

**THE MEETING OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM AT THE  
BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNHAM**

**Present:** Mr G Beach (Chairman)

Ms G Barwell, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs M Jones, Mrs V Hughes  
Messrs. T Green, N Hines, C Roles, D Rossiter, Dr F Wright

**In Attendance:** J Heath (Clerk) and three members of the public

**05/182 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs E Graham, Mrs D Seeney, Mr P Dhesi, Mr P Hughes and Mr J Mittell

**05/183 Minutes of the Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2005**

The minutes were amended at 05/170, Item 11 to replace the words "Engineer to correct" to read "Local Corgi engineer corrected as a matter of urgency and also at 05/178 to remove the words "when the rabbit proofing fencing was to be repaired and also to obtain" and insert "the" after the word "ascertain". The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

**05/184 Clerk's Report**

Eynsham Unlocked It was agreed that this publication, having been extremely successful, should be amended and re-printed next year. The Finance Committee to discuss at the next meeting.

Tree Surgery – The Clerk reported that emergency work had been required on the large horse chestnut in the churchyard. A quote had been received from the tree surgeons for other work to be done on the tree as well as work on other trees around the village. Two other quotes to be obtained, if possible.

Barclays Bank notice – The Clerk to ascertain the owners of the building in Spareacre Lane to request permission to erect a notice.

Item 3 - Sewers – The Clerk to pursue this.

Item 4 – Notice Boards – Order placed 5 weeks ago. Clerk to chase this.

Item 6 – Door for Bartholomew Lower Room – Mrs Hughes to obtain quotes for plate glass door as well as insert of glass plate to original door.

Item 15 - Bins and Benches – Clerk to pursue this.

Item 21 – Mill Street Zebra Crossing – letter of consultation sent from OCC to local residents.

**05/185 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman**

**185.1** Dr Wright reported that Cassington had won second prize in its category of "Best Kept Village" and would like the council to consider entering Eynsham in next year's competition.

**185.2** The Chairman reminded members that the vicar, Ian Bentley, would be leaving the village in November and that his last service would be early in October. It was suggested that a letter from the council thanking Revd. Bentley for his service to the community is sent. Proposed by Mrs Gerrans that £50 be put towards the collection for a present from the Chairman's Honorarium. This was seconded by Mrs Jones. Motion passed by six votes for with three votes against.

**05/186 Declaration of Interests**

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

Dr Wright - Village Hall Management Committee

Mr D Rossiter – West Oxfordshire District Council

Mr T Green – personal interest in agenda item 6 – Finances

Mrs V Hughes – personal interest in agenda item 6 - Finances

**05/187 Finances**

**187.1** The budget update was accepted.

**Mr Green and Mrs Hughes left the meeting at this point.**

**187.2** Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of **£2,499.98**, as appended, be accepted. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans for signature.

**Mr Green and Mrs Hughes rejoined the meeting.**

**187.3** Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Hughes that the Annual Report, as presented, be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

**187.4** Proposed by Mr Hines and seconded by Dr Wright, that the Internal Auditor's report, as updated by the Clerk, be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **05/188 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended**

**188.1** Mr Harry Brown raised the matter of the lack of police in the village and the district. He was continuing to correspond with 10 Downing Street on this matter. Following a disruption, the Chairman ordered Mr Brown from the meeting. Proposed by Dr Wright that this be with the Council's permission.

**188.2** Member of the public reported that the wall in Wasties Lane was dangerous and this should be repaired as a matter of urgency. Agreed that the Clerk should write, in the first instance, to the owner to request repair.

**188.3** Another member of the public reported that the above wall was being destroyed by secondary school children. It was also being used as a cycle track. It was agreed that the legalities of cycling on "footpaths" and "pavements" were unclear. The Clerk to ascertain from Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department which category Wasties Lane falls into.

**188.4** Mrs Sue Chapman had asked why the Parish Council had not objected to the recent applications for variance of Licences from local public houses. It was confirmed that Mrs Chapman had already been spoken to by a Parish Councillor, confirming that the Council had objected and this was reported verbally to the Licensing Committee of West Oxfordshire District Council.

**188.5** Mrs Margaret Long had formally complained about a Parish Councillor who had allowed his dog to defecate on a strip of land leading down Beech Road from Newland Street. It was confirmed that Mrs Long should report this matter to the Dog Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council – Mr David Austin.

