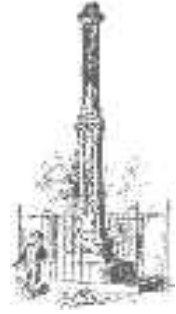


# **EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNESHAM**

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Lee (Acting Clerk), Mrs J Heath (Clerk)

**07/01 Apologies for Absence** – Accepted from Cllr Mrs. M Stevens (WODC) & Cllr C Mathew (OCC).

**07/02 Declaration of Interests** – Mr T Green declared an interest in the accounts to be paid. There were no other declarations of interest.

**07/03 Minutes of the Meeting of 9 January**

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Mr Green & Mrs. Jones to be forwarded a duplicate copy.

**07/04 Clerk's Report**

- Millennium Wood – Dr Wright to investigate further dog bins
- Signs all reported as missing awaiting action.
- Meeting 9 Feb to look at War Memorial Garden
- Governor Eynsham Primary School – all to think of an appropriate replacement governor and ask if they would be interested - discuss next meeting
- Sewerage – still awaiting update from contractor
- Footpath audit is ongoing – maps have been ordered.
- Noticeboards – finance meeting to discuss at next meeting
- Witney Road Play Area – progressing
- Village Hall Quinquennial – progressing - all electrical work carried out.
- Churchyard – still investigating ways to get the earth mound moved and sign has been ordered re footpaths.
- Bartholomew Rooms inner door – Quotes to be obtained for vertical blind for downstairs room.
- Benches – Mrs. Muttock to be contacted re plaque on bench. Memorial bench for Norman Boulwood - agreed a donation of £200 from the Parish Council towards its purchase – 11 in favour 1 abstention.
- Tractor sold for £1265.
- Clerk's advertisement – Mrs. Heath & Mr Beach to meet 15 Feb to draft.
- Bartholomew School has advised they are taking a tree down behind 1 Clover Place – will also be filling in swimming pool and taking 2 further trees down.

**07/05 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman** – none

**07/06 Traffic Advisory group**

Minutes unanimously approved. Still awaiting response from Mr Wilson re bus stop on Witney Road – Mr Rossiter, Mrs. Heath to meet on site. County research has shown that the junction of Acre End St and Witney Road traffic speeds are not dangerous at present.

**07/07 Finances - Approval of accounts – 5 February 2007**

Mr Green left the meeting. Proposed by Mrs. Gerrans and seconded by Mr Roles that the accounts in the sum of £2892.83 are ratified and approved, passed unanimously. Cheques signed by Mrs. Gerrans and Mr Roles. Mr Green returned to the meeting.

### **Out of Standing Orders**

#### **07/08 Items Raised by Members of the Public –**

- Bus priority at traffic lights is still being sorted due to a faulty unit.
- White junction lines to be requested at Hawthorn road, Beech Road, Millmoor Cres – Mrs. Heath to talk to Mr Wilson with regard to this and remind him of slow sign on Cassington roundabout.
- Mr Beach to raise lack of police presence in village through NAG. He reported that Community Support Officer should be in the village in May.

### **Standing Orders resumed**

**07/09 Planning sub-committee minutes of 30 January** were noted and unanimously agreed and signed as a true record by the sub-committee.

#### **07/10 Correspondence**

**10.1 Community Safety Partnership – Looking Out** – circulated

**10.2 DEFR – Rural Services review** – circulated

**10.3 Mr Duffy – 108 Dovehouse Close** – request to purchase strip of land adjacent to property – Clerk to advise not possible as the land is held in trust for the village and needs to be kept as open space

**10.4 Mr & Mrs. Hingley – 92 Dovehouse Close** - Mrs. Heath has spoken to them and advised to contact the police if they have further problems with youths. The fence is awaiting a quote for repair and Mrs. Heath has copied them the Land Registry map to show ownership of the land with the trees so they can move this forward.

**10.5 Wychwood Project** – unanimously agreed to make donation for the same amount as last year.

**10.6 Consultation Building Futures** – strategy can be seen on

[www.westoxon.gov.uk/furtherinfo/publications.cfm/dept/1](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/furtherinfo/publications.cfm/dept/1) or by contacting WODC Housing Services

**10.7 Gardening Club** request for use of The Square 26 May – 10 agreed 2 abstentions to give the gardening club free use for their event.

**10.8 WODC** – Parish Link - circulated.

**10.9 St Leonard's & St Peter's Church** – agreed to offer the church the lower Bartholomew Room for Holy Week – 1-8 April for cost of one days hire. 6 for and 6 abstentions. Clerk to advise.

**10.10 Junior Citizens trust** – unanimously agreed to give a £50 donation

**10.11 WODC** – statement of Community Involvement – circulated

**10.12 TVP** – meeting Policing Demands across West Oxon – circulated

**10.13 OCC** – newsletter – circulated

**10.14 TVP** – Neighbourhood team update

**10.15** Further congratulations received on the **lights in the Square**

**10.16 ORCC** – News Bulletin – circulated

**10.17 Oxford and District National Osteoporosis Society** re May day – Mrs. Heath to contact re arrangements.

#### **07/11 Mowers**

Unanimously agreed not to get old mower repaired at cost of £522.88 but look to buying a new one - £779. However, wait until after Mr Beach and the Church have met to discuss the upkeep of the Churchyard. Churchyard - agenda item next meeting.

#### **07/12 To discuss a reduction in Parish Councillors before Election**

Mr Rossiter proposed reducing the number of Councillors from 15 to 12 – felt that for over 30 years there had not been a contested election and that it was a fundamental part of

democracy that the local community had choice so it would be favorable for the village to get involved in electing their Parish Councillors -reducing the number to 12 may bring about an election. Seconded by Mr Dhesi –6 against and 4 abstentions. The majority felt that membership of sub committees would be an issue with fewer Councillors as there is already a high work load. It was agreed to publicise the elections via the Echo – copy deadline to be brought forward to 8 March and do a big publicity drive asking people for nominations to Parish Council and to consider being part of the Council. All Councillors to actively encourage others to be involved. Mrs. Heath to check with Mrs. Seeney re change of copy date and feasibility of getting the Echo out well before nominations for Councillors closes on 4 April & to give all details re timetable for nominations etc to Mrs. Stonham for website.

**07/13 Bartholomew Sports Hall – Joint use Agreement –**

The Parish Council has been asked for a reduced contribution of £1000 which will increase annually in line with RPI over a 9 year period as a year has already run -- the first payment will be due in March 2008. The agreement will be over 10 years to tie in with the period that Wycombe Leisure will be managing the site. Proposal by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Green - agreement to the above plus delegating Mr Beach & Mr Dhesi to sign the agreement when received on behalf of the Parish Council – unanimously agreed.

**07/14 OALC –** Dr Wright updated the meeting following his meeting with OALC –

- there is a new code of conduct coming into force.
- OALC will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year
- Parish Councils will in future be able to set bye laws
- Revised licensing laws are coming into place and guidance will be produced.

**07/15 Dates of the next meetings**

**Planning Sub-Committee Meeting** – Monday 19 February 2007 – 5.30 pm

**Parish Council Meeting** - Tuesday 6 March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Tuesday 24 April 2007 7.30pm Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

Signed

Date *06 March 2007*