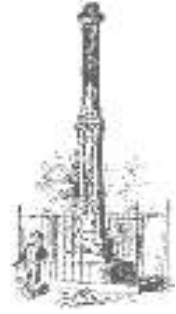


# **EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MEETING OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNHAM**

### **Present: G Beach (Chairman)**

Ms G Barwell, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Ms S Osborne  
Messrs. R Andrews, P Dhesi, T Green, D Rossiter, C Roles, Dr F Wright

**In Attendance:** J Heath (Clerk), Cllr C Mathew (OCC), Cllr Mrs M (WODC), Cllr. Miss F Pike (WODC) and one member of the public.

### **06/132 Police Report**

ABO Conner updated the meeting on crime in the village in the past month. 16 incidents of varying severity have been reported. Those of note were:

- 24 August – 9 incidents of criminal damage to cars and buildings. Four names given, 2 males spoken to with negative results. Ongoing enquiries
- 29 August – Damage to pool cover at Beech Road school. 4 males arrested but no further action.
- 31 August – Damage to toilets at Oxford Road. Witness interviewed, girl identified who subsequently identified two offenders. Arrests pending.
- 2 September – Window smashed at Sims Hairdressers. Male arrested and cautioned.

ABO Conner confirmed that Eynsham is now on the Tasking System and additional foot patrols are taking place over the weekends. He confirmed that anyone seeing criminal damage taking place should call 999.

**06/133 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were accepted from Mr J Mittell.

### **06/134 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  
Mr T Green – Accounts approval.

### **06/135 Minutes of the Meeting of 1st August 2006**

The minutes of 1st August 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **06/136 Clerk's Report**

NPF Gates – Bitterell – Agreed to pursue quotes in accordance with the minuted decision.

Bartholomew Inner Door – Application to WODC for planning permission had not yet been decided by the District Council. The Clerk to make enquiries.

Bins and Benches – Bins and benches now in place.

Toilet Refurbishment – Work completed and toilets opened. Vandalism occurred within 24 hours and this was dealt with. Criminal damage closed the toilets within one week. Clerk working with WODC and police to try to minimize this. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that members of the public had not reported the vandalism whilst it was occurring and he would be putting an article in the next Echo newsletter.

Village Hall Quinquennial maintenance inspection done and report completed. Clerk and Chairman of VHMC to prioritise and devise a programme of repairs.

Churchyard railings to be made safe as soon as possible. Responsibility of St Leonard's Church PCC.

**06/137 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business**

**06/138 Finances**

**Mr Green left the room at this point.**

**138.1** Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Roles that the accounts in the sum of **£5,114.72** dated 25th August 2006 be ratified. Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Roles that accounts in the sum of **£3,901.47** be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Dr Wright and Mr Roles for signature.

**Mr Green rejoined the meeting at this point.**

**138.2** The request for a £200 grant from the Eynsham Village Show was approved unanimously. Proposer Dr Wright and seconder Mr Roles.

**138.3** There were no questions regarding the internal audit report, which was accepted.

**138.4 Finance Committee Minutes:**

a) Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Dhesi that the fidelity guarantee remain at current level. Unanimously agreed.

b) Following a discussion on the two quotes received and the options open, it was proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Mr Rossiter that £3000 be allocated for the purchase of festive lights. Unanimously agreed.

c) Proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Mr Rossiter that an honorarium of £500 be paid to the webmaster for work already completed and that further payments to be discussed at the Finance meeting in November 2006. Unanimously agreed.

d) Clerk to ascertain from OCC whether there is a requirement for the Parish Council to contribute to the improvement of footpaths, stiles and gates. The Footpaths sub-committee to do an audit for presentation to the October committee.

e) The sub-committee recommendation of £2000 for the enhancement of the website was proposed by Mr Dhesi, seconded by Mr Rossiter and unanimously agreed.

The Finance minutes of 30th August were signed as a true record by the Chairman

**138.5** Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by M Dhesi that the Clerk attend the SLCC conference in Plymouth in October. Unanimously agreed.

