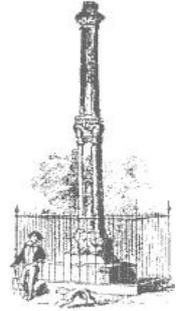


# **EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MEETING OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM AT THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNESHAM**

**Present:** **G Beach (Chairman)**  
Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, 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. Miss F Pike (WODC)

**06/149 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were accepted from Mr J Mittell, Mrs M Jones, and Cllr Mrs M Stevens

### **06/150 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.

### **06/151 Minutes of the Meeting of 5 September 2006**

The minutes of 5 September 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **06/152 Items Raised by Members of the Public - Cllr. C Mathew – Standing Orders were suspended**

Cllr Mathew reported on a meeting he had attended with Officers of Oxfordshire County Council in respect of the application from Hanson's for mineral extraction.

The new application will be advertised at the weekend of 13/14 October in the Oxford Times. It is anticipated that the application will be accepted by Oxfordshire County Council and that it will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting of 27 November 2006.

The application will be heavily supported by the Officer making representations in respect of reserves for mineral at OCC under planning policy PE2.

It is understood that Siemens will fight the application. If it goes ahead they will move to the far east.  
**Standing Orders were resumed.**

### **06/153 Clerk's Report**

Tree Risk Assessment – Mr Green had almost finished but now requires assistance for removing the higher branches. Mr Roles to assist.

Chilbridge Road – Dr Wright updated the meeting on the present position.

Toilet Refurbishment – Damage still occurring and West Oxfordshire District Council are dealing with this as and when required.

Churchyard - Meeting between the vicar, Chairman, Clerk and Mrs Gerrans to take place on 17th October 2006.

Certificate of Lawfulness A40 nurseries – Mr Rossiter updated on the decision that this be refused. The applicant has one year in which to appeal and enforcement cannot take place until after that period has expired.

Meeting with WODC re. Planning Procedures – The Chairman to deal with this.

**06/154 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman** – There was no urgent business

### **06/155 Finances**

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

**155.1** Proposed by Mr Dhesi and seconded by Dr Wright that the accounts in the sum of **£4,548.01** dated 25 September 2006 be ratified and the accounts in the sum of **£ 5,472.86** be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The cheques were then passed to Mr Dhesi and Dr Wright for signature.

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

**155.2** The Chairman updated on the decision by Neighbourhood Action Group to pay for 50% of the cost of whitewashing the kick wall to enable graffiti artists to start again. Total cost in the region of £150.

**155.3** The Clerk updated the meeting in respect of the costs of the Allotments fence and gate which would be at a cost of just over £1000 and not the £478 quoted at the last meeting. Mrs Hughes reported that there appeared to be some dispute as to where the fence and gate were to be erected. The Clerk to ask the Allotments Association to confirm the information provided and give very clear instructions before this matter is agreed.

**06/156 Items Raised by Members of the Public –** There were no items reported.

#### **06/157 Planning**

**157/1** The Clerk confirmed that there was an outstanding application in respect of 92 Acre End Street which will need to be discussed separately before the next planning meeting.

**157.2** The minutes of 12th September 2006 and 28th September 2006 were proposed for ratification by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Andrews. Unanimously agreed. Mrs Gerrans reported that the application in respect of 4 Cassington Road had been discussed but that it is confirmed that there is another application to come forward.

**157.3** Minerals application by Hansons was discussed. Council to apply for extension when new application has been received. Not sure in what form the new application will take, paper, disk or email. The Chairman has the original application on disk, the Clerk and Dr Wright have paper copies, there is a copy in the library and the website has details. Dr Wright read out policy PE2.

Agreed that there are residents in favour as well as those objecting. Impartial view has to be taken by the Council.

The employment issues for Siemens discussed.

Disappointment that the full consultation promised by OCC and Hansons had not materialized. Residents should have had a questionnaire to ascertain the views held.

Dr Wright to pass paper copy to Mr Green and Clerk to pass one to Mr Roles. Other members will access through the library or website.

#### **06/158 Correspondence**

**158.1 WODC** - Cabinet Decisions for 13 September 2006 taken by the Chairman.

**158.2 WODC** - Affordable Housing – Supplementary Planning Document noted.

**158.3 TVP** - "Whosmybobby.co.uk" publicity noted.

**158.4 OAPF** - The Playing Field newsletter taken by Ms Osborne.

**158.5 Claire Page** - English Apple Growing. Woodland Trust owns the Millennium Wood and someone at Worton Farm is already researching this. The Clerk to forward this information.

**158.6 Paul Hughes** – the Chairman explained the content of Mr Hughes' letter in respect of the ownership of the south playing field and the minutes of August meeting. The minutes were correct in respect of the information known at the time. Now confirmed that NFPA owns south playing field which was leased to the Parish Council in 1976 for a term of 99 years. The Clerk offered thanks to Mr Hughes for taking the time to research this at the County Archives Office. The August Council minutes to be cross referenced to these minutes, for information.

#### **06/159 Parish Council Vacancy**

The Chairman reported that Mrs Elizabeth Graham had resigned from the council due to family commitments. He has written to Mrs Graham thanking her for her support. The vacancy has been advertised on the notice boards.

#### **06/160 Witney Road Bus Stop**

A site meeting between members of Oxfordshire County Council, Parish Council, Stagecoach and Bartholomew School had taken place to discuss the safety issues. It was agreed that the stop should be taken out of commission in the short term and OCC to devise a safety scheme with a crossing. An article has been put in the Echo newsletter to inform residents.

#### **06/161 Footpaths**

There are just less than 30 footpaths in the parish but the definitive map and the ordnance survey maps are difficult to work with. Mr Hughes is putting these on a more workable map. Footpaths Committee will then divide the area and make a report on the state of the footpaths and gates and stiles.

The Clerk confirmed Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for all registered footpaths. The Chairman requested that any expenditure required should be decided before the Finance sub-Committee on 24 October.

#### **06/162 Council Policy on Notice Boards**

The Chairman reported that he had contacted seven local parishes to ascertain their policies. There appeared to be none. The Clerk takes down any notices advertising shops and services but leaves on anything that is a community service (local sports clubs, exercise clubs, playgroups etc).

Mr Roles reported that 33% of responses received for the Market Towns Initiative had confirmed that they got information from the notice boards and 37% would like more on the boards.

The Finance sub-committee to look at the possibility of two or three more boards and to provide larger ones. Areas suggested are outside the library and the fishponds.

#### **06/163 Eynsham Charities**

Proposed by Mr Green and seconded by Dr Wright that Mrs Leslie Gerrans and Mr George Wood be elected to the Charities for a further term. Unanimously agreed.

#### **06/164 Witney Road Play Area**

The working party had met to discuss the four quotes received. There were several permutations available. It was decided that the companies should be approached to put forward a more explicit quote for the full site and to provide a "to scale" plan. To be referred to the Finance Committee on 21 November 2006.

#### **06/165 Members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 - item minuted as confidential under Appendix A**

#### **06/166 Dates of the next meetings**

Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday 17 October 2006 – 5.30 pm Bartholomew Room.

Finance sub-Committee – Tuesday 24 October 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 7 November 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Finance Committee – Tuesday 21 November 2006 at 7.30 pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.35 pm**

**Date of Signing: 7 November 2006**