

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR EYNESHAM
held on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Gordon Beach (Chairman), Rachel Faulkner (Parish Clerk)

Parish Councillors: Sue Brown, Jane Baldwin, Tricia Crowley, Richard Andrews, Mark Zumbuhl, Dennis Stukenbroeker, Andy Bickley and Andy Mosson

Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew

West Oxfordshire District Councillors Peter Emery, Peter Kelland and Edward James.

24 members of the public and local organisations.

Chairman's Welcome

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Eynsham Parish Councillors: Nick Relph, Sue Osborne, Ross Macken

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting - The minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2015 were agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising from the previous Minutes - None

4. Notification of any other business –

George Smith – gravel

Bob Hammersley – mobile phone coverage

5. Parish Council Chairman's Report – the Chairman's report was tabled. No questions were asked.

6. Police Report – A verbal report was given by PCSO Helen Keen and will be available on the village website.

7. Fire Service Report – The report had been tabled and made available in the Annual Parish report and on the village website.

8. Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew tabled his report.

A member of the public asked about progress with introducing a 20mph limit. The Chairman confirmed that things were progressing and there would be further opportunity for consultation.

A resident asked how the Children's Assessment Centre had been funded. Councillor Mathew said that he felt proud that the county was able to provide such important facilities for vulnerable young people.

George Smith updated the meeting on the situation around Oxfordshire County Council's long range strategic plan for mineral extraction and dealing with waste over the next 15 years. The county submitted a proposal for government approval last autumn. Many local people expressed major concerns around estimates for how much extraction was needed. The strategic plan is not expected until the end of the year.

Mr Smith expressed some concerns around safety on some of the sites currently being worked on between Cassington and Yarnton.

He felt that there should be a clear commitment from day one about what the eventual uses of sites would be and what remedial works would take place. He suggested that developers should be asked to put money aside for remediation works that could be independently completed if not done so by the developers.

9. West Oxfordshire District Councillors' Report was tabled.

A resident asked about the emerging proposals for the formation of a unitary authority and when residents should expect to be consulted. Councillor Emery assured the resident that consultations would be taking place when further information was available.

10. Eynsham Community Primary School Report and Bartholomew School – a report had been received from the Primary School. Craig Thomas, Operational Head Teacher of Bartholomew School gave a report which will be available on the village website.

The Chairman asked Mr Thomas if anything could be done about the parking on pavements and private gardens at the end of the school day.

11. Eynsham Charities – Two reports were received.

12. Playing Fields Managers' Report – A report had been received.

The circus was not able to come to Eynsham in May due to the wet weather but is hoping to come in September.

13. Eynsham Village Hall Management Committee Report – The Report had been received.
The Community Day is being held on Saturday 18th June.

14. Allotments Association Report – A report had been tabled and is available on the website.

15. Neighbourhood Plan – Eynsham Futures.

District Councillor Peter Kelland said that a new Design Guide had recently been signed off by the District Council.

Parish Councillor Richard Andrews asked if the District Council had a 5 year housing plan. Councillor Kelland confirmed that one was in place.

Councillor Mathew and Councillor Andrews said that positive steps were being made with representatives from all three councils and land owners taking part in meetings.

16. Any other business.

Bob Hammersley asked about mobile phone coverage. The Chairman asked for more information when available.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed:

Dated:

Items for the Council to consider:- None