



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the
Bartholomew Room at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5 August 2008

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mrs V Hughes Mr D Rossiter, Mrs. L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Ms J Tinson, Mr R Andrews, Mr T Green, Mr P Staley, Mrs L Pialek, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr J Miller and 6 members of the public – Ms J Stonham, Mr N Butler-Miles, Mrs S Bibb, Mr H Brown, County Cllr. C Mathew and District Cllr Mrs Stevens

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee - Clerk

08/114 Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from Mrs M Jones, Mrs A Beavis & Dr F Wright

08/115 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors. Mr Green expressed a prejudicial interest in Finance - payment for work in the churchyard.

08/116 Public Participation –

Discussion with regard to the WODC Eynsham flood report – it was stressed that it was vital that any parishioners with evidence, comments etc with regard to flooding forwarded these to Mr Laurence King – WODC ASAP. WODC have agreed to produce an updated copy of the report when all the evidence has been received – no deadline currently set.

08/117 Minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2008 were proposed by Mrs Gerrans and the Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true copy of the meeting with alterations at 08/111 to indicate that the fence in question was the Southern fence, and that Dr Wright reserved his position until a final decision was made re the dispute and at 08/112 that there **may** be no paper copies of planning applications and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

08/118 Clerk's Report – circulated.

- Mr Miller advised he is still looking into the new domain name.
- A request for a barbecue on the Market Square was unanimously approved providing appropriate floor covering was used.
- It was pointed out that 2 forms were needed to be completed by anyone wishing to register on the WODC housing register for one of the proposed rural exception site houses.
- No response has been received to the Parish Council's questions with regard to the proposed development by Cottsway – Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**
- Mr Green advised that the leaves on the horse chestnut trees in the churchyard are all dying – Clerk to ask Goodwood Trees to advise. **Action : Clerk**

08/119 Finance

- To approve payment of accounts as listed on schedules - Proposed by Mrs Gerrans and seconded by Mr Andrews and **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £96,154.89 be accepted– unanimously agreed and cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans &

Mr Rossiter. Salary run cheques included in total and signed by Mr Rossiter & Mr Beach on 23 July 2008.

- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £96,140.71

08/120 Correspondence

Oxford Partnership	Oxfordshire 2030 Consultation	Circulated to all – all to respond individually. Action: All
WODC	Shaping Futures	On agenda
WODC	Parish Flood Report Road show	Details passed on to all interested parties – road show in Eynsham requested.
Bower Mapson	3 Thames Street – thanks to all for bearing with inconvenience while building works took place	
Cottsway	Welcommunity	Information re grant – circulated to groups and website.
Mrs Snowden	Church Street is not shown on the Eynsham Directory map	Thanked for her comments - passed to Ms Stonham for next directory
OCC	Land ownership with ragwort growing in it	Clerk to advise OCC that land is owned by OCC and the field owned by 90 Indians.
Mr Van Dam	Overhead planes for comment	No action that the PC can take – Clerk to advise.
OCC	Partial review of RPG9 & Draft SE Plan review of sub-regional allocation of land won aggregates	Dr Wright had responded to the allocation of land won aggregates review
WODC	The Big Tidy Up	Passed to Mr Andrews re Baptist church litter pick – he advised they are working towards a community action group for the village.
OCC	Back Lane Closure – 19-22 August	Affected residents to be advised by contractors.

For info

Oxon Highways	Annual Report	
WODC	Standards Committee	To Chairman
ORCC	Review	
Clerks & Councils Direct		
NHS	Health News	
OPFA	Playing Field	Copies to Play area committee, Mr Powell
Forest Update	Wychwood Project newsletter	

08/121 WODC – Shaping Futures

Mr Beach proposed that due to the wide scope of the report that no collective response was possible and that councillors should response individually to this report – this was unanimously **RESOLVED** as appropriate.

Mr Andrews proposed that if there was any issues the Parish Council would like to see included they should be pro-active and suggest these to WODC. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that any councillor with issues they wish to be included for Eynsham should forward these to the Clerk for notification to WODC. **Action: All.**

08/122 WODC Flood report – The short timescale on consultation on this report has caused concern in the parish. As a result WODC have agreed that a further document would be produced after further comments etc have been received from parishioners. Cllr Mathew has forwarded a copy to Siemens and he has been advised that the results of their flood report will be incorporated in the final document.

