

EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2007 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, C Roles, Dr F Wright. Cllr Mrs. M Stevens (WODC) and 7 members of the public.

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

07/16 Apologies for Absence – Accepted from Mr J Mittell, Mr P Dhesi, Mr D Rossiter, Ms G Barwell and Cllr C Mathew (OCC).

07/17 Declaration of Interests – None.

07/18 Minutes of the Meeting of 6 February

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

07/19 Clerk's Report

- War Memorial Garden – awaiting quotes to slate or gravel the garden
- Village Hall Quinquennial – projectors and screen ordered – painting and door work progressing.
- Allotment fence and gate – work on hold until flooding subsides.
- Witney Road bus stop – footpath to be widened and a barrier erected along kerb side so bus stop can be reinstated.

07/20 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – none

07/21 Finances –

• **Approval of accounts – 5 March 2007**

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs. Gerrans that accounts in the sum of £4623.97 are ratified and approved, passed unanimously. Cheques signed by Dr Wright and Mrs. Gerrans

- **Final account village hall** – unanimously agreed to waive the right to claim from builders for late completion of work in return for Council's non payment of retention fee.
- **Witney Road Play area** – unanimous agreement for Clerk to submit grant applications as necessary for play area and proceed to authorise work by approving plans and finances as tabled at the meeting.

Out of Standing Orders

07/22 Items Raised by Members of the Public –

Cllr Mrs. Stevens advised that

- WODC has set their council tax with an increase of 4.9%.
- if anyone had any queries with regard to the change of date for paying their council tax they should contact 01993 861040.
- Carbon saver packs were available from WODC either from www.westoxon.gov.uk or 0800 0282855. Details of both to go in Echo.

Members of the public advised of their concern re the proposal by OCC to tarmac the footpath/bridleway at the rear of their houses in Beech Road and incorporate it into Eynsham Primary School Travel Plan for cyclists. Mrs. Jones declared an interest in this matter as a governor of the primary school. They advised that the path is shown on all their deeds as belonging to the households in question with a right of way for the public and that they maintain the path. In addition the deeds show this path as a bridleway which cyclists cannot use. Cllr Mathew is investigating this matter and no work will be carried out until he has completed his investigations. The residents were all advised to write individually to Cllr Mathew and ask him to keep them informed of all developments and send a copy letter to the school.

Standing Orders resumed

07/23 Planning sub-committee minutes of 19 February were noted and unanimously agreed as a true record by the sub-committee. Dr Wright advised that there is still some confusion at WODC with regard to the scout/village hall wall/bollard and he is following this up. Discussion with regard to an application regarding demolishing toilets and rebuilding incorporating a pharmacy at Back Lane and the previous compulsory purchase order will be followed up by Cllr Stevens and the plans will be inspected at the relevant planning sub-committee.

07/24 Correspondence

- 24.1** S E England Regional Authority - Minerals and Waste Review consultation - ends April 07 – Dr Wright to respond on behalf of parish.
- 24.2** OCC - consultation paper on Minerals, waste local development framework comments by Friday 23 March 2007 – Dr Wright has already written draft – tabled – please can anyone let him have any other comments by 16 March so he can respond on behalf of Parish.

The rest of the correspondence was tabled for information -

- 24.3** Home2School Newsletter
- 24.4** OALC - County Circular and minutes
- 24.5** NALC - Briefing papers
- 24.6** Parish Link
- 24.7** OCC - February newsletter
- 24.8** Oxford Inspires - 2007 Celebrating a thousand years of Oxfordshire
- 24.9** LCR
- 24.10** TVP – Police report was discussed by the meeting.

07/25 Witney Road Bus stop – already discussed under Clerk's report

07/26 Footpaths – Mr and Mrs. Hughes have produced a large scale definitive map of all the local footpaths which was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Clerk to ask the Library and Doctors' surgeries if they would be interested in displaying a copy – copies cost £60. A thank you letter to Mr Hughes to be written by Clerk for all his work. Almost all footpaths have now been walked and a meeting with OCC footpaths will be arranged to sort out any issues arising.

07/27 Governors – Eynsham Primary School – Mrs. Jones advised the meeting that Mrs. Anne Marie Roisin has agreed to have her name put forward for the Parish Council Governor nomination – unanimously agreed that Clerk advise school of her interest in standing. Clerk to invite Mrs. Roisin to the Annual Parish Meeting and Mrs. Jones to get clarification from governors with regard to Annual Parish Meeting and Governor attending to answer questions etc.

07/28 Churchyard Spoil Heap – It was agreed that this was possibly the responsibility of the diocese and the grave diggers – Mr Beach to follow this up at his meeting with the St.

Leonard's vicar. Clerk to talk to local undertaker with regard to damage to gate between churches due to digger using this as a vehicular access.

Clerk and Mr Green to inspect remaining trees requiring work in Churchyard before any more work takes place and agree on course of action. Agreed that if the plague of moles becomes a real problem the man who sorted the playing fields out could be contacted.

07/28 OALC – Dr Wright updated the meeting on the proposed new code of conduct - his views on this, which were tabled, are being forwarded to OALC.

07/29 Elections – it was stressed that it is each Councillor's individual responsibility to get their nomination papers from WODC and complete and return as early as possible to allow for any possible alterations needed to the nomination.

Ms. Osborne agreed to deliver Echo to the trading estate as Mrs. Hughes will be on holiday as there is a full page article with regard to elections and those working in the parish are eligible to be Parish Councillors.

07/30 Dates of the next meetings

- Planning sub-Committee meeting – Monday 12 March 5.30pm
- Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 3 April 2007 7.30pm
- Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 24 April Village Hall 7.30pm

It was noted that the May Annual Parish Council meeting will have to be held on second Tuesday – 8 May - following elections.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed

Date **3 April 2007**