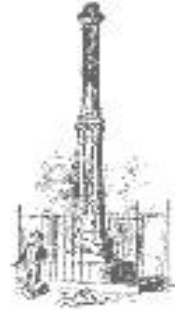


EYNESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Eynsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 7 August 2007 at 7.30pm in the Bartholomew Rooms, Eynsham

Present: Mr G Beach (Chair), Mrs. L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, Ms S Osborne, Ms J Tinson, Messrs. R Andrews, T Green, D Rossiter and Mr E Taylor. County Cllr. C Mathew, District Cllr Mrs M Stevens and 6 members of the public.

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee - Clerk

07/94 Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. M Jones and Dr F Wright.

07/95 Declarations of interest – Mr Green declared a prejudicial interest in item 6 on the agenda - Finance - as a self employed contractor to the Parish Council with an invoice to be paid.

07/96 Minutes of the meeting of 3 July 2007 were agreed as a true copy of the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Dr Wright's suggestion that his comments re tree works at the proposed development at Dr Ferrier's had been omitted were unanimously decided not to have been part of the previous meeting.

07/97 Clerk's Report - tabled

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Chestnut tree in Churchyard – still awaiting several quotes - have had more contractors to inspect the tree with the general consensus that it will need to be removed within 5 years so remedial works now may not be cost effective. Chairman to discuss with Church at meeting in September.
2. Fencing – NPF and Elms – Clerk to obtain further quotes and look into a different style of fencing that may be less easy to vandalise.
3. Legionnaires' Disease – HSE advice taken and local consultant has visited – quote of £280 to carry out a risk assessment – unanimously agreed to proceed with this and advise PFM of the current situation. All costs with regard to this will have to be passed on to the users of the Pavilion in next year's hire costs.
4. Xmas Lights competition – entries to be judged following next planning meeting – 28 August.
5. Mower – has been repaired again - will get quotes for new machine as the existing one is becoming more unreliable.

07/98 Urgent Business Raised with Prior Consent of Chairman

Flooding – There has been increased concern re the possible extension of the flood plain expressed to the Parish Council. Mr Rossiter has been in contact with the Environment Agency to discuss this. It was agreed that the village resident who contacted the Parish Council will be asked to resubmit his photographs together with a map clearly labelled to show where the photographs were taken and at what time of day. These would then be submitted to the Environment Agency and WODC for their attention and subsequent action. If anyone else has any photographs of the floods and would like to submit them as well please let the Clerk have them with all the above details.

07/99 Finance

Payment of accounts - tabled

Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mrs Hughes that accounts in the sum of £3071.52 be accepted – all unanimously agreed and cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans and Mrs Hughes.

Minutes of finance committee 17 July were proposed for adoption by Mrs Hughes and seconded by Mr Rossiter – unanimously adopted with all the recommendations to full Council.

Year End Accounts

As the accounts had only been finalised this afternoon all Councillors were given a copy and 2 weeks to make any comments, queries etc to Clerk. It was unanimously agreed to delegate authority to adopt the accounts to the Chairman and Clerk who would complete the audit commission forms on Tuesday 28 August once any comments received.

Standing Orders suspended

07/100 Items Raised by Members of the Public –

- Cllr Mathew advised he is investigating several issues with regard to the flooding and will report back to the Parish Council at a later date.
- Cllr Mrs Stevens advised she knew of several properties in Barnard Gate affected by the flooding and will liaise with the Clerk.
- Mrs Stonham will discuss with other photographers re using any pictures they have of the floods
- Mr Brown advised he has made contact with the new PCSO and will be putting in an appeal to get increased funding for local policing. The Chairman confirmed that one new PCSO has started but will be on holiday until the start of September when the second PCSO will join her – both to be invited to the PC meeting in October . **Action: Clerk.**
- Lynne Chapman – the new youth worker for Eynsham and Tessa and Sam from the youth Club gave an update on what is happening at the Youth Centre. They were welcomed to the meeting and Lynne was invited to attend the NAG meeting – it was stressed that both the PC and NAG are very keen to work with the youth in the village and if they had any projects where funding may be needed proposals should be received by late September. They were also keen to have input into the Annual Report and Annual Meeting. Clerk to arrange to meet with Lynne to discuss.
- Witney Road Play Area – a resident has requested that consideration be given to reducing height of hedge as there has been large increase in vandalism recently and this would increase the site's visibility. It was agreed to review this once the landscaping was in place as the hedge makes a good barrier for noise. It was also agreed to monitor the parking on the verge by the play area as this will soon be a flowerbed.

