

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Eynsham
held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 7.30pm at Eynsham Village Hall

Present: Approximately 70 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr Car Rylett.
2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting of 26 April 2022** - The minutes of the meeting of 26 April 2022 were approved.
3. **To welcome village organisations to present their annual reports** – Cllr Ross Macken (Chair), Eynsham Parish Council welcomed all those present for an informal-style meeting. Community organisations and businesses displayed material about themselves in both the main and small halls.
4. **Eynsham Parish Council’s Strategic Plan** – Cllr Ross Macken outlined the Council’s 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.
5. **To receive reports from each of the Parish Council’s Committees/Groups:-**
 - (a) Planning Committee – Cllr David Knight provided an overview of ongoing consultations and work regarding the proposed Garden Village, West Eynsham Strategic Development Area, the A40 Park & Ride/A40 Improvements and Botley West Solar Farm. Updating the Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing and the Council continues to promote stewardship of community assets with developers.
 - (b) Amenities & Estates Committee – Cllr Sue Brown discussed the transfer of Oxford Road Playing Field (South) and Fishponds to a Parish Council charity from Fields in Trust. Play Areas continue to be repaired/maintained. The Council has started the process of designating the Fishponds as a Local Nature Reserve. A summary of future projects was provided.
 - (c) Eynsham Traffic Working Group – Cllr Tricia Crowley discussed the Community Speed Watch activities, the 20/30/40mph signage changes and looked ahead to projects in 2023/24.
 - (d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – Cllr Macken presented the 23/24 Budget, key issues and changes.
6. **To report on grant awards made for 2022/23** - Five grants awarded by the Council were reviewed.
7. **Closing remarks and thanks** – An update was requested by residents on the ongoing closure of Conduit Lane and when it might re-open. Cllr Macken provided an update accordingly.

The formal part of the meeting closed at 7.55pm 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:

Dated: