

EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: *Mr G Beach (Chairman)*
Ms G Barwell, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs M Jones
Messrs. P Dhesi, T Green, J Mittell, C Roles, Dr F Wright

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk), Charles Mathew (OCC), Margaret Stevens (WODC),
plus two members of the public

06/104 Apologies for Absence – Apologies were accepted from Mrs E Graham, Mrs V Hughes and Mr D Rossiter.

06/105 Police Report

The report was noted. The Chairman confirmed that everything possible was being done to apprehend the culprits who were covering the village with graffiti.

06/106 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)

06/107 Minutes of the Meetings of 6 June 2006 meeting

The minutes of 6 June 2006 were agreed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

107A The Council agreed to the co-option of Miss Suzanne Osborne and Mr Richard Andrews to the Parish Council with one abstention.

06/108 Clerk's Report

Festive Lights – The Clerk reported that there had been two site visits with lighting companies. Quotes are awaited. It is anticipated that the cost will be in the region of £2000 for supply only. £2000 additional to erect the lights.

Bitterell – The letter from the Chairman had been dispatched and to date there had been no response. Dr Wright updated the meeting on the action taken by the Eynsham Society.

WODC and Planning – A letter had been sent requesting a meeting. Mr Morrow of WODC had declined a meeting but requested details of the Parish Council's concerns. The Chairman to respond. The Chairman confirmed that some of these matters had been addressed at the recent Planning Forum but this was not the proper forum for the matters of concern.

Duncan Close/Shakespeare Road – The required prioritisation had been completed by OCC.

Bartholomew Inner Door – application to WODC for planning permission to be sent in next seven days.

Bollard at John Lopes Road – Mr Roles to provide photographs of the problem to forward to Mr Wilson of WODC Area Highways.

Bins and Benches – Clerk to action this by August meeting. Mr Mittell to supply details of requests for additional dog bins.

Toilet Refurbishment – Work has commenced and some structural problems have been encountered. Confirmed the Parish Council contribution is fixed. Completion to take approximately 8 weeks.

06/109 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business.

06/110 Finances

Mr Green left the Meeting at this point

110.1 The Clerk clarified the accounts in respect of Tree Risk Assessment in the Churchyard and the Playing Field Managers grant. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts as listed on the schedule tabled for the amount of £3,203.48 be approved and accounts paid 24 June 2006 in the sum £5,894.31 be ratified. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans for signature.

Mr Green re-joined the meeting at this point

110.2 The formal Year End accounts had still not been received but it had been confirmed by RBS (the Accountants) that they did not significantly differ from the figures presented at the last meeting. Proposed by Mrs Jones and seconded by Mr Green that the Accounts previously distributed be accepted and that the fair copy of the accounts be signed off by the Chairman and Clerk on receipt. Motion passed with one abstention.

06/111 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended

111.1 Mr Harry Brown updated the meeting on the present position in respect of the police presence in the village.

111.2 Mr Charles Mathew updated the meeting on the proposed weight limit to Tadpole Bridge and New Bridge. This will have an effect on the Toll Bridge.

112.3 Mr Paul Tweney had requested a notice for Dovehouse Close in respect of the play area. It was confirmed that this is on the OCC Highways list for action.

112.4 Mr Green confirmed that graffiti on the Witney Road bus shelter had been removed by a local resident.

112.5 Mr Green had received several complaints in respect of the lack of grass cutting on the south field for the carnival. The Playing Field Managers to be approached in respect of this.

Standing Orders were resumed.

06/112 Planning

The Clerk confirmed the decisions made at the planning committee meeting of 27 June. Papers for this would be presented at the next meeting.

06/113 Correspondence

113.1 IOG Saltex – 2006 show registration details received. Show covers grounds maintenance, play equipment etc. Noted.

113.2 Contact Magazine – Conservation news for Thames and Chilterns noted.

113.3 Citizens Advice Bureau – Details of AGM on Wednesday 12 July 2006 at Witney noted.

113.4 WODC – Details of the Gambling Act 2005 passed to the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.

113.5 Sharpe & Howse – Quote for repair of the pavilion boiler discussed. The Clerk to request quotes for new boilers before decision made.

113.6 Boward Tree Surgery – Visual Tree Assessment and Risk Assessment for churchyard passed to Mr Green.

113.7 Eynsham Cricket Club – Invitation to Club Opening Day on Sunday July 9 2006 noted. Mr Green, Mrs Gerrans and the Clerk to attend.

113.8 WODC – Cabinet Decisions of 14 June 2006 taken by the Chairman.

113.9 RBS Solutions accounts monthly back up service discussed. Proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Dr Wright that the service be taken up.

113.10 University of Gloucestershire – Agreed that the Clerk attend the Seminar 12/13 July 2006 at a cost of £136.00. Motion passed unanimously.

113.11 NALC – Local Council Review tabled and noted.

113.12 OCC – OCC (West Oxon District) (Disabled Persons' Parking Places)(Amendment) Order) noted.

113.13 – Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Minerals & Waste Issues and Options Consultation Paper taken by Dr Wright. Update given on the recent meetings at OCC. Issues discussed included use of incinerators and site specific waste disposal areas.

113.14 – **OCC** newsletter noted.

113.15 – **OCC** Scrutiny Annual Report noted.

113.16 – **Carers' Focus** newsletter noted.

113.17 – **WODC** - Notice of Intention to adopt Local Plan 2011 noted.

113.18 – **OCC** - Bus Strategy to be passed to Local Transport representative.

06/114 Presentation by Mr Nick Mottram re. Landscape Scheme at Eynsham Lock.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mottram of the Wychwood Project.

The presentation outlined the project and the following were noted:

- Consists of flat grassland area owned by OCC and has annual grazing licence.
- Proposed short rotation coppice woodland for use for woodchip energy source to be harvested every three years
- Not suitable for walkers to go through due to density of crop (willow trees).
- Fencing to be erected.
- Flood plain location ensures input of Environment Agency
- Weir/slucice replacement giving opportunity to do work between sluice and wharf stream for fish spawning
- Opportunity for pond
- Opportunity for different/improved access
- Existing footpaths to remain
- Possibility of use as an educational site
- Safety issues to be considered due to the seclusion of the site.

Nick showed three different plans being considered and emphasized that nothing formal had been decided. He was hopeful that the Parish Council would support the project in essence.

The Chairman thanked Nick for his presentation and wished him well in the pursuance of the project.

06/115 Eynsham Transport Needs Survey Results (2006)

It was felt that the report had been difficult to follow but that the summary was good.

Issues raised were:

- Buses to Witney are good.
- Buses to Oxford are tricky sometimes.
- Timed stops are often ignored. The Local Transport Representative had already raised this with Stagecoach.
- Through route from Witney to the hospitals in Headington is required.
- New route required to take in Cassington.
- New route required to connect Eynsham with Cassington to Woodstock.
- Real time bus service to be introduced.
- Service 18 is not publicised enough.

- Free bus passes not sufficiently publicised.

Article to be placed in the Echo publicising the 18 service and how to obtain free bus passes.
Matters noted above to be raised at the next Traffic Advisory Committee.

06/116 Dates of the next meetings

Planning Committee Meeting – Monday 10 July 2006 – 5pm Bartholomew Room
Witney Road Play Area working party – Tuesday 11 July 2006 at 8 pm – Bartholomew Room
Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 1 August 2006 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Date of Signing: