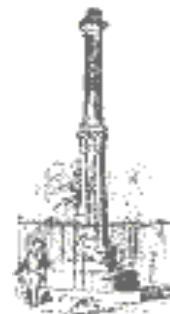


EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNESHAM

Present: *Mr G Beach (Chairman)*

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

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk), Frances, Charles plus one member

06/91 Apologies for Absence – There were no apologies for absence.

06/92 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:

Mr D Rossiter – West Oxfordshire District Council
Dr F Wright - Village Hall Management Committee
Mr P Dhesi – Village Hall Management Committee
Mrs E Graham – Village Hall Management Committee
Mr T Green (Agenda item 6 – Finances)

06/93 Minutes of the Meetings of 16th May 2006 meeting

The minutes of 16 May 2006 were agreed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

06/94 Clerk's Report

Allotments – The Clerk and Chairman had met with representatives of the Allotments Association re. works to be completed. The Clerk has approached OCC, as agreed, and confirmed that the trees and Wharf Road are not part of the responsibilities of OCC. The Allotments Association to approach Siemens for a contribution to the works to be done.

Parish Council Vacancies – no applications received to date. Further requests for volunteers to be made in a month's time.

Railings in Churchyard – Ongoing. Clerk to provide St Leonard's Secretary with financial details for past five years.

Witney Area review of subsidised bus services – Questionnaire delivered with Echo and responses to be returned to the library. Mr Hines to collect on the 16 June and deliver to ORCC over the following weekend.

Duncan Close/Shakespeare Road – prioritisation to be done by OCC when they are next in area.

Village Hall – Dr Wright re-elected as Chairman, Mrs Hollis re-elected as Secretary. Election of Treasurer deferred. Letter regarding the removal of the fence sent to WODC and copied to the Headteacher of Bartholomew School.

The tapestry of village organisation logos to be hung in the main hall, when completed.

Bins and Benches – Clerk to action this by August meeting.

Fishponds – Mrs Hughes updated the members on the next stages of the works to be done. This is to remove silt and weeds from a low lying area that is believed to have been part of the course of the Chilbrook before the monks diverted it. Quotes for works to be obtained. Grant funding from an organisation known as TOE to be applied for.

Decision to name the piece of land in the centre of the fishponds made. This will be "Monk's Green".

06/95 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business.

06/96 Finances

96.1 Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts as listed on the schedule tabled for the amount of £7440.58 be approved and accounts paid 24th May 2006 in the sum £10,101.05 be ratified. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans for signature.

96.2 Application for grant aid of £1000 from Playing Field Managers discussed. Noted that the original £1000 grant was a one-off set up grant. Exceptional expenses due to not having any income from the Carnival (ongoing), weedkilling (ongoing) and repair of part of field adjacent to the kick wall (one off).

Proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Mr Rossiter that a grant of £500 be allocated immediately and that a review in respect of the further £500 be made in November on the condition that the Managers can give the Council details of their understanding of the future situation. Two amendments were defeated and the motion was passed by seven votes for and four against.

96.3 Year end budgets were noted. Finalised accounts should be ready for the July meeting.

06/97 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended

97.1 Ms Frances Pike (District Councillor) reported that in Cassington the recycling bins were being emptied into the dustbins by the operatives. She requested that residents of Eynsham contact her in the event of this happening in their area.

97.2 Mr Tim Jordan of Newland Close has reported that the waste operatives are driving on the kerb. Ms Pike will take this up at District level.

Standing Orders were resumed

06/98 Planning

98.1 Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Green that the Planning Committee minutes of 15 May 2006 and 5 June 2006 be accepted. Motion passed by ten votes for with one abstention. The Chairman of Planning Committee noted that the proposed monopole in Station Road had been refused permission.

98.2 There was a full discussion on the opportunity to comment in respect of sensitive rural areas and the perceived disenfranchisement of the public. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up between a senior Officer of the Planning Department, a member of West Oxfordshire District Council and the Parish Council. This to be a single agenda item.

98.3 An update on the legal implications in respect of land east of the Bitterell was given. The Eynsham Society is in an exchange of correspondence with West Oxfordshire District Council. The Chairman to write to the Chief Executive of West Oxfordshire District Council requesting that the Parish Council be kept informed of developments.

06/99 Correspondence

99.1 OCC/WODC – Threat to Post Office card account. Letter of support requested and agreed.

99.2 WODC – Waste and recycling questionnaire. It was noted that this can be accessed by the internet (details in the Echo) or by completing the form available from WODC.

99.3 St Leonard's & St Peter's Churches – Carnival and Flower Festival 2007 proposals noted.

99.4 OCC – Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – bus strategy to be forwarded to Transport Representative.

99.5 OCC – Oxfordshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2006-2011 to be considered by the Footpaths Committee.

99.6 OCC – Countryside Service Annual Report 2005-06 to be considered by the Footpaths Committee.

99.7 OCC – Review of Subsidised Bus Services Consultation in respect of Witney & Eynsham Area to be forwarded to the Transport Representative and considered by the Council at the next meeting.

99.8 OPFA – Playing field Newsletter passed to Play Area Committee members.

99.9 OALC – Details of AGM noted.

99.9 Charter 88 – Community Decline and Charter 88's Campaign for a modern democracy empowering citizens and local councils noted.

99.10 BCTV – Renewal of membership agreed.

99.11 Land Registry – Details of voluntary land registration noted.

06/100 Public Conveniences - Oxford Road and Back Lane

The Chairman reported that the former lease had been re-drafted and that the new lease reflects the legal agreement in a more favourable way. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Green that any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and previous Vice-Chairman sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

06/101 Playing Field Managers Report

Following a long discussion, it was proposed that the double gates at the end of the Bitterell be mended and one side to be fixed with the other as an opening. The Clerk to obtain quotes. On receipt of these the matter to be brought back to the Council.

06/102 Training

102.1 Training on Code of Conduct was useful to Mrs Graham. She had brought back copies of the booklet on this, which were tabled.

102.2 Mr Roles reported on the training at Reading. This was both informative and useful in parts. To be recommended for new Councillors.

06/103 Dates of the next meetings

Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday 27 June 2006 – 5pm Bartholomew Room

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 4 July 2006 at 7.30 pm

Witney Road Play Area working party – Tuesday 11 July 2006 at 7.30 pm – Bartholomew Room

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Date of Signing:

7 July 2006