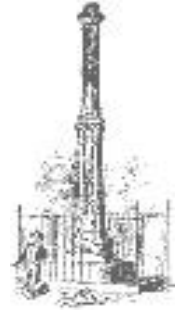


EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNESHAM

Present: Mr G Beach, Mrs. L Gerrans, Mrs. M Jones, Ms J Tinson, Messrs. R Andrews, T Green, D Rossiter, J Miller, Dr F Wright, Cllr. C Mathew (OCC) and 2 members of the public.

In Attendance: Mrs. J Heath (Clerk)

07/66 Apologies for Absence – Accepted from Mr E Taylor; Ms S Osborne; Mrs M Stevens (WODC)

07/67 Declarations of interest – Mr Green declared an interest in Agenda item 14 – Finances.

0768 Minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2007

The minutes of 8 May 2007 were amended at minute 58.9 to insert “are doing the digging” after “Podbury” and at minute 07/61 to add minute 61.6 to read: Response to consultation on minerals Site Proposals. Dr Wright to draft. The minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

07/69 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – There was no urgent business.

07/70 Clerk’s Report

The following items were reported/discussed:

70.1 Meeting between Vicar and Chairman delayed due to holidays and other constraints.

70.2 Meeting with Ian Morrow (Planning Dept. of WODC) on hold at present.

70.3 Mr Green to contact Mr Roles for meeting on memorial garden.

07/71 Finance

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of £5492.66 (as appended) be accepted. Unanimously agreed. Cheques signed by Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans. Previously paid accounts in the sum of £4855.09 (appended), as authorised by Senior Committee, noted.

07/72 Items Raised by Members of the Public – Standing Orders suspended

72.1 Mrs Stonham requested that the Council give consideration to the reprint of the Eynsham Directory to be discussed under agenda item 13. It is a useful guide to residents both new and existing for local activities and businesses. The website is used by 650 people per month, less than one third of the houses in Eynsham. A lot of people prefer a hard copy.

72.2 Mr Harry Brown updated the meeting on the police presence in the village and on some nuisance activities that he had reported to the police.

72.3 Cllr C Mathew reported complaints from residents in Back Lane in respect of the use of the tennis courts at Bartholomew School by youths, causing disturbance to the residents. Cllr. Mathew has had meetings with the Headteacher and PC Conner.

Complaints received regarding overhanging bushes on the footpath at Shakespeare Road. This is not OCC responsibility. Maintenance team to investigate.

Cllr. Mathew reported that he had emailed the Headteacher of the primary school in respect of the resurfacing of the footpath. Assumed that there will be no action until full consultation has taken place with the residents.

72.4 Mr Rossiter had received complaints regarding youths on motor bikes in Witney Road. Speed limit being broken and disturbance caused. The Clerk to report to PC Conner.

72.5 Mrs Hughes reported that the Barclays ATM machine in Spareacre Lane had not been working for some time. Clerk to write to Barclays Bank pointing this out.

72.6 Cllr. Mrs M Stevens had sent an update in respect of the green waste collection problems. The environmental team of WODC are monitoring for one month and anyone with any problems to contact them.

Standing Orders were resumed.

07/73 Correspondence

73.1 Letter of thanks from **Eynsham Cricket Club** noted.

73.2 WODC Cabinet Decisions of 23 May 2007 passed to Chairman.

73.3 Oxfordshire Assoc of Local Councils - Notification of AGM on Mon 11 June 2007

73.4 Oxfordshire Training Partnership

1 Getting to Grips with Finance Weds 4 July 2007 09.45 - 14.30 at Didcot Civic Hall - Mr Miller to attend. Clerk to book place.

2 How local Councils Fit into the Planning System Weds 10 October 09.30 - 13.00 at Didcot Civic Hall – Messrs. Miller, Andrews and Green to attend. Clerk to book.

73.5 Forest Update Friends of Wychwood newsletter noted.

73.6 S Morgan - Request for pedestrian Crossing in Acre End Street to be discussed at the next Traffic Advisory Committee

73.7 Mrs S Green - Letter of congratulations on appearance of fishponds area noted.

73.8 Oxford Green Belt - Mineral Sites Proposals and Policies Development Plan Document Consultation passed to Dr Wright.

73.9 Paul Hughes (PFMC) Works for siting of commemorative bench for Norman Boltwood. Consideration to be given at a later date.