**138.6** One quote had been received in respect of the conversion to changing rooms at the toilet block in the north side playing fields. Three quotes required to access grant funding. Mr Roles and Ms Barwell will provide details of two additional contractors to approach. Proposed by Mr Green and seconded by Dr Wright that the Clerk be authorised to accept a quote up to £1500 plus VAT. Unanimously agreed.

**06/139 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders were suspended at this point.**

**139.1** Cllr. Charles Mathew advised of a meeting to be held on 10 October at Standlake in respect of the future of the A415 and the new bridge at Newbridge. Representation from Eynsham would be welcome.

**139.2** Cllr Charles Mathew advised of a presentation on 7 September 2007 from Hansons in respect of a proposed gravel extraction application at Northmoor. Application to be made by the end of September.

**139.3** Cllr Charles Mathew informed by OCC of probable highways problems at Harwell in March 2007.

**139.4** Mr Brown is actively lobbying Thames Valley police for PCSO's in Eynsham.

**139.5** Mrs King of Greens Road has requested that the piece of land at the junction of Greens Road and Marlborough Road be made into a roundabout. Clerk to put this to Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department.

**139.6** Mr Ken Sheffield has concerns regarding the number of youths exiting the North Playing Fields into the Bitterell and requests that the gate be blocked off by the Parish Council.

**Standing Orders were resumed at this point.**

**06/140 Planning Meetings**

Confirmed by the Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk that the decision in respect of 88 Evans Road in the minutes of 22 August 2006 was "no objection". Subject to this insertion it was proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mrs Jones that the minutes of 22 June 2006 and 22 August 2006 be approved. Agreed unanimously.

**06/141 Correspondence**

**141.1 WODC - Cabinet Decisions 2 August 2006 taken by the Chairman**

- 141.2 TVP** - Meeting in respect of Opportunities with TVP in support of Neighbourhood Policing/PCSO on 21 September 2006 at 6.45 pm – venue Drayton Golf Club noted. The chairman and Clerk to attend. Others welcome.
- 141.3 OCC-** Time Limits for “Transfer In” of previous pension benefits to the Local Government Pension Scheme discussed. It was proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Dr Wright that the Parish Council have no time limit for transfers. Pensions Department of OCC to be informed. It was noted that Mrs Taylor-Smith should be given the opportunity to contribute to the pension scheme.
- 141.4 WODC** – Concerns over Hospital Trust’s cost reduction plans noted.
- 141.5 OCC** – Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for Oxfordshire passed to Mrs Hughes.
- 141.6 ENCAMS** – (formerly Countryside Agency) - Litter and the Law – a guide for the public noted.
- 141.7 OCC** – Traffic Regulation Order – Closure of Witney Road dates noted. The Clerk to contact OCC Highways department over concerns that the signage in respect of this is very confusing.
- 141.8 OALC** – County Circular - NALC Perspective on the Change in National and Local Government noted. Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act noted. Climate Change – Powers of Local Councils & Local Action noted.
- Training:** (i) How Local Councils fit into the Planning System – Effective Responses to Planning applications – **Wed 11 October – Didcot – 9.30am to 1 pm** – £20 per person. Mr Andrews to confirm with the Clerk if he is available for this session.
- (ii) Risk Management for Local Councils – **Wed 11 October – Didcot – 2pm – 4 pm** - £20 per person. It was felt that the Council’s Risk Assessment is adequate and had been approved by the Internal Auditor.
- (iii) Parish Plans – workshops – **Saturday 14 October – Little Milton 10 am to 4 pm** £30 per person. The Clerk to forward details to Mr Roles.
- 141.9 OCC** newsletter noted.
- 141.10 TVP** – Attendance at Parish Council Meetings’ letter noted. It was agreed that a strong letter be sent to the author against this proposal. The Clerk to draft a response.
- 141.11 WODC** – Waste Collection Options recommendations noted: household rubbish – every two weeks; kitchen waste weekly, recycling bins weekly, green waste every 2 weeks (charge applicable).
- 141.12 OCC** – Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan noted.
- 141.13 OCC** – Completed Scrutiny Report passed to Dr Wright.
- 141.14 Allotments Association** – Request for security gates to be completed discussed. Proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Mr Green that a sum of £478 be spent for this purpose. Agreed by ten votes for with one abstention.
- 141.15 Local Channel** – newsletter noted.
- 141.16 Michael White** – Report from Oxfordshire Carers’ Forum and newsletter noted.
- 141.17 Maurice Gluck** – Request for support from PC in respect of campaign for the deaf noted. Agreed that posters can be displayed. An article to go into the Echo and leaflets in the Village Hall.

