



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the  
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 6 January 2009 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present: Councillors** - Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mrs A Beavis, Mr D Rossiter, Mrs. L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Jones, Mr R Andrews, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Sheppard, Mrs L Pialek Dr F Wright & Mr P Staley and 10 members of the public – District Cllrs Mrs M Stevens & Miss F Pike, Ms J Stonham, County Cllr C Mathew, Mr A Collett and 5 members of the public.

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S Lee – Clerk

**08/196 Apologies for Absence** were received & accepted from Ms J Tinson.

**08/197 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors.**

- Mrs Hughes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in finance due to family connections to contractor.

**08/198 Public Participation –**

Members of the public advised that they felt the amendments to the plans for the proposed Eynsham development did not alter their objections in any way as they did not solve any of the problems highlighted by initial plans.

District Cllr Mrs Stevens advised -

- that proposals for the Back Lane toilets were going to Cabinet on 7 January and the options being looked at were refurbishment of the existing building, replacement with a semi permanent toilet or taking away the facilities all together. The Parish Council were disappointed that they had not been involved in the process at all as not only was the facility in the parish but the PC had invested money in new facilities for the village. The PC stressed that they wished to see toilet facilities back on the site as soon as possible and wished to be involved in further discussions.
- that the device to clear up the pollution on the Chilbrook needed to be removed – **Clerk** will discuss with Environment Agency.
- that Brown Owl had retired after 30 years service – **Clerk** to arrange for an appropriate editorial for the Echo.
- that Xmas trees would be recycled in the Back Lane car park on Saturday.

Mr Collett advised of his interest in the vacancy on the Parish Council and advised that he was a born and bred resident of the village and was passionate about it and its future.

County Cllr Mathew advised -

- that he had arranged a meeting with regard to the flooding of Station Rd on Sat 3 January and he apologised for not inviting the PC to attend. He reported back on the meeting and advised that the next meeting would be on Wednesday February 4 and **Mr Rossiter** would attend for the PC.
- that a market towns review was taking place and requested that the PC complete the questionnaire that had been forwarded.
- that he feels the amendments to the Bitterell application don't address the original objections and he has been advised by EA that they still intend to object to the application.

08/199 Minutes of the meetings of 2 December 2008 were proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were signed by the Chair

**08/200 Clerk’s Report.**

An update on outstanding issues was circulated - there were no questions. The Village hall committee had previously had permission to erect a sign on the building for Acre End Pre-school and they now requested approval over its positioning and this was unanimously **GRANTED**. Dr Wright was asked to request that the pre-school remove their A board from the pavement as it is causing a hazard to pedestrians.  
**Action: Dr Wright.**

**08/201 Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The Clerk advised that there had been 3 expressions of interest in the vacancy with 1 written application received to date. It was agreed that co-option would take place at the February meeting.

**08/202 Finance**

Mrs Hughes left the meeting

- It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £7569.69 and salary run cheques - £4996.34 be accepted - cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans & Dr Wright. Salary run cheques signed by Dr Wright & Mrs Gerrans on 19 December.

Mrs Hughes returned to the meeting

- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £456

**08/203 Correspondence**

Denise Kirby	Response re bus shelter – Clerk has responded and will keep PC informed
Nicola Shorter - EA	Re Station Rd – copy letter to residents – EA are seeking funding to carry out a topographic survey with the possibility of putting a holding pool in – this will be discussed at the next flood meeting on 4 February 2009.
OCC	Diversion of footpath 5 – footpaths committee have reviewed the diversion and recommend approval - it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that full council unanimously accepted these recommendations.
OCC	Market Town review questionnaire – the market town initiative group is no longer meeting in the village - they had met many targets and the lead had become one of economic development. A Chamber of Commerce had been attempted to be set up but none of the businesses in the village had the time needed to get this off the ground. It was suggested that OCC may like to take a lead on this and look at helping to set this up in the village as businesses were keen. In addition industrial units could be involved. <b>Clerk to respond.</b>

For Info

ORCC	Review
WODC	Shaping Futures
Jane Tomlinson	Swinford Toll Bridge campaign – an article will be placed in the Echo

### 08/204 Planning

- Planning Committee meeting –it was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of 5 January be adopted as a true record of the meeting.
- 08/1341/P/FP – Amendments to Land adj B4449 Eynsham Eastern bypass – erection of 100 dwellings with associated parking. Formation of new vehicular access and associated works.

