

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

Present: Mr G Beach (Chairman)
Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs E Graham, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Mrs D Seeney
Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, P Hughes, J Mittell, Mr D Rossiter, Dr F Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk)

05/059 Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Ms G Barwell, Mr N Hines, Mr C Roles

05/060 Minutes of the Meeting of 15th February 2005

The minutes of 15th February 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

05/061 Clerk's Report

061.1 Item 3 – Minerals extraction – Mr Rossiter reported that the meeting between Smiths/Hansons/OCC and EPC and Cassington PC had been technically competent and interesting. It is proposed that another exhibition be arranged and that the questionnaire will be linked to this. Dr Wright complemented the report by showing a plan of the gravel deposits in the area.

061.2 Item 13 – Bins and benches. The working party presented a proposal for replacement and new street furniture, with costings. To be discussed at the next meeting.

061.3 Item 15 – Fishponds Exhibition - It was reported that the exhibition had been extremely successful. 212 visitors were received and there were 83 comments written in a book, most of which were favourable and supportive. Phase one was almost completed on 12th March with 14 volunteers helping. Phase two can also be mainly done with volunteer help and the assistance of pupils from Cheney School. A meeting to be set up with the Wychwood project and the History Group to discuss funding for phase three.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hughes for her hard work in setting up and manning the exhibition and Mr Hughes for the professional presentation.

061.4 Item 16 – Toilet refurbishment. It was confirmed that the financial input from the Parish Council would not be increased due to any delay in commencement of the project.

061.5 Item 20 – Pavement in Witney Road – It had been noted that the County Council had been filling in potholes in the village but that the standard of work was appalling.

05/062 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman

There was no urgent business.

05/063 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, – Village Hall Management Committee.

05/064 Finances

Accounts – Confirmed by the Clerk that the high cost of the service to the Kubota was due to a need for a replacement cutting deck. Insurance is required for the Kubota as it is required to go on the highway. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Rossiter that accounts in the sum of **£2,333.53**, as appended, be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mr Rossiter for signature.

05/065 Items raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended at this point.

065.1 Mr Reg Treadwell had requested it be brought to the notice of the council that the soil in the churchyard had still not been removed. The Clerk to make enquiries. It was confirmed that the vicar had assured the Council that there was no imminent shortage of grave plots and that reservations on plots are no longer accepted.

065.2 Mr Adrian Moyes has asked for advice on whom to contact at BT in respect of broadband facilities in the village. It was suggested that Mr Adrian Snellgrove may be able to assist.

065.3 Mrs Weedon had voiced her opinion that the new bus stop poles were unsightly and that some would not permit disabled buggies to pass. It was confirmed that there was a minimum of 42" allowed, which is sufficient.

Standing Orders were resumed at this point.

05/066 Planning

It was reported that the planning committee had met and considered the applications noted below. All were recommended as “no objection”.

066.1 Decisions

Noted that the following application has received conditional planning permission:

- W04/2477 22 Dec 04 – Erection of dwelling with associated car parking – Land adj 36 Evans Road
- W05/0055 6 Jan 05 – Change of Use from food and drink to Business Use – Little Chef, Wasties, A40 Northern Bypass
- W05/0077 16 Dec 04 – Erection of rear conservatory and replacement front porch – 3 Queen Street
- W05/0123 12 Dec 04 – Erection of porch to front elevation – 5 Evans Road
- W05/0146 12 Dec 04 – Alterations and erection of single storey front extension – 3 Evans Road

066.2 Applications

- W05/0324 14 Feb 05 – Demolish existing conservatory and erect new conservatory – 1 Railway Court, Station Road
- W05/0332 12 Feb 05 – Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension – The Jolly Sportsman 2 Lombard Street
- W05/0333 12 Feb 05 – Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension – The Jolly Sportsman Listed Building 2 Lombard Street

Proposed by Mrs Jones and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that the council accept the decision made by the sub-committee. Motion passed by twelve votes for and one abstention.

05/067 Correspondence

- 67.1 **Aspire Landscape & Gardens** is a company which offers Community Gardening Services. The Clerk to make enquiries as to charges.
- 67.2 **SLCC Seminar on Corporate Governance for Larger Councils** to be attended by the Clerk at a cost of £298
- 67.3 **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** has provided details on the maintenance of War Graves, St Leonard's. Mr Green to deal with this.
- 67.4 **OALC** – The County circular was noted. The clerk to book places on the Playground Maintenance seminar for employees and Councillors at a cost of £8 each.
- 67.5 **Winton Raynes** – Transfer of Justices' Licence in respect of the Talbot Inn noted.
- 67.6 **St Benedicts Fair Committee** – letter of thanks noted.

05/068 Re-naming of Bartholomew Rooms – Councillor C Roles

Deferred due to the fact that Mr Roles was unable to attend the meeting.

05/069 Oxford Structure Plan 2016 – presented by Dr Wright

The following matters were discussed:

- 69.1 **Housing and the countryside**
- 69.2 **Minerals**
- 69.3 **Green Belt**
- 69.4 **Transport**
- 69.5 **Archeology**

It was agreed that the Clerk to write to Oxfordshire District Council making the following comments from the Council:

Housing and countryside – “This Council is in agreement with the Examination Panel that in smaller towns and villages development will be of an appropriate scale and type to meet the social and economic needs of the local communities and that the countryside will be protected from harmful development. This council also feels that the lack of infrastructure to these smaller settlements should be taken into consideration when allocating housing. Also that support will be given to development for agricultural, forestry or outdoor recreational needs or other uses appropriate to a rural area which cannot reasonably be accommodated in a nearby settlement.”

Minerals – “This Council is in agreement with the Examination Panel that strategic resource areas should not be named but instead the Policy should refer to the fact that locations for sand and gravel working will be identified in the Minerals and Waste Development Framework and indicate the criteria for doing this”.

05/070 Sports Pavilion

The email from the Chairman of Eynsham Football Club was the request that clubhouse facilities be provided. It was confirmed that the Playing Field Management Committee had not been aware of this matter and was unable to offer any clarification. However, it was noted that should the Football Club decide to not use any of the pitch or pavilion facilities this would have no financial impact as there is a shortage of pitches within the county. The Playing Field Managers were also of the opinion that the provision of an astro turf pitch should not compromise other users. It was agreed that the Council would not consider selling the pavilion but may be open to having an additional room added, subject to the costs being met by the football club. The Chairman, Mr Hines and Mr Hughes to arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Football Club.

05/071 Friends of Eynsham Library

It was proposed by Mr Mittell and seconded by Mr Hughes that this matter be discussed at the next finance meeting in November 2005. Motion passed unanimously. Mr Roles to be approached to investigate whether this project would be suitable for the Market Towns regeneration fund.

05/072 Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings are at 7.30 pm on 5th April 2005 and 19th April 2005. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday **26th April 2005** at the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of Signing: **05 April 2005**

Gordon Beach