Standing Orders resumed.

07/101 Co-option of new Councillors

2 applications have been received for the 3 vacant spaces on the Parish Council – Mrs Linda Pialek and Mrs Adrienne Beavis. Their letters of application were circulated and Ms Osborne proposed and Mr Green seconded their applications with unanimous approval. Clerk to contact with regard to induction to the Parish Council. This leaves one vacant space on the Parish Council.

07/102 Communications Committee – Eynsham Directory

Mrs Hughes advised that Mrs Stonham had raised the following sums - £50 Abbey Rentals, £223 Wycombe Leisure and £150 Chancellors plus free delivery - for the Parish Council towards the total cost of reprinting the Eynsham Directory - £885. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the reprinting.

07/103 Traffic Advisory Committee – minutes 10 July – Circulated.

Ms Osborne proposed and Mr Andrews seconded adoption of the minutes – unanimously accepted.

The Tuer – correspondence has been received to suggest the Tuer may be an unadopted road with part ownership by the Pimm family. Chairman will respond to letter and forward to Clerk for discussion with Mr Wilson at OCC. Concern was expressed that if OCC were able to issue a Stopping up order the cars that currently park in the Tuer would park on the road causing a further problem for an area that already has traffic problems. In addition the initial issue raised was that people wanted to drive through the Tuer and this would not be possible if bollards were erected. Further discussion to be had at Traffic Advisory once the ownership of the road has been confirmed. The issue of enforcing any illegal parking may be relieved once the PCSO's are in place.

Bus Stop – Witney Road – Cllr Mathew advised that the lamppost was now in the middle of the pavement, as it wasn't moved when the pavement was extended. There are no plans to move this at present and access along the pavement to wheelchairs, pushchairs etc should not have altered. Possible new bus stop between Tesco's and roundabout – OCC are doing an appraisal and the Clerk is collecting local comments to feed into this.

07/103 Planning

- **The minutes of the meetings on 16 July and 6 August** were unanimously approved as true records of the meetings.

07/104 Correspondence

- Philippa Jones re anti social behaviour – Chairman has responded.
- WODC – Planning Policy update and offer to attend Parish Council meeting to update – Clerk to contact and arrange an additional meeting to discuss – possibly 3rd Tuesday of September or October.
- ORCC – request for information re migrant workers in rural communities who may have unmet support needs – no workers identified.
- WODC – Mobile Climbing Wall – Clerk to discuss with Youth Club re applying for a grant to match fund a session in Eynsham.
- Oxon Assoc for the Blind -Grant request – to finance committee
- BTCVCommunity Network Membership renewal unanimously agreed to renew.
- Mrs Gascoyne - re trees in Back Lane. Clerk to discuss with Dr Wright and check if lease gives responsibility for trees to Village Hall Committee.
- WODC re Polling Stations review – all advised of review.
- K Holeszowska re possible sponsorship from house builder in Eynsham – Clerk to obtain more details.
- TVP – Update on activity for information
- S Green re Echo delivery expressing difficulties in distributing a flier in addition to newsletter – agreed to take this into consideration in future.
- J Stonham re Graffiti Wall – to be discussed with Youth committee.
- OCC – Grass cutting grant - £2981.34 to be paid - for information.
- B Hammersley – asking if a public meeting re flooding is planned – Clerk to advise of the discussion under urgent business.
- J Blakeman re Traffic Advisory meeting comments + fire Newland St – Clerk to pass comments on to appropriate authorities and advise Mr Blakeman of this and of the correspondence with WODC re planning enforcement.
- WODC – Request for information re numbers of properties flooded – Clerk to liase with Cllr Mrs Stevens to complete and return audit form.
- Letter re tree in churchyard – more quotes have been requested and additional information with regard to the tree. It was agreed to look at the 2 other trees causing concern at the same time. **Action: Clerk**
- Flooding – did local residents get all the information they needed from WODC – to check with those affected.

07/105 Dates of Next Meetings

Parish Council meeting Tuesday 4 September 2007 at the Bartholomew Room – 7.30 pm
Planning sub-Committee meeting Tuesday 28 August 2007 – 5.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Date...**04 September 2007**