



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mr D Rossiter, Mrs. L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, Ms S Osborne, Mrs. M Jones, Ms J Tinson, Mr R Andrews, Mr T Green, Dr F Wright, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr P Staley. Mr J Miller and 3 members of the public – Ms J Stonham and Mr H Brown and District Cllr Mrs M Stevens

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee - Clerk

08/88 Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Mrs A Beavis, Mrs L Pialek, County Cllr. C Mathew, District Cllr Ms F Pike

08/89 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors. Mr Green – prejudicial interest in Finance - payment to him for Churchyard works.

08/90 Public Participation

- Mr Brown informed the meeting of his letters to Gordon Brown and Home Office with regard to police pay in the Thames Valley and the loss of officers to the Metropolitan police force. He is awaiting a reply and will advise the meeting further in due course.
- District Cllr M Stevens advised of the continuing problems with flooding in the village following a day of rain – properties in Barnard Gate were under water and other properties were under threat. She stressed that it was vital when Nick Hands – WODC- visits the village – 4 July – for his flood walkabout that he covers all the areas affected. She advised that WODC had been recommended for a National Emergency Response Award following July 2007 floods - further details on the website – and that it was National Recycling Week and WODC were actively promoting this event.
- Mr Green advised of a dam that had been placed on the Chilbrook and needed clearing and also of a hedge that needed cutting back overhanging the Chilbrook – he would point these out for discussion on the flood walkabout.

08/91 Minutes of the meeting of 6 May 2008 were proposed by Mrs Gerrans and unanimously accepted as a true copy of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

08/92 Clerk's Report – circulated.

- Fishponds rescue aids will be installed by Mr Green once the weather improves.
- There are several areas of the village that the Clerk is trying to ascertain ownership of – footpath between Wytham View and Dovehouse Close, footpath between Hanborough Close and Marlborough Place.
- The PC are currently paying for the trade bin at the Church – the Clerk is in correspondence with the Church with regard to these as the waste is not only from the churchyard.
- Volunteers were requested for –
 - the next drop in - 28 June – several councillors will get back to the Clerk re availability and
 - to be on standby to lock up the Pavilion on Sat 21 June – Clerk to email all **Action: Clerk.**

08/93 Police – this item was requested by Mr Brown and covered in public participation.

08/94 Finance – Mr Green left the meeting

- **To approve payment of accounts as listed on schedules -**

Proposed by Dr Wright and seconded by Mrs Gerrans that accounts in the sum of £8577.73 be accepted– unanimously agreed and cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans and Dr Wright.

Salary run cheques included in total signed by Mr Beach and Mr Rossiter on 24 May 2008.

Mr Green returned to the meeting

- **To approve audited accounts** – The Annual Return was proposed for adoption by Mrs Gerrans with unanimous approval. The Annual governance statement was proposed for adoption by Dr Wright with unanimous approval. Chairman and RFO signed the annual return for forwarding to external auditors for inspection.

08/95 Correspondence

TWW Wood	Elm trees in Eynsham	The PC were advised of disease resistant elm trees available from Knoll gardens in Dorset if they wished to plant elm trees again in the village.
DPDS Consulting	East Eynsham response to PC	Notes from meeting with Senior committee circulated with all information contained
Mr Weedon	PC responsibility land corner Clover Place /Witney Road request to cut back foliage	Inspected and arranged for PC to cut back. It was agreed this land was part of the highway and included in OCC grant payment.
Lisa Thomas	Suggested signposting for medical centre	Referred to OCC for consideration
Standards Board	Alleged breach of code of conduct by Parish Councillor	No investigation to take place
Cottsway	Response to PC letter re consultation	Cottsway to attend July PC meeting to discuss their proposals.
David Cameron	Flooding in West Oxon	Copy of debate – forwarded to website and interested parties
Mr Jago	Possible sale of land for extension of churchyard	Chair, Mrs Gerrans and Clerk met with him on site on 3 June to discuss the possibility – Clerk will investigate further re value of land etc.- .
Mrs Johnson	Poor condition of alley between Hanborough Close and Marlborough Place	Investigating ownership – not OCC or Cottsway; awaiting response WODC — will write to adjacent property owners re overhanging foliage.
WODC	Code of Conduct amendments	Initial assessment of all complaints will now be dealt with locally at WODC Standards Committee. They are seeking a member as Deputy Parish rep — Chair may be interested will advise Clerk.

For information

Oxon Assoc Blind and Samaritans	Thank you for donation	
OCC	Local Council Liaison Event	10 November Witney – Chair and Clerk to attend
John Welch and Stammers	Title info etc sub lease playing fields Eynsham	For records
Neighbourhood Care Scheme	Thank you for donation	

08/96 To appoint Parish Council Trustee to Eynsham Consolidated Charity and Bartholomew Educational Foundation – The Clerk to the Foundation and Charity had advised that Mr Donald Richards had been proposed to stand for the vacant trustee positions. It was proposed by Dr Wright and unanimously approved that Mr Richards be appointed as the Parish Council representative. Clerk to advise Clerk to Foundation and Charity.
Action: Clerk

08/97 Sports Centre – Mr Rossiter advised that there were continuing issues with regard to local groups being unable to get bookings in the Sports Centre. He will contact Mr Hamilton, Bartholomew School to ascertain if it is possible to offer a local boys football team a 5-6pm slot.

