

# **EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **THE MEETING OF EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNSHAM**

**Present:** Mr G Beach (Chairman)  
Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs E Graham, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, N Hines, P Hughes, C Roles, Dr F Wright  
**In Attendance:** J Heath (Clerk), ABO Richard Conner

### **06/17 Police Report**

ABO Richard Conner reported that incidents of criminal damage had again decreased in the past month. There had been four incidents of criminal damage to property and seven incidents of theft including two vehicles, one burglary, one shoplifting and a vehicle interference.

It was confirmed that the proposed survey in Eynsham is to take place on the 18 February. Items reported included: Car damage in Back Lane car park. The Chairman thanked P C Conner for his report.

**06/18 Apologies for Absence** – Mr J Mittell, Ms G Barwell

### **06/19 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 F Wright - Village Hall Management Committee  
Mr P Dhesi – Village Hall Management Committee  
Mrs E Graham – Village Hall Management Committee  
Mr D Rossiter – West Oxfordshire District Council  
Mr T Green – Accounts – personal interest  
Mr P Hughes – personal interest

### **06/20 Minutes of the Meetings of 3 January 2006**

The minutes of 3 January 2006 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **06/21 Clerk's Report**

*Playing Fields Security* – A quote had been received from Mr Hastings of Twelve Acre Farm. If this is competitive with two other awaited quotes, agreed that the Clerk should authorise the work, to take place as soon as possible.

### **06/22 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of the Chairman**

The Chairman informed the Council that Mrs Debbie Seeney had resigned from the Council. The advertising for a replacement to be deferred to allow discussion on the reduction of numbers on the Council. Mrs Seeney is happy to continue with the type-setting of the Echo and this also would be discussed at the next meeting.

## 06/23 Finances

- 23.1 The accounts dated 24 January 2006 in respect of salaries and urgent payments were presented. These had been authorized and cheques signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Rossiter that payment of accounts in the sum of **£ 4,710.06**, as appended, be ratified by the Council. Motion passed unanimously.
- 23.2 The accounts dated 7 February 2006 were presented. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Dhesi that payment of accounts in the sum of **£3,181.53**, as appended, be ratified by the Council. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr Hughes and Mr Green returned to the meeting at this point.**
- 23.3 The budget for the quarter ended 31 December, previously circulated, was discussed. It was noted that these were very clear and easy to understand. There were no questions arising from the budget which was accepted.
- 23.4 The report from the internal auditor was discussed. The points raised by the auditor were answered by the Clerk adequately answered these. No further action required. The report was accepted.
- 23.5 Mrs Hughes presented three quotes for the proposed new door for the Bartholomew Room. After presentation of pictures of the proposed design a full discussion ensued. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that the quote of £1797.20 for oak surrounded door be accepted. An amendment was tabled by Mrs Hughes and seconded by Mr Green that the quote of £1120 plus graphics be accepted. The amendment was passed by eight votes for with two against. Mrs Hughes to obtain full designs and costings for the next meeting.. The Clerk confirmed that Listed Building Consent would be required. It was agreed that the Finance Committee should look at replacement of the other doors in the building to match.
- 23.6 The Chairman confirmed that the new chairs for the Upper and Lower rooms and two tables would be ordered this week.

## 06/24 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended

- 24.1 Mr Malcolm Hasting had requested a dog bin for the Chilbridge Road. The Clerk to add to list of replacement/new bins.
- 24.2 Mrs Gerrans reported that a resident had complained of not being able to access the churchyard at 9am. This to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 24.3 Mrs Hines had reported a dip in the paving stones outside the bookmakers in Mill Street which had caused her to fall. The area concerned belongs to the properties and is not the responsibility of the County Council. The Clerk to write to the manager of the bookmakers.
- 24.4 Mrs Pamela Richards had asked that the car parking of area of the fishponds be upgraded. This to be discussed under correspondence. She also asked the council to contact OCC to request that something be done to remove the rubble from the footpath outside No. 10 Abbey Street.
- Standing Orders were resumed.**

## 06/25 Planning

- 25.1 Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mrs Jones that the Planning Committee minutes of 30 January 2006 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.
- 25.2 The Chairman of the Committee updated the meeting on the deferred application. The Committee had looked at this and though there was no objection to the proposal there were concerns that the privacy of the next door properties may be at risk.

