

EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MEETING OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNESHAM

Present: *Mr G Beach (Chairman)*
Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs Hughes
Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, C Roles, D Rossiter, Dr F Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk)

06/68 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Ms G Barwell Mrs E Graham, Mrs M Jones, J Mittell

06/69 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

06/70 Minutes of the Meetings of 4th April 2006 and Addendum to 7th March 2006 meeting

The minutes of 4th April 2006 were amended at 60.3 to amend Mrs Pike to Miss Pike in two places and to replace "member" with "resident" and to remove "Parish Council". The minutes were then agreed as a true record, and signed. The addendum to the minutes of 7th March 2006 were signed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/71 Clerk's Report

Churchyard – Beech trees planted and fencing erected. Gate to be made. Earth pile to be removed by staff after investigations re. hire of dumper truck. Ancient railings surrounding graves to be dealt with as a matter of urgency and the Clerk will meet with the secretary of the PCC as soon as possible.

Parish Council Vacancies – no applications received to date.

OCC - Oxfordshire Structure Plan - The Chairman and Dr. Wright had looked at the documentation and no action required.

Witney Area review of subsidised bus services– ORCC had confirmed no money available for this survey. Clerk to ascertain if deadline can be extended so that the questionnaire can go out with the June Echo. Mr Hines to be kept informed. Investigations to be made in respect of a subsidised route between Eynsham and Woodstock via Cassington.

Certificate of Lawfulness A40 Nurseries - Nothing to report.

Duncan Close/Shakespeare Road Junction – The Clerk reported on the response from Highways Department. To be followed up with some insistence.

Security Measures for playing fields– Work to commence shortly.

Bartholomew Inner Door – Sketch drawings required for planning application. Mrs Hughes to deal with this.

06/72 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business.

06/73 Finances

73.1 Proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Dr Wright that the accounts for 24 April 2006 in the sum of **£5,811.58**, previously signed by two members of the senior committee, and the accounts set out before the council in the sum of **£5,751.77** be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Mr Dhesi and Dr Wright for signature.

73.2 Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that the estimate for hedgelaying on

the allotments from Garden Renovation Services in the sum of £2743.03 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

06/74 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended

Mr Green asked for details of the accidents on the B4449 as reported in the OCC report. Mr Rossiter will obtain a copy for both Mr Green and Dr Wright.

Standing Orders were resumed.

06/75 Planning

- 75.1** Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Green that the Planning Committee minutes of 24th April 2006 be accepted. Motion passed by six votes for with one abstention.
- 75.2** Mrs Gerrans addressed questions from members in respect of application 06/0547/P/FP for a development comprising ten dwellings at 46 Acre End Street. Concerns with regard to parking and increased traffic were felt not to be a problem by the committee.
- 75.3** The allocation for development of the land at Bitterell in the Local Plan had been through the three stages of planning at West Oxfordshire County Council.

06/76 Correspondence

- 76.1** **Thames Valley Police** - Letter from Chief Inspector Evernden and newsletter noted.
- 76.2** **OCC** - Funding for Transport schemes in 2006-2011 noted.
- 76.3** **WODC** - Planning Forum 31 May (3-5pm or 6-8pm) or 8 June (3-5pm) – the Chairman and Dr Wright to attend.
- 76.4** **Allotment Association** - Allotment Boundaries and quote for fencing and request for Council to pay for this noted. The Clerk and Chairman to meet with the Allotments Association for discussion.
- 76.5** **OCC** - Newsletter for Towns and Parishes noted.
- 76.6** **WODC** - Draft Statement of Community Involvement - planning policy noted.
- 76.7** **Letters of thanks for grant aid from:** Oxfordshire Carers' Forum and Eynsham Neighbourhood Care Scheme noted.
- 76.8** **WODC** - Health & Safety update noted.
- 76.9** **Defra** - Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 update noted.
- 76.10** **Mr & Mrs P Hutton** - Request for permission to lop tree owned by Parish Council discussed. Permission granted subject to all health and safety issues being addressed.
- 76.11** **WODC** - Cabinet Decisions 5th April & 19th April 2006 taken by the Chairman.
- 76.12** **Mr & Mrs Blake** - Chilbridge Road housing development and request for widening of the road discussed. Agreed that a letter should be sent informing Mr and Mrs Blake that at present the legal situation covering the ownership of the road is still under discussion. As soon as this is clarified, the Council will address the issues in the letter.
- 76.13** **Vale of White Horse District Council** - Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement Submission Document noted.
- 76.14** **WODC** - Environmental Health Service Enforcement Policy leaflet noted.
- 76.15** **Daniel Lay** - Report on "The Noise" noted.
- 76.16** **Thames Valley Police** - Community Policing Awards noted. The Clerk read out the report from Richard Conner.
- 76.17** **South East England Regional assembly** - Draft South East Plan for consultation and submission to Government taken by the Chairman.

06/77 Community Policing

After discussion it was agreed that costs should be obtained in respect of one half time community officer and that the residents of Eynsham should be asked if they are willing to fund this project through the rates. Matters discussed included the possible reduction in the police presence in the village by Thames Valley Police, as it considers Eynsham a low crime area; sharing an officer with other parishes; hours to be worked as many of the problems take place during the evenings.

06/78 Public Conveniences

The Chairman reminded the members of the decision to authorise the Vice-Chairman and himself to sign the lease in respect of the toilet facilities in the Oxford Road playing fields. This had not yet been done and progress was painfully slow. Drawings for the scheme had only recently been received.

Copies of correspondence between the Chairman and Mr Phil Page, Director of Street Scene at West Oxfordshire District Council were circulated. The requirement for all the money allocated to the two schemes to be included in the lease and paid on signing of the lease could not be agreed to by the Chairman.

A meeting with the Chief Executive of the District Council had not resulted in a satisfactory agreement although further meetings are in the pipeline and it is hoped the matter will be resolved shortly.

The new scheme to house a modular unit in the building in Back Lane was not considered by the members to be acceptable as the building is an eyesore and the problems relating to it could only be resolved by removing it and having a stand alone unit, as originally agreed with Mr Pettifar of WODC in 2003.

The current position is that the Oxford Road works will not be commenced until an agreement has been made between the Parish Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. It is hoped that this will be before the June meeting.

06/79 Training Day at Didcot

The attendees had felt that, whilst they had not learned anything new, the day had been useful in that it was evident that Eynsham Parish Council is doing things the right way. The training would prove very useful to new Councillors, provided they had been in office for at least twelve months.

A further training day on planning is to take place on 11th October and this should be considered for members interested in serving on the planning committee.

06/80 Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman felt that the meeting had been very successful and noted that there were no points arising which required action. The toll bridge situation would be fully discussed if should it come before the council.

The feedback from the attendees had been very positive and the report from the Headteacher of Bartholomew School had been particularly well received.

The use of microphones and the change of seating to be discussed next year.

The possibility of refurbishing the swimming pool at the Bartholomew School was discussed but it was felt that this could only be considered if enclosed. The costs involved, unless commercial sponsorship could be obtained, would be prohibitive.

06/81 Dates of the next meetings

Planning Committee Meeting – Monday 15th May – 5pm Bartholomew Room

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 16th May – 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 6th June 2006 at 7.30 pm

Witney Road Play Area working party – TBA

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Date of Signing: 16 May 2006