73.10 Denise Kirby Bushes and trees on land owned by P.C. in Dovehouse Close. Mr Andrews to look at these and report back to the Clerk.

07/74 Planning

Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Green that the minutes of the planning meetings of 14 May 2007 and 4 June 2007 be adopted. Unanimously agreed.

07/75 Code of Conduct training

This had been put on the agenda following an email from Mr Taylor that the training had been very heavyweight and intimidating. Mr K Butler of WODC had been informed of the comment.

Mrs Hughes and Ms Tinson agreed that it had been complicated and a little draconian.

The Clerk to arrange for an amendment form to be raised for Mrs Hughes.

07/75 The Tuer

Proposed by Mr Rossiter and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that Thames Valley Police should address enforcement of no parking on the highway or that the Tuer be de-regulated as a highway. Motion passed by eight for, one abstention and one against. Refer to the Traffic Advisory Committee

07/76 Pavilion alarm, notice boards, weed clearance

Telephone contact for alarm to be **GB, TJG and DR.**

LG to post the notice boards for the new Clerk.

Domestic weedkiller be used next season to avoid cost of training for hazardous products.

07/77 Website

Mr Andrews gave a report on the recent meeting of the website sub-committee:

- Mr Miller and Mrs Stonham will be managing the site for relatively small outlay.
- Professional design most expensive item but this would be an initial set up cost.
- Presentation, design, communications in total to match present (branding).

Sub-committee to have an outline brief for the 17 July Finance sub-committee meeting.

07/78 Eynsham Directory

Mr Andrews gave a brief outline of the costs and requirements:

- Regular re-prints required due to it going out of date fairly quickly.
- Option to reprint small amount and provide as and when requested.
- Sponsorship obtained from two estate agents. Money from one, cost of delivery from other and 100 copies purchased at cost. This will defray cost to Council.

Proposed by Mr Miller and seconded by Mrs Hughes that provided £800 is secured through sponsorship, the council pay the rest of the costs for a full re-print and delivery to every home. Motion passed unanimously.
Consideration to be given to forming Standing Committees with delegated budgets instead of sub-committees. Finance sub-committee to discuss.

07/79 Eynsham Unlocked Leaflet

Reprint to cost £615 for 5,000 copies for two year's supply. Approximately 60 pence per leaflet. Raises the profile of the village. Details of outlets had been circulated.
Proposed by Mr Miller and seconded by Mr Green that the re-print be authorised. Motion passed by nine votes for with one abstention. Mrs Hughes to organise re-print.

07/80 Minerals Consultation and meeting

80.1 Dr Wright went through the draft response, which had been previously circulated.

References to be added:

- Comment on Green Belt
- Areas of High Landscape Value
- Access for vehicles in respect of scale of working.

Dr Wright to provide completed photocopies to the Clerk.

80.2 Stanton Harcourt Meeting

Committee formed to comment on whole document. All parishes still to send individual comments on site-specific matters that are of a factual nature.

Committee to give an overview comment on the scale of workings already in the Lower Windrush and Evenlode areas. 80% of all OCC gravel extraction comes from the West Oxfordshire area.

07/81 Village Hall Management Committee

Following noted:

- Disco had caused problems in respect of noise and bad behaviour. Deposit kept.
- Next film showing – Miss Potter – on Saturday 16th June at 7.30 pm
- Quinquennial decorations and maintenance are out for quote.
- Pedestrian access still in negotiation between scouts and VHMC.
- Projectors proving useful and popular.
- Solar heating – not suitable as potential damage from youths feared.
- Huge increase in gas costs. Boiler not working correctly. Gas engineer to be called out.
- Dispute with local drama group resolved.

07/82 Churchyard

Following noted:

- Large horse chestnut weeping and Mr Green concerned about safety. Clerk to contact tree surgeon.
- Spoil heap being levelled by the gravediggers. Large stones being distributed around the area. These will damage the mowers. Clerk to contact funeral directors for discussion.
- New mower very heavy. When considering replacement suppliers to be approached for demos.

07/83 Dates of Next Meetings

- Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8 July 2007 at the Bartholomew Room – 7.30 pm
- Planning sub-Committee meeting will be on Monday 25 June 2007 – 7.30 pm
- Traffic Advisory Committee on Tuesday 11 July 2007 – 7.30 pm
- Finance sub-Committee 17 July 2007 – 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed.....

Date.....**03 July 2007**.....