

**THE MEETING OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2005 AT 7. 30 PM AT THE  
BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNESHAM**

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

**In Attendance:** J Heath (Clerk)

**05/196 Apologies for Absence** – No apologies were received.

**05/197 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 D Seeney – personal interest in agenda item 6 - Finances

**05/198 Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**05/199 Clerk's Report**

Sewers – The Clerk to pursue this, using the contact at West Oxfordshire District Council.

Notice Boards – Original order lost or not received by contractor. These will be done in the next few weeks.

Mineral Extraction This to be taken off the report as the County Council has adopted the Structure Plan in which named villages are not included. Also the MOD have put an embargo on any more lakes in the area of Brize Norton.

Replacement Bollards – Market Square bollard replaced. Clerk to contact Mr Wilson of OCC Highways in respect of the Spar bollards.

Toilet Refurbishment – Mr Rob Pettifar is on long term sick leave. The Clerk to ascertain who is now dealing with this project.

Village Hall – SWP Architects are pushing for final payment. This will not be paid until the problems with the electrics are sorted out.

Disability Access – Due to the difficulty of access to the Upper Chamber for certain members of the public, the proposal to purchase folding chairs for the Lower Chamber will be considered at the Finance Committee.

Mill Street Zebra Crossing – Consultation period completed. Request from Mr Wilson for confirmation that the Parish Council would contribute £5000 towards this project. Clerk to liaise with Mr Wilson over this.

Sports and Leisure Facilities – the Bartholomew School/OCC meeting had been cancelled on the morning of the proposed meeting. To be re-arranged.

**05/200 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman**

There was no urgent business to discuss.

**05/201 Finances**

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

**201.1** Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Roles that accounts in the sum of **£888.45**, as appended, be accepted. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mr Roles for signature. Cheques signed since last meeting were noted.

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

**201.2** Mrs Hughes reported that two quotes had been received for a new glass door for the Lower Chamber. These ranged from £1500 to £2000. Both quotes were for 10mm toughened glass, with any etching chosen by the Council provided. The Arts Group is in favour of this and blinds could also be purchased to give some privacy. It was agreed that before a decision is made, the Clerk should obtain quotes for a new wooden door with a glass panel insert, which would be less expensive.

**201.3** The item in respect of the tree surgery to be deferred to allow the Clerk to negotiate the prices quoted.

## **05/202 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended**

There were no items for discussion except in respect of information given to Dr Wright in respect of Chilbridge Road which would be discussed under Agenda Item 12

**Standing Orders were resumed.**

## **05/203 Review of Standing Orders in respect of frequency of Meetings**

The Chairman commenced by updating the meeting on the effect of the monthly meetings on the administration of the council business. There had been no sub-committee meeting except for the Planning Committee and a Senior Committee meeting had not been required. There had been no increase in calls from the public or Parish Councillors received by either him or the Clerk. There had also been no enquiries from the public in respect of the change. All monthly meetings had been completed before 10 pm.

There was a full and lengthy discussion in respect of this item. Items covered were:

- Loss of contact with village matters if meetings too far apart.
- Unable to retain contact if a meeting missed.
- Commitment to the Parish Council's twice monthly meetings was known by all Councillors when they put themselves forward
- Disincentive for younger people to apply to become Councillors.
- People with small families and business commitments would be more likely to apply if meetings on a monthly basis.
- Idea of monthly meetings was to encourage the sub-committees to meet on the second meeting date. This had not happened.
- Monthly meetings would free up Councillors to pursue other projects (Market Towns Initiatives e.g.).
- If the business has been conducted efficiently with monthly meetings, why have more?

A motion was proposed by Mr Rossiter that Standing Orders should be amended to have monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month and sub-Committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. This was seconded by Mr Hughes.

An amendment was proposed by Mr Green that the Council meetings be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, commencing at 7. 30 pm and finishing at 9. 30 pm.

The amendment was lost by seven votes against, five for and one abstention.

The original motion was passed by eight votes for, three against and two abstentions.

## **05/204 Planning**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were noted. They were amended to remove the duplication of Mr Beach's name. There were amendments to the recorded voting on the applications in respect of "the Paddocks" and 29-33 Mill Street were amended as requested. Proposed by Mr Green and seconded by Mrs Jones that the Planning Sub-Committee meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September be approved, subject to the above amendments. Motion passed by seven votes for with five abstentions.

## **05/205 Correspondence**

**205.1 ORCC** -Local Area meeting for Village Hall Committees – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 7. 15 pm and AGM – Friday 2 December 2005 – 11am at 333 Banbury Road, Oxford noted.

**205.2 Eynsham Exiles Cricket Team** - Letter re. use of cricket field and funding for maintenance equipment discussed. Mr Hines confirmed that the Playing Field Management Committee is happy to work with the new team. Clerk to provide Mr Hines with a copy of the Council's Fixed Asset register to ascertain which equipment belongs to Eynsham Cricket Club. Clerk to give Eynsham Exiles club details of grant aid.

**205.3 ODPM** - Vibrant Local Leadership booklet noted.

**205.4 OCC** - Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement. Dr Wright to do a draft response.

**205.5 Land Use Consultants** -Thames/Evenlode Strategic Landscape Plan noted.

**205.6 Norman Boulwood** – Confirmation that PFMD historic documents have been lodged with the Oxfordshire Archive Office.

**205.7 OCC** - Oxfordshire Transport Co-ordinator post. The Clerk to send a response.

#### **05/206 Market Towns Initiative**

Mr Roles reported that the meeting had been very informative and constructive. Five members of the public had attended and Mr Brian Spragg had explained the steps required for this project. A further meeting was set for 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm to identify who should be approached for partnership using the Eynsham Directory. A Parish Plan, for which grant funding is available, will be the next step.

#### **05/207 Chilbridge Housing Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

The Chairman felt that the meeting had achieved its objective to give clarification on items raised by the public. A full discussion , covering items below was held:

- Points system and qualification for housing.
- Does the points system apply to part-ownership? Mr Rossiter to clarify this.
- Establish policies for allocation of shared ownership
- Ownership of Chilbridge Road – at this point Dr Wright updated the meeting on the results of the enquiries made by himself and local residents. There is still some doubt over this matter.
- Destruction of part of the ancient hedge.
- Construction vehicle disruption to local residents.

All the above will have no impact on the planning application which will be decided by the Lowlands Committee on planning issues only.

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

The next Eynsham Parish Council meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005. The Finance sub-Committee meeting on is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and the Planning sub-Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 5pm.

**The meeting closed at 9. 35 pm**

Date of Signing: **01 November 2005**