

**THE MEETING OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2005 AT 7.30 PM AT THE
BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNHAM**

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

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk) and two members of the public.

05/087 Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Mrs V Hughes, Mr P Dhesi, Mr C Roles, Mr N Hines, Mr P Hughes and late apologies from Dr F Wright

05/088 Minutes of the Meeting of 5th April 2005

The minutes of 5th April 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

05/089 Clerk's Report

Item 7 - Security of Playing Fields – The Clerk reported that the quote for the security measures would be sent within the next week.

Item 17 – Eynsham Directory – Mrs Joan Stonham was invited to speak on the draft format of the Directory which had been tabled. The introduction and contents pages were discussed. It was agreed that Mrs Hughes, Mrs Graham and Ms Barwell would look at the draft document and give Mrs Stonham feedback.

It was agreed that the directory should be distributed to all businesses, as well as every household.

It had been agreed at the last meeting that Mr Hines would find a group of volunteers to distribute the document.

The Parish Clerk to hold copies of the update forms and to deal with amendments.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Stonham for all her hard work.

The draft document would be available at the Annual Parish Meeting.

05/090 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman

There was no urgent business.

05/091 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 Mittell, Dr Wright, – Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr Green declared an interest in agenda item 6 - finances

05/092 Finances – Mr Green left the meeting at this point.

Proposed by Mrs Seeney and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of **£ 4,817.86** as appended, are accepted. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Mrs Seeney and Mrs Gerrans for signature.

Mr Green rejoined the meeting.

05/093 Items raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended at this point.

93.1 Mr Reg Treadwell brought up the following points:

- Grass Cutting – Mr Treadwell showed photographs of grass cuttings on the footpaths in Evans Road. The Council took Mr Treadwell's point and would look into the matter.
- North Playing Field car park – when would this be refurbished? The Chairman confirmed that this was one of the projects to be done when finances permit.
- Re-naming of the Bartholomew Rooms – Mr Treadwell wished to know why this was being considered. The Chairman responded that this was something that had been requested by one of the Councilors and had not yet been discussed.
- Mr Treadwell asked if the Annual Report would be available before the meeting. The Clerk responded that the library would have copies from Friday 22nd to Tuesday 26th.
Mr Rossiter picked up the point of the grass cuttings and pointed out that they could be dangerous when wet and could result in an insurance claim. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries in respect of part exchanging the present machine for one which mulches or collects.

93.2 Mrs Julie Minch had raised the point that the new bus stop on the A40 had been placed in a position which was dangerous. Mr Rossiter confirmed that the members of the Parish Council had pointed this out to the members of the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). It was agreed that a letter should be written to OCC to make this point and that it should be raised again at the TAC.

- 93.3** Mr Mittell had received a request in respect of the cleaning up of the street signs in the village. Other members of the council agreed. The Clerk to contact West Oxfordshire District Council with a list of those which require cleansing.
- 93.4** Mrs Dorothy Del Nevo had complained that there were several potholes in Acre End Street, which despite complaints had not been dealt with. It was advised that she should contact the Northern Division of OCC's Highways Department directly with the complaints.
- 93.5** Brian Annetts had complained that the hedge owned by Acacia Care was obstructing the view of traffic exiting the Old Witney Road. The Chairman would deal with this.

Standing Orders were resumed at this point.

05/094 Planning

The report from the Planning Committee was noted as follows:

94.1 Decisions – Granted:

The following applications granted planning permission, subject to conditions, were noted.

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, Listed Building – The Jolly Sportsman, 2 Lombard Street

94.2 Decisions: Refused:

The following application for a proposed extension was refused planning permission by reason that its size will have an adverse impact on the residential amenities of the adjoining dwelling and the visual appearance of the street scene and could set a precedent for further such front extension that in equity would be difficult to resist to the further detriment of the appearance of the streetscene. The proposal is contrary to Policies BE3 and H12 of the adopted West Oxfordshire Local Plan and Policies BE2 and H2 of the emerging West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011.

W05/0238 – 1 Feb 04 – Erection of two storey front extension – 21 Evans Road

94.3 Applications

W05/0511 – 9 Mar 05 – Erection of rear extension and conversion of loft – 30 Back Lane
Unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application.

W05/0553 – 18 Mar 05 – Creation of fire door and handrail (retrospective) – 1 – 3 Abbey Street
Unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application

Proposed by Ms Barwell and seconded by Mr Green that the report be accepted in its entirety. The motion was passed with ten votes for and one abstention.

94.4 Other Planning Matters

- The Clerk confirmed that the application from Acacia Care (05/0284) had been due to be considered in the period whilst she was away and it could have been missed.
- Planning permission in respect of fences to be clarified with West Oxfordshire District Council.
- Confirmed by Mr Rossiter that the farm shop on the A40 was still under investigation by the Planning Enforcement department.

05/095 Correspondence

95.1 OCC – The provisional Oxfordshire Local Plan for 2006 to 2011 and the Draft Bus Strategy were noted. Agreed that these should be passed to Mr Hines for consideration and completion of consultation questionnaires.

95.2 Trafalgar Weekend – The leaflet on the celebrations for 21st to 23rd October 2005 to be passed on to the History Group by Dr Wright.

95.3 Mr Martin Overbury – The Clerk read out a letter from West Oxfordshire District Council which informed that Mr Overbury had retired from the Council on the grounds of ill health. Unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Overbury thanking him for all his help and hard work in bringing the improvements to the Market Square to fruition.

05/096 Re-naming of Bartholomew Rooms – Councillor C Roles

Not discussed, due to the fact that Mr Roles was unable to attend the meeting and would now be taken off the agenda.

05/097 Publication of Councillors email addresses

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk investigate domain names so that a link with the website can be established. Security and the blocking of Spam to be considered priority. The advice of Oxford Macintosh Solutions to be requested.

05/98 Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman explained the format of the APM to those members who have not been involved before. The object was to listen to the public but not necessarily answer the questions. The points raised can be fully discussed at a future meeting.

The police presentation will take approximately 20 minutes and the Chairman will then give over 10 minutes for questions.

The Chairman warned members not to rise to the bait if the public are uncharitable.

The Clerk will check to see if the Headteacher of Bartholomew School will be able to attend.

Ms Barwell pointed out that the Youth Service had not been invited.

Dates of Next Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday **26th April 2005** at the village hall. The next Parish Council meetings will be held on the 3rd May 2005 and 17th May 2005.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Date of Signing: **03 May 2005**