The main concern of the PC was what happens next? As land drainage authority WODC have the power to get work carried out but do not have the duty to do the work - they will need to work with landowners etc to get the suggested actions carried out. Clerk to ascertain from WODC the next step – a clear action plan is required giving priorities for work and some indication of what work is likely and what is unlikely to take place in order not to raise false hopes in the parish on works. In addition details such as who will make the decisions re work carried out, who will monitor work and what the timescales will be is needed. **Clerk** to ask Laurence King at WODC re these issues and invite him to attend a meeting to discuss.

08/123 Sports Centre – the July meeting was cancelled so there was nothing to report.

08/124 Playing Fields – the Clerk is working with the Playing Fields Managers to draft a management agreement for management of the Fields. The draft document will be brought to a Parish Council meeting for agreement. Ms Osborne & Ms Tinson are the Parish Council representatives on the PFMC and are involved in the process.

The issues of dogs on the field had been discussed at the last PFMC meeting and the committee were looking into erecting additional signage.

08/125 Churchyard – Mrs Gerrans and the Clerk met with the District Valuer with regard to the value of the land in question – a reply has not yet been received from the District Valuer.

08/126 Wastie's Apples & Eynsham Wood – the Woodland Trust have responded and have no plans for planting any Wastie's apple trees in the Millennium Wood due to the management of these being far more labour intensive than they can manage. Due to this issue it was agreed that Fishponds would not be a suitable location for planting Wastie's apples and it was felt that individual purchasers would help to keep the apple trees alive in the village. It was proposed by Mr Rossiter and **RESOLVED** unanimously that no further action be taken.

08/127 Village Hall - Dr Wright had forwarded a letter to the PC from a special meeting of the VHMC held on 28 July 2008 and signed by 12 people with regard to the ongoing dispute between the Scouts and the Village Hall. The PC did not feel that the letter requested them to take any action at present and was for their information. The Chairman and Clerk have met with a representative of the Scouts who do not feel able to attend a meeting whereby the final decision will be abiding to all at present. The Chairman is still working on a way forward to finalise this dispute and will report back to the next meeting with suggestions for further action. It was proposed by Mr Green and unanimously **RESOLVED** to wait until the next meeting to ascertain if a meeting date had been able to be set.

The request for a cigarette butt holder to be installed at the village hall was proposed by Mr Green and unanimously **RESOLVED** to be accepted.

08/128 To approve minutes of Committee meetings –

Planning – 14 July & 4 August 2008 – proposed by Mrs Gerrans and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept as true records of the meetings

Play Area 8 July 2008 – minutes were not yet available. Mrs Pialek raised several points from the meeting for consideration –

Oxford Rd Play Area – Clerk to get quote for removal of Sputnik – signs are in place indicating out of use and all seats have been removed. In addition quotes to be obtained for replacement and a quote to replace a swing seat with one suitable for a disabled child. **Action: Clerk**

Wytham View Play Area – Clerk to obtain quotes for removal of the fencing at the entrance to the play area and arrange for branches to be cut back to a minimum height of 2.4m. In addition to register interest in new Play builder Grant. **Action: Clerk**

Witney Rd Play Area – quote for new gate to be approved – see finance meeting minutes and it was pointed out that the committee felt that resurfacing would have to take place on the basketball court in the future. **Clerk** to report to Bartholomew School re missing fence posts on school fence.

Traffic Advisory 15 July 2008 – minutes accepted for information – **Clerk** to check when the new signage at stops will be active and if all stops will have the text message re bus times.

Finance 22 July 2008 – proposed Mr Rossiter and unanimously **RESOLVED** as a true record of the meeting with all the following recommendations proposed by Mr Miller and **RESOLVED** to be accepted unanimously–

- Close WODC Wytham View charity account and transfer to play area reserves.
- New gates – Witney Rd play area - £285 – Clerk to instruct work to commence
- Notice boards – quotes received of £3932.98 – 2 x 3 bay and 1 x 1 bay – Greenbarnes £3113 – Harry Stebbings and 2 quotes awaited – to authorise Communications committee to spend up to £4000 net on new notice boards as detailed. It was pointed out that the notice board at Barnards Gate had been vandalised – **Communications Committee** to discuss.
- Clearance of Church corner – Pimms £1700 no further quotes as no one else has access to land – Clerk to instruct work to commence.
- Bench Newland Street – agreed expenditure of up to £500 & Clerk to contact Nursing home re location and possible sharing of costs.

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings

- Emergency Planning Committee – Tuesday 12 August 2008 7.30pm
- Planning committee – Monday 1 September 2008 5.30pm
- Full Council meeting – Tuesday 2 September 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Date.....