



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the  
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 7.30pm

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mrs A Beavis, Mrs. L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Jones, Mr R Andrews, Mrs M Sheppard, Ms J Tinson, Dr F Wright & Mr P Staley and 3 members of the public – Ms J Stonham, County Cllr C Mathew & District Cllr Mrs M Stevens.

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S Lee – Clerk

**08/252 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Mr D Rossiter, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs L Pialek & Mr A Collett. Congratulations were offered to Mrs Pialek & family as their new addition - Lukas - had arrived safely this morning – mother & baby were well.

**08/253 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors** – Mrs Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning with regard to the Core Strategy consultation 08/265.

**08/254 Thames Valley Police – Chief Inspector Malhi** – sent his apologies due to ill health.

**08/255 Public Participation** – Cllr Mathew reported back on SEERA recommendations re the gravel land bank for Oxon. Cllr Mathew was advised that the Grade 2 listed bridge over the Chilbrook was felt to be dangerous - he will arrange a meeting with landowners & OCC to move the repair work needed forward and investigate the possibility of warning signs - Dangerous Bridge.

**08/256 Minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2009** were **RESOLVED** to be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were signed by the Chair

### **08/257 Clerk's Report.**

An update on outstanding issues was circulated – there were no questions.

The Village hall management committee had invited the PC to a meeting after their AGM on 18 May at 8.15pm to discuss the ongoing dispute with the Scouts.

Dr Wright will discuss the removal of the A frames that are left on the pavement every Tuesday causing an obstruction with the nursery school.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would pass on the Xmas Star light to charity. **Action: Clerk**

**08/258 Playbuilder Grant** – the Clerk advised that an application had been submitted to OCC for Playbuilder monies for Wytham View Play Area. The Chair offered the PC's thanks to the committee for all the work on this in a very short space of time. The decisions are imminent re the successful projects.

### **08/259 Finance**

- It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £12490.80 to include the salary cheques be accepted - cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans & Dr Wright. Salary run cheques signed by Mr Beach & Mr Rossiter on 23 March.
- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £1133.24.

- The final Local Government pay award for 2008/9 has been decided by ACAS and it was RESOLVED to accept the final increase of a further 0.3% backdated to 1 April 2008.

## 08/260 Correspondence

Mr Strange	Re metal detecting at the Fishponds – the Clerk has spoken to Mr Strange to confirm all necessary permissions were granted.
David Cameron	Thank you for condolences card
Village Hall Committee	Copy of acknowledgement of premium from AON – Dr Wright advised of current cover - £810,000 inc outbuildings.
Mr Stone	Concern re hedge works and fencing works on Chilbridge – Cottsway advise seasonal maintenance works.
Town & Parish Standard	To Chair for info
WODC	Agenda for Standards meeting
Mr Bowles	Thanks for Poppy Appeal donation
TVP Police	News – circulated to all
Eynsham Consolidated Charity	Issues with travellers on Mead Lane – copy letter to OCC. Clerk has followed this up with a letter from the council. If anyone knows who owns this land please let Cllr Mathew know.

### Correspondence for discussion –

*To consider a request for a bus stop on Queens Street/Newland Street*

The PC has had several requests for bus stops in this area it was **RESOLVED** to support the scheme for a new bus stop on Newland Street. The Clerk to liaise with OCC re the positioning of the new seat at the bus stop after consultations are completed.

**Action: Clerk**

*Wytham View play area – to consider the problems with young people on the site*

A resident has written in complaining re intimidation and issues with noise etc – the police have been contacted and are aware of the situation. They suggested a diary of issues which was suggested to the resident. Any plans for redevelopment of the play area will take these issues into account and the PC would work with police and resident. It was not felt that there was anything further that could be done at present - if anyone has any other comments regarding this please let the Clerk know.

**Action: Clerk**

*Eynsham Consolidated Charity – to decide on the re-appointment of a trustee to the charity.*

It was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Mr Steve Burke as a trustee. Clerk to advice Clerk to Charity.

**Action: Clerk**

*To consider a request for help with preventing vandalism to bikes on Market Square*

A resident has requested help as his bike which is left on the bike racks outside the war memorial overnight has been vandalised. The suggestion of further CCTV cameras in the locality was not felt to be viable. The Clerk to respond and suggest he asks the Red Lion if he can park his bicycle in the car park. The Parish Council would object to his suggestion of using the railings on The Cross as a bike rack.

