

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham**  
**held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 7.30pm at Eynsham Village Hall**

**Present:** Approximately 80 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – None.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 9 March 2021** - The minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2021 were approved.
3. **To welcome village organisations to present their annual reports** – Cllr Nick Relph (Chair), Eynsham Parish Council welcomed all those present for an informal-style meeting.
4. **Discussion topics:-**
  - (a) Eynsham Parish Council's Strategic Plan – Cllr Ross Macken (Vice Chair), outlined the Council's new Strategic Plan. The Council's vision is to make 'Eynsham a great place to belong' and to work through a series of tasks to meet priorities and objectives over the next 1-2 years.
  - (b) 'What is a Green Wheel?' – Cllr Macken discussed a circular walking route around Eynsham that uses existing Public Rights of Way using [Bedfordshire's Green Wheels](#) by example. It is envisaged that this 'Green Wheel' would be extended with high quality footpaths in the new north and west developments through working with the developers.
  - (c) Eynsham's 20mph scheme – Cllr Tricia Crowley (Vice Chair, Eynsham Traffic Working Group) provided background information on the speed reduction project. It was noted there are lots of reasons why reducing vehicle speed is good, not least because everyone shares the highway area (walking/cycling/exercising). Feedback on the proposals, good and bad, is welcome to enable opinions to be fully understood. Oxfordshire County Council is considering the proposal and consultation responses at its meeting on [Thursday 28 April 2022](#). If approved, a minimum quantity of signs will be displayed and entrance gateways to the village will be installed.
  - (d) Update on development matters and Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Relph provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan refresh. A community event will be held to receive feedback on how the Plan can be revised.
5. **Closing remarks and thanks** – Cllr Relph provided an update on strategic matters including West Eynsham Strategic Development Area, Salt Cross Garden Village, the A40 improvements and minerals extraction. Cllr Relph appealed to those present to consider becoming a Councillor as there are vacancies.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 7.54pm and was followed by more than 20 village groups providing displays of their activities. Refreshments were provided by the Parish Council. The evening ended at c.10.00pm.

Signed:

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