

# **EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF EYNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOMS, EYNHAM**

**Present:** Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mrs. L Gerrans, Mrs. M Jones, Ms S Osborne, Messrs. R Andrews, T Green, C Roles, Dr F Wright, Cllr Mrs. M Stevens (WODC), Cllr Miss F Pike (WODC), Cllr C Mathew (OCC) and 3 members of the public.

**In Attendance:** Mrs. J Heath (Clerk)

**07/31 Apologies for Absence** – Accepted from Mrs. V Hughes, Ms G Barwell, and Messrs. J Mittell, P Dhesi and D Rossiter

**07/32 Declaration of Interests** – None.

### **07/33 Minutes of the Meeting of 6 March 2007**

The minutes were amended at minute 24.1 to amend “Regional Housing Strategy” to “Minerals and Waste” unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **07/34 Clerk’s Report**

- Scheme of work agreed re. Maintenance of churchyard trees.
- Footpaths map – no room in library but surgery would be interested. Clerk will contact Mr Hughes.
- New Governor to school now appointed.
- Allotments fence and gate completed – reported that allotment members are happy.
- Witney Road bus stop – footpath to be widened and a barrier erected along kerb side so bus stop can be reinstated.
- Witney Road Play area – work not expected to commence until May/June.
- Quotes for gates between two playing fields received. Lower to be accepted.

**07/35 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman** – none

### **07/36 Finances – Approval of accounts – 3 April 2007**

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mr Green that accounts in the sum of £2,832.54 are approved, passed unanimously. Cheques signed for salaries (24 March) and year end (31 March). Cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans and Mr Green.

### **Out of Standing Orders**

### **07/37 Items Raised by Members of the Public**

- Cllr Miss. Pike offered her apologies for not having attended recent meetings, this being due to ill health.
- Mr Harry Brown reported that he had spoken to the police following the accident in Acre End Street and requested that the Parish Council look at the possibility of yellow lines. The Chairman pointed out that the residents were not in favour of this as the parked cars reduce the speed of traffic.
- Mrs Jones asked for an update from Cllr. Mathew on the matter of the bridleway between the Primary School and Beech Road. Cllr. Mathew reported that a meeting has been arranged.

- Mr Green reported that the two trenches for drainage by the Witney Road traffic lights were very poor workmanship and he would be reporting this to OCC.

### **Standing Orders resumed**

**07/38 Planning sub-committee minutes of 12 March 2007** were noted and unanimously agreed as a true record by the sub-committee.

### **07/39 Correspondence**

- 39.1 Mrs Christine Woodward's** concerns over the fencing at Oxford Road Play Area were discussed and it was agreed that a quote be obtained for repairs.
- 39.2 Mrs Jackie Muttock** was delighted with the plaque on the bench in the Market Square and thanks the Parish Council. She has offered to buy something for the Market Square. Agreed that this should be a planter.
- 39.3 OCC** – meeting at Bampton on Thursday 26 April to discuss feedback on a Rural Children's Centre Project noted.
- 39.4 Samaritans** – Accounts received in respect of request for S137 grant noted and grant agreed.
- 39.5 Bartholomew Players** – Letter from the Players read out. Agreed that the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee should try to resolve this dispute as soon as possible.
- 39.6 Witney Farmers Market** – Invitation to re-launch on Weds 18 April 2007 at 10 am noted.
- 39.7 Police Report** – read out by Clerk and noted.
- 39.8 David Miller** – Copy of letter to Siemens Magnet Technology noted.
- 39.9 Countryside Access** – Notes on access for cyclists noted.
- 39.10 WODC** – Update on Development Framework noted.
- 39.11 WODC** – Hire of Climbing wall for Oxford Road during school holidays discussed. Agreed that the Clerk negotiate a price for a day's hire of £300.
- 39.12 Oxford Conservation Volunteers** – Offer of services to be investigated by the Clerk.
- 39.13 WODC** – Cabinet Decisions taken by Chairman.

### **07/40 Update on replacement for Clerk**

The Chairman reported that ten applications had been received and five invited for interview. The panel is the Chairman, Dr Wright, Mrs Gerrans and Mr Rossiter.

### **07/41 Market Town's Initiative**

The translation of the Parish Plan to a Market Town's Initiative was almost completed. This in main due to the award of 10 hours of Christine Chater's expertise to assist. Mr Roles to give a report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**107/42** Dr Wright reported that as there were no comments from the members in respect of his proposed response to OCC on the consultation paper on Minerals the response had been sent.

Dr. Wright reported on the meeting attended at Worton Farm on the Local Development and Waste proposals. These seemed to be excellent and those attending the meeting were in favour.

### **107/43 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman asked for support from all the members and pointed out that the room will be open from 7 pm. The Report will be in the library from Friday 20 April and also on the website.

The police will be in attendance but there will be no senior officer.

There will be no accounts or written report (and maybe no verbal report) from the Playing Field Managers. There is also a shortage of members on this Committee.

**07/44 Dates of the next meetings**

- Planning sub-Committee meeting – Monday 23 April 2007 at 5.30pm
- Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 24 April 2007 at the Village hall 7.30pm
- Parish Council Annual Meeting – Tuesday 8 May 2007 at 7.30pm

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

Signed..... Date.....08 April 2007