

**AT THE SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING OF EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNSHAM**

Present: G Beach (Chairman)
Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs E Graham, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Mrs D Seeney
Messrs. Mr P Dhesi, P Hughes, J Mittell (part-time), C Roles, D Rossiter, Dr. F W Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk)

04/232 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Ms G Barwell and Mr T Green.

04/233 Declaration of Interests

The following declarations were made:

Mr D Rossiter West Oxford District Council
Dr F W Wright Village Hall Management Committee; Friends of Eynsham Library, British Legion
Mrs L Gerrans Village Show
Mr P Hughes Playing Fields Managers Committee
Mrs E Graham Village Hall Management Committee

04/234 Review of Hiring Rates

Following discussion the following hiring rates were agreed:

234.1 Pavilion:

Changing Rooms:	Seniors	£22 per match + £3 security charge
	Juniors	£11 per match + £2 security charge
Shower/Changing Rooms/Social Area/Kitchen:	Regular Users Senior	£33 per day + £3 security charge
	Regular Users Junior	£16 per day + £2 security charge
	Casual Users	£38 per session + £3 security charge
Social Area (including kitchen)	Regular Users	£27 per session + £3 security charge
	Casual Users	£33 per session + £3 security charge
	Junior Users	£10 per session + £3 security charge

A session being morning (9am – 1pm); afternoon (1pm – 5 pm); evening (6pm –10pm). Less than a full session will be at the discretion of the Clerk.

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Seeney. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the above rates be implemented for 2006/07 and that there should be no further review for two years.

234.2 Bartholomew Room Upper and Lower Chambers

Village Organisation:	£13 per session
Other Organisations	£26 per session
Group bookings (10 or more sessions):	
- Village Organisation:	£11 per session
- Other Organisations	£22 per session

A session is morning (9 am to 1pm), afternoon (1 pm to 5pm) or evening (6 pm to 10 pm). Less than a full session will be at the discretion of the Clerk.

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Jones. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the above rates be implemented for 2006/07.

234.3 Arts Group - £88 per quarter for the Lower Bartholomew Room.

Proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Mrs Seeney. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the above rates be implemented for 2006/07.

234.4 Allotments - £775 per annum.

Proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Mr Dhesi. Unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the above rates be implemented for 2006/07.

**234.4 Market Square – Single Stall £15 per day or part of a day.
Multiple Stalls £30 per day or part of a day.**

N.B. Charities are exempt subject to proof of donations to charitable organisations or charity status.

**Proposed by Mrs Seeney and seconded by Dr Wright. Motion passed by 9 votes for and two abstentions
RESOLVED that the above rates be implemented for 2006/07.**

234.5 North Side Changing Rooms – No change.

05/235 Ear-marked Reserves

Details of the earmarked reserves, previously circulated, were discussed. It was agreed that consideration to increasing these should be discussed when the precept dealt with. See appendix A.

05/236 Estimated Expenditure for current year and for 2006/07

- The Chairman went through the current year figures and estimated figures, previously circulated. The new sheet produced by the Accounts package was discussed. It was agreed that the 2006/07 precept should be allocated using the previous sheet and the new format be used in future.
- S137 Free Resources (to include Grant Aid). The sheet for grant applications was considered. It was noted that there were few applications this year. Agreed that the provisions made should be as per the sheet at appendix B with an additional provision for late applications.

Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under Sections 137, 142 (a) and 145 (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, and S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act should incur expenditure as noted above, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Schedule attached at Appendix B

- Churchyard - £1k for maintenance and £1k earmarked.
- Play Equipment/Areas - £7k for maintenance and £4k for earmarked reserves to split between play areas and teenage facilities.
- Fishponds - £5k earmarked.
- Market Towns Initiative - £2000 to be applied for under S137 grants above - £1000 from funds allocated 2005/06 and £1000 from funds allocated £2006/07.
- Other items of expenditure noted on attached schedule (Appendix C)
- Projector and screen for village hall. Dr Wright requested that the Parish Council give consideration to the purchase of these items. When the costs are known the council would consider this on receipt of a written request.

05/237 Long Term Projects.

237.1 North side Public Conveniences – Work will be completed by end of financial year

237.2 Car park resurfacing – Work to be commenced 18th November 2005

237.3 Old Witney Road Play Area – The Chairman charged the Play Areas sub-committee with looking at improvements to this. To include entrance to the play area, basketball facilities and new equipment.

237.4 Wireless Access to internet – This to be considered by the Market Towns Initiative group.

237.5 Toll Bridge discounts – It was suggested that these should be investigated as there is concern that the “ticketing discount” is being rescinded. It was pointed out that this could not be done legally.

Mr Mittell left the meeting at this point

05/238 Review of Churchyard Expenditure

The Clerk reported that the costs for the tree maintenance would be an ongoing project to cover several years. The current concern was in respect of the large horse chestnut tree which would be reduced by 40% before the end of the financial year.

05/239 Staff vouchers

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Seeney that gift vouchers of £25 be purchased for all staff and volunteers to a total of £250. Motion passed unanimously.

05/240 Precept 2006/07

It was proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Mr Rossiter that the annual precept, taking into consideration all the above items, be set at £85,000. Motion passed unanimously.

05/241 Amendment to the Council's Annual Return for 2004/05

The Clerk explained that the return required amendment due to the fact that the internal auditor and the accountant could not agree whether the amount of £10,000 to WODC was a loan or an investment. The figures needed to be the same as the brought forward figures and had been amended to reflect this. The dispute will be resolved next year.

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that the amendment to the Annual Return be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

05/242 Review of Parish Council's Financial Standing Orders

Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Dr Wright that there be no amendments to the Financial Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

05/243 Accounts

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of **£5,424.62**, as appended, are accepted. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans for signature.

05/244 Review of Salaries of manual Staff

The Chairman reminded members that they had agreed to review the salaries of the manual staff to bring them in line with those employed by other councils. Following discussion it was proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Dr Wright that the hourly rate be increased by £1.04 (14%). An amendment was tabled by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Mr Hughes that the hourly rate be increased by 79 pence immediately with the additional increase of 25 pence to be implemented in April. The amendment was passed by eight votes for, one against and one abstention.

04/245 Dates of Next Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be 6th December 2005 at 7.30 pm. There will be a Parish Meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday 28th November 2005 at 8 pm.

Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42 pm.

Date of Signing: **6 December 2005**