#### **06/142 Traffic Matters**

- 142.1 The Tuer.** OCC Highways had confirmed in writing that the Tuer is highway. TVP to advise traffic warden.
- 142.2 Removal of Bus Stop** – A site meeting has been called to discuss the removal of the new bus stop at the southern end of the Witney Road, Witney direction. It was note, with disappointment, that OCC had not dealt with this during the timescale requested by the Traffic Advisory Committee. This is a safety issue and should have been dealt with more speedily.

#### **06/143 Responses from Echo invitation for view of the public.**

- 143.1 PCSO** – There had been little response in respect of this and those received were equally balanced for and against. It was decided that no further action should be taken at this time. An article to go into the next Echo newsletter to this effect.
- 143.2 Bus to Woodstock** – there had been a number of people in favour of this bus. The Clerk to make enquiries of OCC to ascertain if it is a viable option.

#### **06/144 Village Hall Management Committee**

the following were noted from the last meeting of the Committee:

- 144.1 Quinquennial report completed.
- 144.2 New bollards to be put in place shortly.
- 144.3 Tapestry to be hung shortly.
- 144.4 Awards for All grant for cinema screen to be taken up within time limit.
- 144.5 No barrier erected along the school road. This may be due to the fact that work had not yet commenced on the new sports hall.
- 144.6 Weed killing between scouts and village hall to be dealt with.
- 144.7 There are joint Treasurers to the committee – John Mittell and Michael White.
- 144.8 Draft accounts are with the Auditor.

#### **06/145 Report from OALC Meeting**

The following were noted:

- 145.1 The local OALC will be moving from Jericho Farm to South Oxfordshire in October.
- 145.2 Venue for meetings required. The Clerk to inform Dr. Wright of charges for the Sports Pavilion.
- 145.3 Representation on Standards Boards refused by Oxfordshire Association.
- 145.4 Reform of Local Councils not supported by Oxfordshire local Association.
- 145.5 Concerns over the use of gardens as brown field sites in villages for the purpose of building more houses.
- 145.6 Consultation paper on bye-laws is forthcoming.

#### **06/146 Minerals**

- Application for gravel extraction received by OCC in respect of Hansons. The Parish Council had successfully obtained an extension to the consultation period to mid-November. Matter to be put on the **October agenda**.
- A public meeting has been arranged by the Eynsham Society on 15 September 2006 in the village hall from 7.30pm (for viewing of the relevant papers), meeting to commence at 8pm.
- Dr. Wright circulated his summary of the application to all members.
- The Clerk has the full application on disk, the Chairman to copy for those who require one.
- A copy of the full application is on view in the library from 9th September 2006.
- Concerns over report from Hansons to the Environment Agency.
- Concerns that the public consultation has not been transparent or adequate. Too short a time scale.

#### **06/147 Members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 - item minuted as confidential under Appendix A**

#### **06/148 Dates of the next meetings**

Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday 12th September 2006 – 5.30 pm Bartholomew Room . Also Monday 2nd October 2006 (to be confirmed).  
Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 3rd October 2006 at 7.30 pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.55 pm**

**Date of Signing: 03 October 2006**