - (i) **Eynsham Village Hall Management** – Report and financial breakdown was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (j) **Eynsham Consolidated Charity / Bartholomew Educational Foundation** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (k) **Eynsham Allotment Association** – Report was tabled. No questions raised.
 - (l) **Eynsham Heroes Community Network** – Report was tabled. A representative reported on the success of the group so far, however due to its temporary status, the group is exploring how it might continue in the future as a community resource and welcomed any comments. Hundreds of people have volunteered and it was hoped their goodwill could continue to be used to direct people to appropriate charities.
6. **Responses to questions previously submitted** – None.

7. **Closing remarks and thanks** – Cllr Beach advised that after more than 20 years as a Councillor/Chairman, he will be stepping down with effect from the end of April. Cllr Beach thanked everyone for their support and commented it has been a privilege to work with so many residents and organisations in the village over the years.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm

Signed:

Dated: