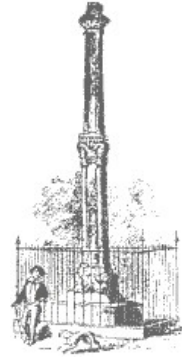


EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MEETING OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNHAM

Present: Mr G Beach (Chairman)

Ms G Barwell, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs E Graham, Mrs M Jones, Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, J Mittell, C Roles, Dr F Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk), Mr H Brown, Mr Charles Matthews (Stanton Harcourt PC), Miss Frances Pike.

06/53 Apologies for Absence –

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Rossiter and Mrs Hughes.

06/55 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 J Mittell – Village Hall Management Committee
Mr T Green – pecuniary interest in respect of Finance

06/56 Minutes of the Meetings of 7th March 2006

The item in respect of Market Towns Initiative was omitted from minutes of 7th March 2006. The Clerk to do an addendum to the minutes. The minutes were agreed as a true record, subject to the addendum being produced, and signed by the Chairman.

06/57 Clerk's Report

Chairs & Tables for the Bartholomew Rooms had been delivered and the old chairs had been taken by the Cricket Club for the new pavilion. It was agreed that no donation would be required.

Parish Council Vacancies – it was reported that there had been interest from two members of the public for co-option on the council. Both would attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

OCC - Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement – it was confirmed that a letter had been sent, with the Chairman's agreement, by Dr Wright on behalf of the Parish Council.

Witney Area review of subsidies bus services - Mr Hines asked for volunteers to assist in delivering a questionnaire to all households and also to collect the responses. It was felt that the council did not have the capability to do this and suggested that there should either be a limited drop or that returns should be made to the library. The Chairman and Clerk to speak with Mr Hines.

Mr Mittell joined the meeting

Certificate of Lawfulness A40 Nurseries -- Mr Green had attended the Lowlands Planning Committee with a member of the public and reported that no decision had been taken as the legal department of West Oxfordshire District Council was awaiting further documentation.

Security Measures for playing fields – The Clerk reported that the offer of grant had been received and the work would be commissioned as soon as possible.

Replacement bollards - John Lopes Road - This is considered to be a health and safety risk. Mr Green to contact Highways Department to ask for a site meeting to discuss.

06/58 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business

06/59 Finances

Mr Green left the meeting at this point

59.1 Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Roles that the accounts for 24th March in the sum of **£6,117.51** and 30th March in the sum of **£ 2,485.26**, previously signed by two members of the senior committee, and the accounts set out before the council in the sum of **£2,035.13** be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mr Roles for signature.

Mr Green rejoined the meeting

59.2 Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee of 26th March 2006 were proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Ms Barwell. Motion passed unanimously.

59.3 After a full discussion it was proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Ms Barwell that the Finance Committee's recommendations should be approved in full. Motion passed unanimously.

59.4 It was proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Dhesi that three places for the seminar on 1st June be booked at a cost of £100. Motion passed unanimously.

06/60 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended

60.1 Mr Brown requested that his letter to the Home Office should be discussed at the Annual Parish Council. It was agreed that this should be addressed under the police report at the APM.

60.2 Mr Charles Matthews introduced himself as a local candidate for County Councillor in the forthcoming elections. Mr Matthews is Chairman of Stanton Harcourt Parish Council.

60.3 Miss Frances Pike introduced herself as a local candidate for District Councillor in the forthcoming elections. Miss Pike has lived in Cassington village for six years.

60.4 Mrs Tweney had requested that ORCC receive a copy of the Echo. The Clerk to contact Jan Gossett of that organisation to recommend the website.

Standing Orders were resumed.

06/61 Planning

Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Mittell that the Planning Committee minutes of 13th March 2006 and 3rd April 2006 be accepted, following amendments to the latter in respect of the date of the next meeting and the address in respect of application no. 06/0547/P/FP. Motion passed by eight votes for with one abstention.

06/62 Correspondence

62.1 **ORCC** - Newsletter noted.

62.2 **Oxfordshire Carers' Forum** - Discussion Network Break on Friday 21st April 2006 from 12.30 pm to 3 pm at St Mary's Church, Banbury noted. The Clerk to approach the new contact for the Carers' Forum to request a regular update to the Council.

62.3 **OALC** - The following were noted:

Executive Committee vacancies

Training – An introduction for Councillors and Clerks – 26th April 2006 – Mrs Gerrans, Mrs Jones and Mr Green to attend.

Training - Getting to Grips with Finance – 24th May 2006

New rules in respect on VAT on mileage and internet purchases noted. To be dealt with when the Financial Standing Orders are discussed in June.

62.4 **Oxfordshire Highways** - Highway Management Arrangements noted.

62.5 **ODPM** - Freedom of Information Act – Authorisation of Qualified person and amendments to Schedule 12A of the LGA 1972 noted.

62.6 **Eynsham Carnival Committee** - Request for use of pavilion and toilets on 1st July 2006 granted.

62.7 **WODC** - Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors – Monday 15th May/Tuesday 23rd May 2006 6.30pm at Woodgreen Office, Witney. Mr Dhesi and Mrs Graham to attend.

62.8 **OCC** - Review of subsidised bus services in Witney Area noted.

06/64 Authorisation of lease for North Side Playing Fields Toilet

Following discussion it was proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Green that the Chairman be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Council, subject to minor amendments and clarification from West Oxfordshire District Council. Motion passed unanimously.

06/65 Churchyard

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk to purchase two additional beech hedge plants, the small fence to be moved to protect the new hedge and the Chairman to meet with the St Peters' priest and St Leonards' vicar to discuss the access. The Clerk to write to the undertakers. Mr Green to investigate hiring a dumper truck to assist in the removal of the pile of earth. The Clerk to write to the PCC of St Leonard's Church informing them that the damaged railings are now dangerous and are therefore a Health and Safety issue.

06/66 Annual Parish Meeting – The Village Hall – 8pm

The Chairman reminded all members of the date and time of the meeting and requested that as many attend as possible. This is an opportunity for members of the public to put questions to the Council.

The report for the meeting would be in the library and on the website prior to the meeting. The Chairman and Clerk will be available half an hour before the start of the meeting in the office.

Items likely to be raised include:

- policing;
- Chilbridge Road development – the Chairman confirmed that Cottsway have signed the agreement with OCCC to purchase the land.
- Proposed Bitterell development.

06/67 Dates of the next meetings

Planning Committee Meeting – Monday 24th April – 5pm Bartholomew Room
Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 27th April 2006 - 8pm
Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 2nd May 2006 at 7.30 pm
Witney Road Play Area working party – TBA

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of Signing: 02/05/2006