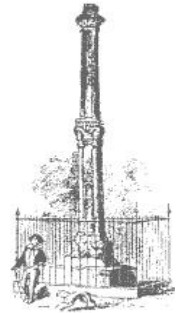


EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNSHAM

Present: Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Ms S Osborne, Messrs. R Andrews, T Green, D Rossiter, C Roles, Dr F Wright.

In Attendance: Mrs S Lee (Clerk), Cllr. C Mathew (OCC), Cllr M Stevens (WODC) and 3 members of the public

06/167 Apologies for Absence – Accepted from Ms G Barwell, Mr P Dhesi, Mr J Mittell and Cllr. Miss F Pike (WODC)

06/168 Declaration of Interests There were no declaration of interests.

06/169 Minutes of the Meeting of 3 October 2006

The following amendments were made –

06/153 – Bitterell should read Chilbridge Road

158.6 amended to read - that NFPA owns south playing field which was leased to the Parish Council in 1976 for a term of 99 years.

06/161 amended to read The Clerk confirmed Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for all registered footpaths.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

06/170 Clerk's Report – circulated

Tree Risk Assessment – Inspection needed before final decisions can take place.

Allotments fence and gate – awaiting map

Market Town initiative - to be removed from Clerk's report as committee now in place

Disability Access to Bartholomew Room – risk assessment required.

Replacement of Bollards at Spar - still awaited.

06/171 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – None

06/172 Finances.

172.1 Approval of accounts – 24 October and 7 November

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that the accounts in the sum of **£6144.40** and **£3289.29** be ratified and approved, passed unanimously signed by Mrs Gerrans and Dr Wright.

172.2 Final audited accounts and recommendations of auditor

Mr D Rossiter proposed, seconded Mr T Green, passed unanimously
Recommendations to be taken to finance meeting.

172.3 Minutes Finance Sub - Committee

Carried forward to Finance and precept meeting

- 172.4** Mr D Rossiter approved and Dr F Wright seconded payment of **£1000** to Youth centre as agreed at previous meeting. Agreed unanimously.

Out of Standing Orders

06/173 Items Raised by Members of the Public –

- 173.1** Concern was raised with regard to the traffic in the village following the installation of traffic lights on the Witney A40 junction – it was advised that there will be a Traffic Advisory Committee meeting very shortly to discuss these issues and the way forward.
- 173.2** Concern has been raised by Siemens concerning an item in the last minutes – see correspondence.

Standing Orders resumed

06/174 Planning

- 174.1** **The sub-committee minutes of 17 and 31 October 2006** were proposed for ratification by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Andrews. Unanimously agreed after amendment that Mrs Jones attended meeting on 31 October and Ashton should read Ashworth.
- 174.2** Mrs Gerrans reported that a further application in respect of 4 Cassington Road had been received and objections noted.
- 174.3** Minerals application by Hanson's has been temporarily withdrawn – it is likely anew application will be made and Cllr Matthews will try to ensure all commentary on the existing application is carried forward if this is the case. Thanks were given to Cllr Mathews and Dr Wright for all their work in this respect. Cllr Mathews advised the meeting that he has called for a motion to the effect that only 2 planning applications on the same project can be made within a 2 year period and this will be discussed by County Council in December.

06/175 Correspondence

- 175.1** **Countryside Alliance** – Letter re support of rural post offices
- 175.2** **Eynsham Neighbourhood Care**– Grant request for precept meeting
- 175.3** **WODC** – Cabinet decisions 11 Oct and 1 Nov
- 175.4** **C Cayzer** – Re Hanson – application withdrawn so no action
- 175.5** **OCC** – Bus stop Witney Road – not reopened due to costings Transport Advisory Meeting being arranged to discuss. Suggestion that stop be closed just for a short time in morning to allow children to cross road was made.
- 175.6** **VOWHDC** – Statement of Community Involvement
- 175.7** **8:59 Centrepoint** – Young People's access to affordable housing in W Oxon.
- 175.8** **OCC** – newsletter
- 175.9** **Dr A Kaindl** – Siemens have requested that the following be printed in the minutes:

Siemens Magnet Technology Ltd has filed an official objection to the application by Hanson Aggregate for mineral extraction in Eynsham Land at Cassington Lane on the grounds that the proposed mineral extraction site is in extremely close proximity to its facility and has the potential to detrimentally impact on it. These impacts would put at risk the successful operation of the facility. The grant of planning permission would be furthermore contrary to the adopted development plan and would be premature in the context of the emerging Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework (LDF). It is the intention of Siemens Magnet Technology Ltd to strengthen its global competitiveness by making long term investments to its site and minimizing risks to the operation of the facility at the same time. It is not the intention of Siemens Magnet Technology Ltd however to relocate its operations to the Far East as a consequence of potential minerals extraction.

Clerk to advise Dr Kaindl that addition has been made.

175.10 Thames Valley Police – confirming that it is no longer possible to attend monthly meetings however an update on crime in the village was received with 14 incidents reported over the last month.

175.11 The Local Channel – newsletter

175.12 Dr Ferrier – request for Parish Council approval of draft plans. It was agreed that the final plans would need to be seen before any comments could be made – meeting felt unable to comment at this stage - proposed by Dr Wright seconded by Mr Green with abstention from Mr Rossiter. Clerk to write and advise Dr Ferrier

06/176 Footpaths audit

Mrs Hughes advised that condition of all footpaths in the parish is being examined and details of improvements etc will be presented to OCC. Maps of all paths in the parish have been produced from the maps that OCC supplied – these need to be displayed in a suitable venue – library/village hall foyer. Costings for producing appropriate sized plans are being investigated. She advised the meeting that the PC is responsible for the allotment boundaries as the footpath along field 2 is within the boundary. Are we responsible for its maintenance? It was agreed all councillors should walk the path as it is very overgrown and a programme of possible works could then be decided on either in addition to or instead of the proposed fencing. It was suggested that a noticeboard be erected with a map of the parish footpaths in the car park for walkers use.

06/177 Playing Fields Managers Committee update – nothing to report.

06/178 Village Hall Management Committee update

Quinquennial work is being started commencing with electrics with rest of work following. New bollards have been fitted, projector and screen to be sited, boiler repairs in hand and tapestry to be hung.

06/179 OALC report – Dr Wright summarized the effect of Local Government new white paper

06/180 Update Market Town's Initiative

Mr Roles advised the group that the surveys were now complete and results being analysed. A snapshot will appear in Echo followed up by summary to all households and then full report. Eynsham has been selected to receive training and consultative support from the initiative and professionals will help out in identifying the way forward. Milestones will be produced and then capital funding sought to move the work forward.

06/181 Dates of the next meetings

Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday 15 November 2006 – 5.30 pm Bartholomew Room

Full Finance Committee – Tuesday 21 November 2006 at 7.30 pm.

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 5 December 2006 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed

Date: 05 December 2006