**Action: Clerk**

Clerk to arrange for removal of the bike dumped in the bike racks.

**Action: Clerk**

*To consider a request for a new litter bin on Wytham View – Mr Rossiter*

Cottsway have requested a new litter bin on Wytham View – WODC would charge £250 to install – the Clerk has asked Cottsway re joint funding but as yet has had no response. No decision could be taken without further information from Cottsway.

*To consider the request to use the Market Square for the Ecumenical Harvest BBQ on Saturday 26 September*  
It was **RESOLVED** to permit this use providing the area under the BBQ was covered

*To consider a request from a resident to purchase land from the PC adjacent to 108 Dovehouse Close*  
The resident had requested permission for the erection of scaffolding on land adjacent to property – the Clerk has used her delegated powers to give permission and enable works to progress. The resident has asked for council consideration of purchase of a strip of land 1-2 metres wide from the footpath at the front of property along entire boundary of his property – it was **RESOLVED** not to pursue the sale of any of this land as it was felt that it would create a precedent and that the Parish Council had a duty to the parish to retain the green areas within the village. **Action: Clerk**

*To consider a request for a plaque in memory of Mr Fred Harris on the corner of Mill Street*  
Clerk has contacted WODC to ascertain policy as yet has not had a response. The Council agreed that the Clerk should pursue the process further and then advise the resident of the way forward. The current owners of the property that the plaque would be placed on - if it was possible – would have to give permission before this could proceed.

**08/261 Dog bins** – a request for further dog bins on Cassington Road has been received. WODC have supplied a map of dog and litter bins in the parish and this indicates 2 existing dog bins on Cassington Rd – Clerk to check to see if they are still present and if not arrange for their replacement. **Action: Clerk**

**08/262 Communications** – it was **RESOLVED** to sign the licence with WODC to erect a notice board on the back wall of Back Lane car park and the Chair signed the licence.

**08/263 Allotment Land – Witney Rd** – it was **RESOLVED** to obtain a new legal agreement with Mrs Hedges for the use of this land – the Clerk was delegated to make the appropriate arrangements with her with regard to the charges incurred. The rent would be the same as at the allotments currently. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council did not want to sell this land to Mrs Hedges as it was felt to be valuable green space in the village and the Council did not wish to set a precedent in selling public land. **Action: Clerk**

**08/264 Minutes of committee meetings –**

**Communications** – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 17 March and the recommendations -

- Eynsham Unlocked - to recommend acceptance of the proof for printing once the alteration for the Baptist Church is agreed and to recommend acceptance of Joshua Horgan's quote of £543 for printing 3000 copies subject to an acceptable proof being produced.
- Market Towns Thriving Economies Fund – to make a bid for grant funding for Eynsham Directory
- To accept the timescales etc for event notices on the notice boards as recommended and for the Clerk to put a notice up in all boards detailing this. Cllr Stevens will ask WODC re their policy re notices before completing and let Clerk know. **Action: Cllr Mrs Stevens**

Dr Wright asked about the notice board at the Lock – it was advised that the footpaths & communications committees are looking at the possibility of a footpaths map &/or leaflets at the Lock.

**Footpaths** – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 17 March and the recommendations of –

- To investigate the costings involved in putting in a footpath suitable for disabled use from the Pavilion to the Fishponds. Clerk to investigate and speak to PFMC. **Action: Clerk**

**Emergency Planning** – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 24 March. Dr Wright expressed his dissatisfaction with regard to the production of a Directory rather than an Emergency Plan. It was **RESOLVED** that Dr Wright could produce an annexe to the Directory for consideration at the next meeting.

**08/265 Planning** – the minutes of the 23 March were **RESOLVED** to be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Mrs Jones left the meeting.**

*WODC – Core Strategy Consultation* - it was **RESOLVED** to accept the wording as outlined in the planning minutes as the Parish Council response. The Clerk to add a sentence stating that the document assumed that the proposed Bitterell development and the latest gravel application were concluded and to point out that they are not. **Action: Clerk**

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Planning – Monday 20 April 5.30pm
- Communications –need new date
- Annual Parish Meeting – 21 April Village Hall 7.30pm
- Play Area – 28 April 7.30pm
- Annual Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 5 May 7.30pm

**Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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