

EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 JULY 2007 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNESHAM

Present: Mr G Beach, Mrs. L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Ms J Tinson, Messrs. R Andrews, T Green, D Rossiter, J Miller, Dr F Wright, Cllr Mrs M Stevens (WODC) Cllr Ms F Pike, Cllr. C Mathew (OCC) and 8 members of the public.

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee (Clerk)

07/84 Apologies for Absence – were received and accepted from Mrs V Hughes, Mrs. M Jones and Mr E Taylor.

07/85 Declarations of interest – Mr Green declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 6 Finances – invoice for grass cutting.

07/86 Minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2007

The minutes were amended at 73.6 to read held by Dr Wright and 80.1 to read Dr Wright to provide completed photocopies to the Clerk.

The minutes were then unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed.

07/87 Clerk's Report

The following items were reported/discussed:

87.1 Chestnut tree in Churchyard – quote received with several options for works ranging from complete removal - £2300 + Vat to mulching. It was proposed and seconded that a further quote for the works be obtained and that the option to reduce the crown of the tree and remove the cabling be adopted. 8 in favour with Mr Green against. Clerk will get a further quote for works. In addition Clerk to discuss tree with Nick Dolby - WODC as in conservation area and any works may need permission.

87.2 Fencing – NPF and Elms – Clerk to obtain further quote existing quote £1575.00 + VAT.

87.3 Play area groundworks have commenced.

87.4 All Councillors were invited to attend the Flower Festival - Sat, Sun, Mon and Tues this week and see the exhibit on behalf of the Parish Council.

07/88 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman – None

07/89 Finance

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of £3441.72 be accepted. Unanimously agreed. Cheques signed by Dr Wright and Mrs Gerrans.

Standing Orders suspended

07/90 Items Raised by Members of the Public –

- **36 Newland Street** – Dr Ferrier advised the meeting that he would be happy to close the access to the proposed development via Tanners Lane if this would make the proposals more acceptable to the Council. He felt that the development would have an insubstantial effect on traffic movements in the village and that there was no parking on Newland Street

by the proposed entrance to the site due to properties there having garages. He would be happy to reduce the parking on the site to 10 garages and 10 parking spaces if the planners felt this was sufficient for the site.

- Cllr Mrs Stevens advised that despite the chaos with the green bin waste at the start of June due to a vehicle breakdown it seemed to be working well now with no complaints.
- Cllr Mathew advised that he has been looking into the planning issues at 17 Newland Street following the explosion and would like to praise the emergency planning office for dealing with the problem so effectively. The Parish Council advised that they had written to WODC re the issue of enforcement at this property and Cllr Stevens was able to provide the WODC response. WODC has responded to say that the enforcement order had been closed in 2006 due to the low level of complaints received since the workshop started in 2002. Concerns were expressed by Councillors regarding the lack of consultation on enforcement issues and these will be looked at and followed up by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Stevens advised that there are legal thresholds concerning the storage of hazardous materials but these would not have been applicable in this case due to the small amount being stored. However Cllr Mathew advised that he has requested letters to go out to all District Councils asking them to review the planning on any similar workshops in built up area where acetylene tanks may be being stored.

- Mrs L Pialek was introduced to the meeting as a potential new Parish Councillor who was observing the meeting.

Standing Orders resumed.

07/91 Planning

91.1 The minutes of the meeting on 25 June were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

91.2 Planning applications referred from the meeting on 25 June –

- 36 Newland Street – Proposal - **No objections but the following observations –**
- **concern re the possible vehicular and pedestrian use of the right of way on to Tanners Lane by residents and visitors to the retirement apartments as this would increase the traffic on to a road with poor access and could result in cars parking on Tanners Lane to visit the development. The Parish Council would request that the only access to the development is via Newland Street.**
- **Concern re an increase in traffic on Cassington Road as it is already narrow with properties with no garages parking on the road**
- **Whilst the Parish Council appreciates that this is a large development within a conservation area they feel that the development will be sufficiently screened by new and existing trees to have no detrimental affect on the appearance of the village.**

It was agreed that the breaching of the ancient wall was necessary to allow access to the site and would be worth it for the value of the development to the village. 7 councillors in favour of the proposal - Dr Wright and Mr Andrews abstained

- Beech Court Care Home, Newland Street – **the planning committee recommended No objections and the Parish Council meeting unanimously agreed these recommendations.**
- Eynsham Nursery and Plant Centre 67 Old Witney Road – **Erection of 14 dwellings with associated parking, garage and new access – the planning committee objections were discussed and the proposal that they be altered to show the following was agreed by 7 councillors with abstention from Mr Andrews and Mr Rossiter. The Parish Council objects to this application as–**
- **it is contrary to the local plan as it is not a logical complement to the existing development pattern of the village – H7 Local Plan 2011.**

- **The extension of the Old Witney road will result in the further congestion of an already busy road with the associated traffic problems. There will be a detrimental impact on the traffic flows through the village especially on Spareacre Lane and Acre End Street which are already experiencing high levels of through traffic. In addition the proposed road is very narrow and will not result in a suitable access road.**
- **The Parish council would wish to see the density of the site assessed as they value the importance of the affordable housing threshold. Policy H11**

07/92 Correspondence

- OCC – Review of external transport posts – Clerk to respond to advise the Parish Council have never worked with the post holders so can not comment
- Mr Thomas – Comments re planning application at Nursery – examined with planning application
- Richard Conner – police update
- Request for Parish Council representative on Market Town Initiative project – Mr Andrews was nominated as rep – Clerk to advise Mrs Stonham
- Mrs Pialek re Parish Council vacancy – to be discussed in August meeting
- WODC Playground inspection – Clerk to pass copies on to Maintenance to ensure essential works are carried out.
- Playing Fields Managers re Legionnaires disease – Clerk to discuss the policy at WODC with regard to safety checks etc and advise playing fields accordingly. It was agreed that the Parish Council had a duty of care to the users of its public buildings however any costs would have to be reflected in the room hire fees for the following year. **Action: Clerk**
- Copy letters re planning on Old Witney Road – examined with planning application.

07/93 Dates of Next Meetings

- Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 7 August 2007 at the Bartholomew Room – 7.30 pm
- Planning sub-Committee meeting will be on Monday 16 July 2007 – 5.30 pm
- Traffic Advisory Committee on Tuesday 10 July 2007 – 7.30 pm
- Finance sub-committee 17 July 2007 – 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed..... Date...**07 August 2007**.....