## 06/26 Correspondence

- 26.1 **ORCC** – Agreed that the Clerk find out further details in respect of the Oxfordshire Villages of the Year Competition from ORCC.
- 26.2 **Mrs Joan Stonham** – Fishponds. Comments noted and the following confirmed:

Bins are to be ordered in the near future. OCC to be contacted in respect of the dumped pipe. The posts for the car park to be rubbed down and repainted. Mrs Hughes to investigate obtaining more gravel for the car park.

**26.3 SERPS** - Rural Towns Seminar 23 March 2006, Haslemere, Surrey noted.

**26.4 Oxfordshire Training Partnership for Local Councils** – The Chairman updated the members on the initiative in Oxfordshire to provide training for Councillors. It was noted that Oxfordshire was far behind other counties in this. Councillors Gerrans, Jones and Green to attend the training course on Wednesday 26 April 2006 at Didcot.

#### **06/27 Report on the Traffic Advisory Committee**

The Minutes of the meeting had been previously circulated. The Chairman of the TAC briefly covered the following points:

- Work to commence on the A40 in respect of the no-right turn out of Witney Road; no right turn out of Tesco store and resurfacing of the roundabout. This would inevitably cause some disruption but it was hoped that the bulk of the work would be done overnight.
- White marks of the traffic calming platform outside the post office to be made more obvious.
- Narrowing of the Oxford Road to be dealt with this financial year.
- OCC to investigate whether the Tuer is a highway.
- Meeting with the school, OCC, TVP and Stagecoach had taken place on 2 February. Measures to be taken include: east side bus stop to be moved northward. Two white boxes to be painted. School to talk to bus operators in respect of parking, parents to be requested not to park on the pavements on Witney and Thornbury roads.
- Acre End scheme was to include additional yellow lining but this was deferred as agreed.

#### **06/28 West Oxfordshire Strategic Partnership**

The Chairman reported on the meeting attended by him and the Clerk. It was noted at the meeting that there was some criticism of the transport and housing policies which had apparently not been moved forward significantly. It was requested that the structure of the partnership committee be addressed.

#### **06/29 Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils**

Dr Wright covered the following points arising from the last meeting:

- Ratepayers have no choice but to pay taxes and the meeting had objected to the use of the word “customers”.
- Land registration deed showing ownership to Chilbridge Road had been discovered and OCC had been contacted.
- New parking spaces now being considered at JR hospital following campaign by OALC.
- Concern over the cost of £450 to be paid to District Councils in respect of disputes over high hedges.
- Discussion over inadequacy of the planning enforcement departments.
- The dangers of smoking added to the Young Peoples consultation document.
- National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Office of Deputy Prime Minister appear to be in disarray over functions of county Councils. A white paper on Unitary councils will be tabled in the summer.
- Clustering of Parish Councils being piloted in the West Midlands.
- Amalgamation of Society of Local Clerks and NALC not recommended by local organisation.

#### **06/30 Re-appointment of Trustees to the Eynsham Bartholomew Charity**

Mrs Gerrans explained the functions of the charity and also of the Bartholomew Educational Foundation. Representatives were usually people who knew the village well. Mr Andy Mosson and Mr Steve Burke were standing for re-appointment. Proposed by Mr Hines and

seconded by Dr Wright that Mr Mosson and Mr Burke be re-appointed as Trustees of the Eynsham Consolidated Charity was passed unanimously.

#### **06/31 Village Hall Management Committee**

Dr Wright reported on the following:

- Buildings are in good repair
- Bollards outside the hall had been vandalized. Replacement costs would be approximately £1500.
- Security light in porch now operational.
- No response yet received from the Chairman of the Eynsham Scouts in respect of the access.
- Annual General meeting set for 20 February at 8.15 pm
- There was markedly less rubbish emanating from the pupils of Bartholomew School of late.
- The police office was now regularly manned which added to the security of the building.

#### **06/32 Dates of next Meetings**

Planning Committee Meeting – Monday 20 February 2006 at 5pm

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 7 March 2006 at 7.30 pm

**The meeting closed at 9.25 pm**

**Date of Signing: 7 March 2006**