

AT THE MEETING OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2005 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNHAM

Present: Mr D Rossiter (Vice-Chairman)
Ms G Barwell, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs E Graham, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Mrs D Seeney
Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, N Hines, P Hughes, J Mittell, C Roles (part time), Dr F Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk), one member of the public and ABO Gordon Richardson.

05/043 Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Mr G Beach.

05/044 Minutes of the Meeting of 1st February 2005

The minutes of 1st February 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

05/045 Police Report

Area Beat Officer Gordon Richardson reported that there had been nothing of significance in the village in the past two weeks.

He was unaware of the incident concerning a car going into a ditch on Chilbridge Road. He would make enquiries. It was reported that youths were playing “chicken” with cars by cycling slowly in front of cars and then suddenly swerving in front of the cars. ABO Richardson will investigate.

Mr Mittell joined the meeting.

He confirmed that Dr Wright’s letter was being dealt with by the inspector.

He would ascertain if there is an email contact for reporting incidents.

He asked again that anyone seeing anti-social behaviour in the village should report it immediately. He confirmed that it would be difficult to name those in the village with ASBO’s due to the Data Protection Act. There are two or three in the village. However, he would ascertain from Bill Oddie and Ady Cole of WODC in respect of liaison with the Council.

05/046 Clerk’s Report

046.1 Item 5 – Cooker in the village hall. Quote for replacement received but cooker not suitable as it is too large. Second quote still awaited.

046.2 Item 9 – Eynsham Directory. Work has commenced on this. Completion date approximately mid April/ early May.

05/047 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman

The Clerk requested volunteers for alarming and locking the pavilion and gates during staff holidays. Mrs Hughes and Mr Hines agreed to do this.

05/048 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations were noted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, s81 and the Parish Council’s (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001:

Mr Rossiter – West Oxfordshire District Council

Mr Dhesi, Mr Mittell, Dr Wright, Mr Roles – Village Hall Management Committee. Agenda item 12. Personal and prejudicial interest.

Mr Green declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 – accounts.

05/049 Finances

Accounts Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Dhesi that accounts in the sum of **£ 5,501.68**, as appended, be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mr Dhesi for signature.

05/050 Items raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended at this point.

Mr Harry Brown noted that the excess soil in the churchyard is encroaching on the graves. The Clerk noted this. He also requested permission to dig his family grave to tidy it up and to put a surround on it. It was agreed that he could do whatever maintenance he wanted but would need to ask the vicar for permission to erect a surround.

Standing Orders were resumed at this point.

05/051 Planning

Applications

W05/0146 12 Dec 04 – Alterations and erection of single storey front extension –3 Evans Road
Proposed by Mr Green and seconded by Mrs Jones that there be **no objection** to the application. Motion passed unanimously.

W05/0238 1 Feb 04 – Erection of two storey front extension – 21 Evans Road
Proposed by Mr Hines and seconded by Mr Roles that there be **no objection** to the application. An amendment was proposed by Mr Mittell and seconded by Mr Roles that the Council object to the application on the grounds that the proposed building was aesthetically not in keeping with neighbouring properties and building lines.
The amendment failed by seven votes against and three votes for with three abstentions.
The original proposal was passed by eight votes for, three against with two abstentions.

05/052 Correspondence

52.1 Thames & Chiltern in Bloom Association – Invitation to enter “Britain in Bloom” competition was discussed. It was confirmed that the Garden Club would be unable to take on more than its present commitment to the open gardens weekend.

52.2 Eynsham Association Football Club – Letter in respect of lack of Clubhouse facilities to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

52.3 WODC – Minutes of Standards Committee were noted and the paper on FAQ’s circulated to all members.

52.4 WODC – Letter re. Parish Allowances noted.

52.5 OCC – Consultation draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan taken by Mrs Hughes.

52.6 S.E. England Regional Assembly – The South East Plan with accompanying leaflets and resource noted.

52.7 TWW Wood – Vehicle parking on Hanborough Road discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should ascertain which area this refers to.

52.8 Blake Laphorn Linnell – Transfer of liquor licence in respect of the Oxford, Swindon and Gloucester Co-op Society noted.

