

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR EYNSHAM

held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Eynsham

Present: G Beach (Chairman), 7 Parish Councillors, PC Richard Conner, County Councillor C Mathew, District Councillor L Poole, P Kelland & Mrs Stevens, Mr M Anderson – (Parish Clerk) & 15 members of the public.

Chairman's Welcome –

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Parish Councillors Mrs V Hughes and Ms S Osborne.
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting of 19 April 2011 were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising from the previous Minutes** – Mr Brown raised concerns over the lack of gritting of footpaths.
4. **Notification of any other business** – The following items were raised and would be covered in the appropriate report or at the end of the meeting:
 - Mr Brown re waste bins, Prof Dowling asked for an update on S 106 funding, Mr Green was concerned over the Bitterell housing association and Mrs Lewis re the advertising of functions in notice boards.
5. **Police Report** –
 - The report had been tabled. In addition, PC Conner advised that crime numbers had reduced. A two day event with 50 young people in attendance had taken place where bicycles had been renovated and re-painted.
 - Prof Dowling appreciated the locking up of Dovehouse “Come & Play” that had resulted in no further incidents of anti-social behaviour. He particularly thanked Cllr Richard Andrews who had taken on the major responsibility of locking the gates.
 - District Cllr L Poole asked if there were any figures for unsolved crimes. The figures would be passed on to the Chairman.
 - Mr Brown reported a prompt response by the police when he had had to contact them.
 - Mr Green raised concerns that young offenders were being sent to Eynsham.
 - The police contact number for local offices is 101.
 - Thanks were offered for the whole policing team.
6. **Fire Service Report** – No one was present.
7. **Parish Council Chairman's Report** – The Chairman had nothing further to add.
 - The Chairman advised Prof Dowling that there had been no further progress on spending the S106 money. The S106 money is in the control of West Oxfordshire District Council.
 - Mr Green said that he had not received copies of Eynsham Echo.

8. **Financial Report for 2011/12** – there were no questions.
9. **County Councillor’s Report** –
 - Cllr Mathew asked that the words “is warranted” be added to the end of the final sentence in his report.
 - Mr Green was advised that the housing association in the Bitterell was Sovereign Vale.
 - Prof Dowling was advised that the County Council Gravel policy had been agreed. An Inspector would now consider the gravel extraction policy. This will include consultation and a public meeting.
- 10 **District Councillors’ Report** –
 - Mr Brown requested that an incinerator be built in the Parish to dispose of waste. Cllr Mrs Stevens advised that there had been a large increase in recycling and therefore the need for an incinerator was not justified.
 - Mr Green was advised that Cllr Poole had supported a planning application at the local garden centre. He was also advised that the Planning and Enforcement departments were making efforts to remove illegally sited travellers.
- 11 **Eynsham Primary School Governors’ Report** – No one present.
- 12 **Bartholomew School Report** – There were no questions.
13. **Eynsham Charities** – There were no questions.
14. **Playing Fields Managers’ Report** – There were no questions. Mr Watson was thanked for his efforts in helping with the sewerage leak.
15. **Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report** –
 - Dr Wright informed of the work that had been done in the Village Hall. The number of hirers had improved. The Village Hall AGM will take place on 4 July 2012.
 - Mr Green raised the issue of young people accessing the roof if the solar panels are fitted. The Low Carbon Hub had advised that they would be responsible for insuring the panels.
16. **Allotments Association Report** – No-one was present.
17. **Any other business** – Mrs Lewis was advised that notices that were larger than A5 or left on the notice boards after the date of the event that they were advertising could be removed.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider:- None