



# EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting  
held remotely at 7.30pm  
on Tuesday 5 May 2020

## MINUTES

**Councillors Present** – Cllr G Beach (Chairman), Cllr S Brown, Cllr K Crowe, Cllr P Crowley, Cllr R Macken, Cllr A Mosson, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr N Relph and Cllr C Rylett.

**Also in Attendance** – Clerk to the Council. There were ten members of the public present.

**20/65 To receive apologies for absence** – None. Cllr M Chen & Cllr M Zumbuhl were not present.

**20/66 To receive Declarations of Interest in agenda items** – None.

**20/67 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10 March 2020** - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were signed as true records.

**20/68 To approve the minutes of the following meetings and consider the recommendations contained therein** – It was **RESOLVED** that the following minutes were signed as true records and the recommendations contained therein were approved:- (a) Planning Meeting of 10 March, (b) Play Areas Committee Meeting of 17 March and (c) Footpaths Committee Meeting of 17 March.

**20/69 Public Participation - to receive submissions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders** – The majority of members of public referred to agenda item 20/74 recommending that the Council agree to the proposals which are widely supported in the community. A Trust for Oxfordshire Environment grant application has been submitted by Eynsham Nature Recovery Network for various biodiversity projects in the community – to date these are mainly on land under the Parish Council's jurisdiction. District Cllr Dan Levy provided a report on West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) matters. It was noted that the Council has been co-ordinating efforts to provide support for vulnerable residents during the Coronavirus pandemic and it will meet remotely for the first time on 13 May. County Cllr Charles Mathew reported that Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Coronavirus response has so far cost £79m, of which only £24m has been received from the Government. Cllr Mathew also supports the proposals at 20/74. A grant has been provided to the Nature Recovery group for equipment from OCC's Councillor Priorities Fund.

**20/70 To receive correspondence** –

- (a) GreenTEA – Progress update on delivery of green energy to Eynsham. Noted.
- (b) Oxfordshire County Council – Bus stop/shelter S106 funding availability. Funds are identified for the A40 bus stops. Council to consider whether any other deserving bus stops might also be considered for improvements. For future discussion.
- (c) Oxford Preservation Trust – Response to the Council's correspondence re. Lord's Farm planning application. Noted.

**20/71 To note decisions made under the Scheme of Delegation and note its cessation** – Two decisions had been made since circulation of the document (to be recirculated).

**20/72 To consider the Clerk's Report and agree actions** – The Clerk's reports were reviewed. Cllr Crowe queried whether Greens Road could be considered for weedkilling as part of the weedkilling contract. Cllr Macken requested a copy of the weedkilling map for review.

**20/73 To consider a quote from Oxford Security Services for gate unlocking (when required)** – It was **RESOLVED** that the quote is accepted when unlocking recommences.

**20/74 Eynsham Nature Recovery Network** – Cllr Macken summarised the group’s membership, recent activities and the desire for Eynsham to pioneer the way Councils maintain their local environment with the potential to also save funds. The Playing Field Managers need to consider any proposals relating to North and South Oxford Road Playing Fields. Cllr Crowley felt that the grass cutting proposals need to be compatible with the Gateway project in consideration of vehicle speeds and matters raised in The Urbanists report. It was noted that the reduced grass cutting maintenance is a trial – concerns of unkempt areas may be received from residents.

- (a) To note the results of the consultations and consider an amended grass cutting schedule for Station Road, Oxford Road and Hanborough Road – The SurveyMonkey results (c.79 responses) provided clear support for the proposals. It was **RESOLVED** to reduce the cutting of these areas to twice a year on a trial basis.
- (b) To consider in principle, planting hedging at Old Witney Road Play Area subject to detailed specification and further consultation – It was **RESOLVED** that a hedge may be planted in Old Witney Road Play area following satisfactory liaison with Bartholomew School and a detailed specification being received by the Clerk.
- (c) To consider new proposals in principle and identify details to be specified before formal agreement:-
  - (i) Create a wildflower meadow at Dovehouse Close public open space – It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal is acceptable in principle subject to satisfactory consultation and a detailed specification being received by the Clerk.
  - (ii) Create wildflower areas at the Fishponds – Cllr Mosson proposed that in view of the ‘less visual impact’ of the proposal, that no consultation is required and the Council **RESOLVED** to create the wildflower areas. Seconded by Cllr Rylett, carried unanimously. Cllr Osborne is to check the Fishponds lease for terms.
  - (iii) Create wildflower areas on the 3 roundabouts on the B4449 - It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal is acceptable in principle subject to satisfactory consultation and a detailed specification being received by the Clerk.

#### **20/75 Planning Matters**

- (a) To consider planning application 20/01052/AGR – Twelve Acre Farm - Erection of agricultural building. No comment.
- (b) To review the planning applications log and note recent decisions. Noted.
- (c) To note actions arising from the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan and agree priorities – Deferred to a future meeting.
- (d) To receive informal feedback on Jansons design – Development at west Eynsham was discussed. A west to east footpath into the existing community is important to comply with ‘walkability’ issues contained in the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan and to minimise car use in the village centre. Bartholomew School need to be consulted regarding a footpath route. It was concerning that the proposed Spine Road crosses the Chil Brook which is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. WODC’s Supplementary Planning Document which sets the masterplan for the area, will be open to public consultation in the coming months.

#### **20/76 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:-**

- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – 19 May at 7.30pm.
- Full Council Meeting – 2 June at 7.30pm.

Councillors and residents are to refer to the published meeting agendas for confirmed dates/times.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.