Mr Rossiter advised that the revised flood report and modelling suggests that the flood issues may be solved if the culvert under the B4449 is cleared and maintained. Dr Wright expressed his continued concern re building in the conservation area and will continue his dialogue with WODC in this respect.

It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the comments made in the minutes of 5 January be accepted as the response from the Parish Council to the amendments.

08/205 – **Sports Centre** – this was discussed in the next agenda item

### 08/206 – Meeting with WODC

Prior to this meeting the Senior Committee and District Councillors met with Mr Neudegg – Chief Executive – WODC, Mr Tucker - Strategic Director – WODC and Ms Diane Shelton – Head of Leisure – WODC to discuss the Parish Council’s concern with regard to their working relationship with WODC. The main issue was the lack of information that the PC was receiving from WODC with regard to work etc being undertaken in the parish. Three examples were given –

- a) Back Lane toilets – despite the PC investment in this project they have not been involved in any of the discussions with regard to the possible replacement toilets. Mr Neudegg agreed to advise Cabinet of this at their meeting on 7 February and to arrange for the PC to be advised of the outcome of the Cabinet meeting and to be involved in future discussions with regard to the replacement toilets.
- b) Sports Centre – it was agreed that a lettings document would be drawn up in consultation with the PC and presented for approval to the Joint Sports Centre management group to show that a balance of users should be maintained – youth, older people, local people etc which it was felt was not at present being met at the centre.
- c) East Eynsham – WODC advised that the comments the PC had made depended on interpretation of the documents – Local plan etc – they had agreed to meet further with the PC to look at this in more detail.

08/207 **Gravel application** –OCC have advised Dr Wright that Hanson’s application will be examined on 16 February 2009 at the earliest. Northmoor application - as yet no appeal has been made by Hanson’s.

08/208 **Fishponds** – Mrs Hughes advised of an opportunity for further survey work on the Fishponds with the Oxford Blues Metal Detecting Club. She has discussed this with the County Archaeologist and he was happy for this work to take place providing detailed records were kept of any findings. It was proposed that this work take place and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve this survey. Mrs Hughes will do an article for the Echo/website to advise the village of the work. **Action: Mrs Hughes**

### **08/209 Website**

The new PC website had now been launched - pen portraits were requested from councillors who hadn't already submitted them and up to date photographs as appropriate. Those councillors who have not set up their new email addresses yet will have their emails automatically bounced into their own accounts. The Parish Council offered their thanks to Ms Stonham for all her work in getting the new website set up and for her continued updating of the site.

### **08/210 Scouts - Fence on PC land**

The Clerk has met with the PC solicitors and they have quoted £300-£350 to draw up a licence on the land to the Scouts. The Clerk has advised the Scouts of this and is awaiting confirmation that they wish to proceed. The solicitors have advised that a land registry search shows the land as belonging to OCC - Dr Wright has supplied duplicate conveyances which have been forwarded to the solicitors for further investigation.

### **08/211 Scouts/Village Hall**

The Village Hall solicitors have advised that they are awaiting a response from the village hall committee re the possibility of setting a meeting date. Dr Wright advised that the Scouts would have to agree to any decision made by the mediator at this meeting but he was advised that as both committees would be meeting it was intended that they would reach their own agreement on the matters under dispute.

**08/212 Annual Parish Meeting** – it was unanimously agreed that this would take place on Tuesday 21 April in the Village Hall and the Clerk confirmed that the Bowls Club were happy to give this date to the PC. Clerk to make arrangement re reports etc.

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Planning – Monday 2 February 5.30pm
- Communications – Tuesday 13 January 6pm
- Traffic Advisory – Tuesday 13 January 7.30pm
- Emergency Planning – Tuesday 27 January 7.30pm
- Main meeting - Tuesday 3 February 7.30pm
- Drop In – Saturday 7 Feb 10-11.30am - Mrs Pialek, Mrs Sheppard & Mrs Hughes volunteered to take part.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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