

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR EYNSHAM

held on Tuesday 20 April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Eynsham

Present: G Beach (Chairman), 10 Parish Councillors, PC Richard Connor & PCSO Helen Keen, Mr R Mitchell (Eynsham Charities), County Councillor Mr C Mathew, District Cllrs Mrs Stevens, & Mr Andrews, Mr M Anderson – (Parish Clerk) & 36 members of the public.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Joan Stonham was thanked for the slide show display of photographs taken in Eynsham.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – No apologies.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** –
The minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2009 were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes** – There were no matters arising.
4. **Notification of any other business** – The following items were raised:
 - Concern over Travellers camped at the Waterworks site.
 - Fishponds maintenance
 - The opening of the War Memorial
 - Trees in Dovehouse Close.
5. **Police Report – The report had been previously circulated.**
PCSO Lana Petrie had left Eynsham.
The following clarifications to the report were made –
49 of 381 crimes were detected, these were mainly drugs and assault related. 41 of the crimes were connected with the garages on the A40, such as unpaid petrol.
The following questions were asked –
 - Mr Green - Builders' vehicles were parking on Acre End Street causing difficulty in traffic moving. The buses have had a particular problem. He asked that the police request that they move their vehicles off the highway. The police agreed to look at this. Mr Green hoped on any future development that at least 50% of traffic must park on the site.
 - Mr Brown asked that the public support the provision of CCTV in Eynsham. He also wants four new PCSOs.
 - Cars parked in Newland Street were causing an obstruction.
 - Cars in Swan Street are causing a blockage that could prevent emergency vehicles getting through.
 - The police were asked what was the policy on Blue Badge Holders parking on double yellow lines. They replied that Blue Badge holders are allowed to park for one hour then they could get a ticket.
 - Prof Dowling asked if roads made 20mph speed limit would be enforced. He was advised that this is not enforceable by the police.

6. Fire Service Report – No one was present.

Thanks were offered to Kenny Bowerman for his long service.

7 Parish Council Chairman's Report –

The Chairman advised that Mrs Gerrans had indicated that she would be standing down from the Council at the end of the current Council year. The Chairman offered thanks on behalf of the Council and residents of Eynsham and paid tribute to all she had achieved.

The following questions were asked –

- Dr Wright advised that there would be a judicial review into the Bitterell development. The Planning agreement had said that the footpath should not be restricted in width, but this had happened. On reporting this, he had been told that this was the County Council's responsibility and that they were not overly concerned over the restriction. Flooding of the area had been raised as an issue and the modelling on flooding had been called into question. Observations of local people had not been taken into account because the information they gave could not be validated.
- Hansons no longer own the fields in Cassington Road, but they have not removed their planning application for mineral extraction. He asked if the Parish Council would write to SERA to object to the increased mineral apportionment from 1.2m tonnes to 2.2m tonnes.
- Lorries were going over the local bridges even though they were not supposed to.

8. Financial Report for 2009/10 – there were no questions.

9. County Councillor's Report – The following questions were asked:-

- The travellers on the old waterworks site are growing in numbers with no apparent effort to move them on. There had also been attacks by their dogs on residents. There was a request that sites be protected from use by other travellers. Cllr Mathew had been trying to get the travellers evicted. The Gipsy and traveller service of OCC had not been very helpful.
- Prof Dowling was shocked that erecting floodlights was part of the MUGA planning application by the Primary School. The application stated that the purpose of the MUGA was educational, but it was also partly for fund raising. The School had organised a public meeting to present the application to the local community, but no-one attended. Prof Dowling thought this was as the meeting was inadequately advertised. He then said that the existing Bitterel 106 Agreement already made provision of £150,00 for a 'Flood-lit Artificial-turf Multi-use Games Area' for the village and spoke of its possible relevance to the School's current proposal.
- Mrs Cox responded that the MUGA was not a fund-raising matter. Its main purpose was to provide a dry area for the children. Those allowed to hire the facility after school hours will be properly organized and supervised clubs.
- Dr Wright said he hopes that neighbours could negotiate with the school over usage after school hours.
- Mr Green asked if County Councillor Mathew could check if there was any truth in the rumour that travellers had bought a field.

- 10 District Councillors' Report** – The following questions were asked:-
- With the introduction of the new refuse collection scheme, including increased opportunity to recycle, there was concern that there may be a proliferation of bins particularly where people have to leave them in the front of their house. Mrs Stevens responded by saying that there will be arrangements made to assist people with specific problems.
 - Mr Brown said that the introduction of recycling boxes will increase rats. Mr Stevens responded that if the containers are used properly it should not increase rats.
 - Mr Green did not think that separate refuse lorries were used to collect refuse and that it was not recycled. Mrs Stevens reassured him that she had seen the sorting operation.
- 11 Eynsham Primary School Governors' Report** – tabled. There were no questions.
- 12 Bartholomew School Report** – No-one present.
- 13. Eynsham Charities** – No questions.
- 14. Playing Fields Managers' Report** – No-one present. No questions
- 15. Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report** – The report was as presented. The hatches in the main hall rattle when a door was opened. The Committee were asked to investigate whether anything could be done to prevent this.
- 16. Allotments Association Report** – No-one present and there were no questions.
- 17. Any other business** –
- Mrs Gerrans on behalf of the British Legion – the British Legion would agree to the requests to open up the war memorial site. They will initially open it for a trial period and assess any vandalism that may take place. If there is none it will be left open permanently.
 - Prof Dowling said that the trees in Dovehouse Close had been planted as a sound barrier from the A449. He asked that the trees be managed properly and that a sound barrier be erected. He suggested the cost of this could be met by using Section 106 money.
 - On behalf of Mrs Woods – concern was raised that badgers' numbers in Fishponds were reducing. Mrs Verity assured Mrs Woods that the badgers were still present and numbers were growing.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider:

5. Mr Green hoped on any future development that at least 50% of traffic must park on the site.

7. He (*Dr Wright*) asked if the Parish Council would ask OCC to object to the increase in mineral extraction in the area.