52.9 Kate Ashley – Request to place a rest stop at fishponds car park for Breast Cancer charity event approved.

52.10 Jen Turner – Correspondence in respect of volume and noise of buses in Acre End Street discussed. Noted that the Vice-Chairman had responded and had received a letter of thanks from Ms Turner.

52.11 Friends of Eynsham Library – Request for grant for library extension discussed. It was agreed that a letter of intent should be sent in respect of the Parish Council’s support and the matter should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

52.12 Forest Update – Friends of Wychwood Newsletter noted.

52.13 Edward O’Keefe – the Clerk read out an email from Mr O’Keefe in respect of an offer to assist in the consultation over mineral extraction.

52.14 Winton Raynes & Co – Transfer of liquor licence in respect of the Talbot Inn noted.

52.15 WODC – Cabinet Decisions 9 Feb 05 to be passed to the Chairman.

52.16OCC – Details of Scrutiny Review of Energy from Waste seminar taken by Mr Mittell.

52.17Defra & S E Rural Community Council – Meetings for fund raising for rural communities noted.

52.18Graham Maynard - Dilapidated property in Mill Street. Clerk to respond to Mr Maynard explaining that there had been a recent application for change of use for this building and it was hoped that the new tenant would improve the building.

52.19 Adrian Moyes – Letter regarding the Website noted. Letter of thanks to go to Mr. Kahlid Mahmoud of Oxford Macintosh Solutions for the free hosting of the website and the cost of the renewal of the domain name.

52.20 Bill and June Middleton – Letter in respect of the granting of licence to the Red Lion noted.

52.21 Bicester Town Council – Questionnaire on football pitches and pavilions taken for completion by Mr Hines.

52.22 Office of Deputy Prime Minister – Booklets on Citizen Engagement and Public Services; Vibrant Local Leadership noted.

52.23 ORCC – Newsletter noted.

52.24 OCC – Out of school Childcare details to be passed to Mr Roles.

52.25 Defra – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill passed to Mr Hines and circulated to the members.

52.26K ate Naylor – Letter in respect of security of car park by fishponds discussed. Matter to be investigated when funding available.

Mr Roles gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point.

05/053 Allotments Lease and Constitution

The letter from the Chairman of the Association, together with the new constitution and grant application, previously circulated to all members, was discussed.

There was confusion over the part of the letter which referred to the fact that the amended lease had not been seen by the Association, as the Clerk had received a list of queries in respect of this and had responded.

It was agreed that the constitution could not be considered without the new lease and that the two parties should have a meeting to reconcile the problems. The Clerk to write to the Chairman.

05/054 Re-naming of Bartholomew Rooms – Councillor C Roles

Deferred until the next meeting, due to the fact that Mr Roles had left the meeting.

Ms Barwell gave her apologies and left the meeting at this point.

05/055 Village Hall Management Committee Trustee appointment

The Vice-Chairman questioned the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee in respect of work undertaken by appointee's firm in respect of the hall. Assurances were given that the only outstanding fees due were in respect of the final payment for the construction of the hall, due when the contractors issue the completion account. Any other work undertaken by Mr Wilkinson after the completion of the construction work had been done voluntarily and without payment.

It was proposed by Mr Hines and seconded by Mr Green that the Parish Council approve the appointment of Mr Wilkinson as a Trustee of the Village Hall. Unanimously agreed.

05/056 Oxfordshire Structure Plan

Due to the fact that all the documentation was not available for this discussion, it was agreed to defer until the next meeting. Dr Wright to give documentation to the Clerk.

05/057 Churchyard

The Clerk read out a letter to the Revd. Ian Bentley from the War Graves Commission in respect of maintenance of the five graves in St Leonard's churchyard. A sum of £50 had been offered for additional maintenance in respect of these graves. It was agreed that the Council should do the additional maintenance as part of the general maintenance of the churchyard. Mrs Gerrans to liaise with the vicar.

05/058 Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings are at 7.30 pm on **15th March** 2005 and 5th April 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of Signing: **15 March 2005**