The Sport England application document from OCC was tabled and the basis that the funding for the sports hall was obtained was discussed – terms such as – *the centre would ensure the return of sports clubs to the village who will no longer have to travel for the use of facilities and Eynsham has issues of Anti social behaviour- particularly during winter months – and the new facility should revolutionise Eynsham and surrounding villages* led the PC to believe that the application was on the grounds of local use having priority . It was agreed that the arbitration procedure still seemed to be the only way that any solution would be found to the issue of what is termed local community. It was suggested that Sport England be contacted to advise them of the issues but many felt that now the project is complete the matter is in the hands of OCC, WODC etc.

WODC have still not produced a Practical Policy Framework for the building and advise that they operate the same policy at all sports centres in the district. However other PC's have not made a contribution to the running of the centres. Mr Rossiter will advise PC of the outcome of his discussion with the School and if necessary will brief a member of PC for the next Sports centre management committee meeting. It was agreed to put this matter on the July agenda for further update and decision re action.

Action :Mr Rossiter and Clerk – agenda

08/98 Village Hall - It was proposed by Mr Andrews with unanimous approval that permission be granted for the village hall to install a commercial dishwasher providing all works were carried out by a qualified contractor.

Copies of correspondence between Dr Wright, solicitors and village hall had been circulated and were discussed. It was agreed that Dr Wright would ask the Village hall management committee if they wished the PC to take on the dispute between themselves and the Scouts. A meeting would then be arranged with both parties to agree on a final decision made by the PC. Dr Wright will take this to the next village hall meeting on 23 June and report back to next meeting.
Action: Dr Wright.

Scout public liability insurance – the Clerk has received an email confirming *that the policy extends to property owners liability which rests upon any Scout authority which owns, or is responsible for the upkeep of, land and/or buildings .* She has requested this in writing from the insurance company. **Action : Clerk**

08/99 Minerals – Dr Wright tabled an update on the current Minerals situation. He advised that David Cameron will be requested to send an updated letter of objection to Hanson's proposals, Siemens are still working on the model for flooding with the EA and the application may be considered in July or September. The Eynsham and Cassington Gravel Committee are preparing themselves for either date and Dr Wright stressed the importance of working together with both PC's support.

He would send details of the undertaking from the A40 inquiry in 1994 that no gravel extraction should take place in the area until the A40 had been dualled to Mr Andrews.

Action : Dr Wright.

08/100 WODC Emergency Planning – It was proposed by the Chair that an Emergency Committee be set up to look at the WODC Parish Emergency Plan document in more detail. It was felt that a lot of the suggestions were beyond the powers of the PC but that local information could be collected into one document for use during flooding etc. Dr Wright, Mr Beach, Mr Andrews, Mr Rossiter and District Cllr Stevens all agreed to form the committee. The Clerk would prepare a draft document for circulation to all and discussion and circulate all with regard to a suggested date for the first meeting. Terms of reference would be drawn up etc. In addition Clerk to liase with Cllr Stevens with regard to information she has obtained re a cascade system to warn local residents of possible flooding etc. **Action Clerk**

08/101 To approve minutes of Committee meetings –

Planning – 12 May and 2 June 2008 – proposed Mrs Gerrans and unanimously approved as true records of the meetings with the addition of apologies from Mrs Jones on 2 June. Dr Wright advised that the Eynsham Society is considering referring the planning application decision re Back Lane toilets to the ombudsman. The PC felt that the conditions imposed on this application reflected their concerns however they requested that the Clerk contact WODC with regard to the independent assessment of the walnut tree that had been requested and other points in the PC concerns to obtain clarification of how WODC will address these concerns.

Action: Clerk

Play Area – 27 May 2008 – minutes proposed by Ms Osborne with unanimous approval and adopted by the PC. It was confirmed that the hedge on the Witney Road play area had been reduced in height when the landscaping was carried out. Concerns with regard to the quantity of chippings on the landscaping had been raised and the play area committee will look at this on their walkabout on 7 July.

Action: Play Area Committee

Finance – 20 May 2008 – minutes proposed by Mr Rossiter with unanimous approval and adopted by the PC. All the recommendations were proposed for adoption by Mr Rossiter and passed with unanimous agreement. Confidential staff minute had not been circulated – Clerk to circulate to all for info.

Action: Clerk

Senior Committee – 14 May 2008 – notes were agreed as a true record. There was no further news re the proposed development at East Eynsham.

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings

- Planning committee – 23 June 2008 5.30pm
- Communications – 17 June 7pm
- Full Council meeting – 1 July 7.30pm – Cottsway will be attending.
- Play Area 7 July 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

Date...01 July 2008.....