



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 5 March 2019

MINUTES

Councillors Present - Cllr G Beach (Chairman), Cllr R Andrews, Cllr A Bickley, Cllr S Brown, Cllr K Crowe, Cllr P Crowley, Cllr A Mosson, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr C Rylett and Cllr D Stukenbroeker.

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council, County Councillor Mathew and 4 members of the public.

19/33 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr P Emery, Cllr R Macken and Cllr N Relph. Cllr M Zumbuhl was not present.

19/34 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items – Cllr Beach declared an interest in 19/50.

19/35 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 5 February 2019 - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed as a true record.

19/36 To approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 26 February and consider the recommendations contained therein - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed as a true record and the recommendations contained therein were approved.

Public Participation – Members of GreenTEA discussed global warming concerns and it was noted that 369 local government bodies have signed up to recognise a climate change emergency. The Council was asked to adopt the policy and declare a climate change emergency. Refer to item 19/39. A resident addressed the Council to raise concern at the poor Garden Village consultation forums and to request that an independent facilitator is sought to undertake ‘enquiry by design.’ The Chairman requested that a formal proposal is submitted to the Council for consideration. The Council may need to seek professional advice. Refer to item 19/40. County Councillor Mathew provided an update report – he recommended that everyone read the [Oxfordshire Joint Strategic Spatial Plan](#). Cllr Mathew attended a new Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting with Cllr Beach and was extremely disappointed with the approach being taken and reincarnation of the previous set-up (the Council could invite the prospective new Chief Constable to a future meeting). There are currently 5 Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders for Eynsham for the coming weeks/months. Residents are to refer to the Parish Council website for details and refer concerns to Cllr Mathew. Oxfordshire County Council is to ask Stagecoach to postpone cancellation of the 11 service to the end of the school term as its transports school children from local villages.

19/37 To receive correspondence:-

- (a) High Sheriff of Oxfordshire – As requested by the Parish Council, Joan Stonham will receive an award for her community work.
- (b) Oxfordshire 2050 consultation – Noted.
- (c) Keep Britain Tidy campaign – Great British Spring Clean 22 March – 23 April. Noted.

19/38 To consider the Clerk’s Report and agree actions – The report was received and discussed. The Clerk reported that an informal meeting with the Pavilion architects is scheduled for Friday 15 March, 10.00 at the Bartholomew Room.

19/39 To note concerns raised by Green TEA regarding climate change and consider a policy – Councillors queried the process for declaring an emergency and debated use of the word ‘emergency.’ Cllr Rylett proposed that the Council declares a climate emergency with wording to be amended accordingly in the draft policy. Seconded by Cllr Crowley, 2 against, 7 abstentions. Motion not carried. Cllr Bickley proposed that the policy is adopted without amendment and to explore how Councils have ‘declared a climate emergency.’ Seconded by Cllr Andrews, 9 in favour, motion carried.

19/40 To note concerns raised by residents regarding the District Council's consultation/ community forum process and agree actions – The Chairman reported that some people walked out at the beginning of the last forum meeting and there is still considerable concern with the reducing number of people attending. It was hoped that the community could shape the Garden Village now which doesn't appear to be occurring. A website for the Garden Village can be found at www.thegardenvillage.org.

19/41 To consider the re-appointment of a Trustee to the Bartholomew Educational Foundation. It was **RESOLVED** that Max Peterson is appointed for a further 3 year period.

19/42 To consider quotes for the repair of the boardwalk at Fishponds. It was **RESOLVED** to approve McCracken & Son's quote to repair the boardwalk and urgent fencing work is also to be undertaken at the same time.

19/43 To consider a quote for a Skate Park Workshop/Demonstration Event (in association with the Oxfordshire Play Association Play & Activity Day on 26 July) – It was **RESOLVED** to approve King Ramps for a workshop/demonstration day on 26 July. Funds to be used from the Grants budget.

19/44 To review gate security arrangements for Oxford Road Playing Fields (north and south) and agree actions – Cllr Beach requested support for security of the fields. 2 Councillors will assist. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain quotes for a security company to attend to the gates.

19/45 Finance:-

- (a) To approve payment of accounts – It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented.
- (b) To approve bank reconciliation – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation.
- (c) To be advised of income and expenditure – Noted.

19/46 To receive an update on the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan and agree actions – Cllr Andrews advised that 3 independent examiner options have been provided by the District Council. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Deborah McCann.

19/47 To consider a draft response to Oxfordshire County Council's consultation for a Scoping Opinion for the proposed Park & Ride and A40 bus lane – A draft response was circulated and additions made.

19/48 To receive reports from Councillors representing the Council on outside bodies/meetings –

- (a) Cllr Crowley – Tennis Open day – Sat 9 March - Bartholomew School, 2-4pm.
- (b) Cllr Beach – Meeting was held with Susan Halliwell re Thornbury Road and Hazeldene. Interview with students from Abingdon & Witney College. Met with Oxfordshire Play Association regarding the July activity day. EPIC re community forum. Met with residents of Thornbury Road and Taylor Wimpey to discuss ongoing concerns. NAG meeting which was disappointing. Whites Cleaning to review service.

19/49 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:-

- Footpaths Committee – 19 March at 6.30pm.
- Play Areas Committee – 19 March at 7.30pm.
- Planning Committee (if required) – 2 April at 6.30pm.
- Full Council – 2 April at 7.30pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS: At the conclusion of this part of the agenda, the Chairman moved that, considering the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public, press and broadcast media be excluded for the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting.

19/50 To consider quotes for the Bartholomew Room refurbishment project management – It was **RESOLVED** that Leys Longden's quote is accepted.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.