**Standing Orders were resumed.**

#### **05/189 Planning**

**189.1** Motion proposed by Mrs Hughes and seconded by Mrs Jones that the Council adopt the Planning sub-Committee recommendations dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

**189.2** On the recommendation of the planning sub-committee, the application for a certificate of lawfulness from the Eynsham Plant Centre of 67 Old Witney Road for the premises to be used as a Garden Centre was considered and the questions from the West Oxfordshire District Council Enforcement Department were answered.

#### **05/190 Correspondence**

**190.1 OCC –** Proposed by Mr Hines and seconded by Mr Green that the Parish Council sign the deeds for the Eynsham Village Cross over to Oxfordshire Museum Archives on the condition that the cross will be available for people to view at any time.

**190.2 OCC –** Copy letter from P Wilson to the manager of the Evenlode public house in respect of cars using their land to "rat run" into Eynsham – noted.

**190.3 OCC –** Oxfordshire Provisional Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) & Annual Progress noted.

**190.4 WODC –** Cabinet Decisions of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2005 taken by the Chairman

**190.5 OALC –** County Circular. Agreed that Mrs Gerrans and Mrs Jones attend the Planning seminar on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. Mr Dhese to be approached to ascertain his availability to also attend.

**190.6 ORCC –** Defra's Rural and Social Community Programme noted.

**190.7 Government Office for SE –** Proposed Changes to Regional Planning Guidance for SE in respect of minerals and waste taken by Dr Wright.

**190.8 SPC –** Liaison Meeting at Worton Farm on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005 noted. Dr Wright and the Chairman to attend the meeting.

**190.9 Oxfordshire Carers' Forum –** Constitution & EGM 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005 noted.

**190.10 OVID –** Mapping Voluntary & Community Sector Infrastructure Support Needs noted.

**190.11 OCC –** Formal Consultation – Zebra Crossing, Mill Street noted.

**190.12 OCC –** Letter in respect of bus stop locations outside Bartholomew School noted.

**190.13 Landscape Access Recreation –** Map of registered common land noted.

**190.14 Mrs D Hockedy –** Letter of thanks for assistance with St Benedict's Fair noted.

**190.15 S J Burke –** Letter in respect of incident at St Leonard's Churchyard noted. The Clerk has responded and will speak to the undertaker concerned.

#### **05/191 Report on Exhibition on Affordable Housing**

The Clerk reported that the exhibition on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September had been well attended. It was noted that some members of the public had not been able to attend as the finish time for the exhibition had been incorrectly printed in the Echo. The Clerk had put those who had complained in touch with Cottsway Housing Association. Cottsway had confirmed that there had been a post exhibition consultation with Oxfordshire County Council, Thames Water, the architect and the structural engineers, Matters regarding access, light and privacy to nearby neighbours and footpaths had been discussed. It had been verbally confirmed to the Clerk that the verges were in the ownership of Oxfordshire County Council. It was agreed that the County Council should produce the adoption title document to the Parish Council for verification of this.

The next step is for the County Council and the District Council to consider options put forward by Cottsway Housing Association before the pre-application meeting with the Parish Council and members of the public on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

It is expected that the final application will be made to West Oxfordshire District Council within four weeks.

#### **05/192 Allotments Association Constitution**

This had been previously circulated and was for information only. The Clerk confirmed that the Esme Fairbairn grant would be matched by the Parish Council for the proposed hedge laying.

#### **05/193 Churchyard**

Agreed that the Clerk should write to the PCC to ascertain the position with regard to removing dangerous railings surrounding some of the older graves. Subject to clarification regarding the responsibility for the removal of these, it is recommended that this be done as a matter of urgency due to Health and Safety concerns.

Agreed that a new post to the frame of the shed be replaced as soon as possible. Mr Green to remove overgrown vegetation from graves and shed.

#### **05/194 Christmas Decorations for Bartholomew Room and Market Square**

Mr Green volunteered to assist with the erection of the decorations. There being no volunteers to oversee the purchase and design of the decorations, it was agreed that a notice be put in the Echo to ask for volunteers from the public to do this.

#### **05/195 Dates of Next Meetings**

The next Eynsham Parish Council meetings will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (to discuss the Chilbridge Road housing project) and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 7.30 pm. There will be a Planning sub-Committee meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 and a Finance sub-Committee meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

**The meeting closed at 9.56 pm**

Date of Signing: **04 October 2005**