



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the  
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present: Councillors** - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mrs L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Jones, Mr R Andrews, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr D Rossiter, Mr A Collett, Mr P Staley, Mrs V Hughes, Dr F Wright & Mrs L Pialek and 6 members of the public – Mr H Brown, Ms J Stonham, County Cllr C Mathew, District Cllr M Stevens, Mr T Green & Sqn Leader D Derrick.

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S Lee – Clerk

**Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Ms J Tinson & Mrs A Beavis

**09/19 Sqn Leader D Derrick updated the meeting on Project Future Brize** and answered questions.

**09/20 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors** – Mrs Hughes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in finance as there is payment to Mr Hughes.

**09/21 To receive the minutes of 5 May** – it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting.

### **09/22 Public Participation –**

Cllr Mathew advised of –

1. A complaint received re the poor pavement surface for wheelchair users on Mill Street/Hanborough Street – Swan Street is also in a poor condition.
2. Issues with the ditch at the top of Mead Lane - Cllr Mathew will arrange to walk this.
3. A request to the PC to look at any areas that they feel would be possible building land in the village – the meeting advised that this had been carried out for the LDF.

Mr Green advised that he felt that the idea of OCC buying the toll bridge would be a waste of public money and that he had concerns re upkeep and would suggest the implementation of a wt limit of 30 tonnes. If there were no tolls he felt that traffic lights would be installed which would have their own traffic problems.

Mr Brown discussed Station Road pavement works and police issues.

### **09/23 Clerk's Report.**

An update on outstanding issues was circulated. Questions were asked re

- a bonfire policy – it was suggested the **Clerk** contact the allotments committee
- the new bus stop on Newland Street – the bus stop sign is hidden in a tree – **Clerk** to arrange for clearance.

### **09/24 Finance**

- It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £14,829.42 to include the salary cheques be accepted - cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans & Dr Wright. Salary run cheques signed by Mr Miller & Mrs Gerrans on 25 May.
- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £3,692.13.
- The internal audit report has not yet been received and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

## 09/25 Correspondence

Environment Agency	To advise no works are planned on the Chil Brook as there is no budget - passed to Flood Group for information.
Robin Mitchell	Copy email to advise that the travellers on Mead Lane will be served a notice to leave by 17 July 2009. Details of possible barriers to be put in place to prevent others moving in are being discussed by Charities and OCC.
OCC	Home 2 School newsletter
WODC	Core Strategy Interim position statement – latest update – for next planning meeting

### Correspondence for discussion –

*Eynsham Toll Bridge* - County Cllr Mathew advised that OCC are investigating purchasing the toll bridge – if the purchase went ahead no toll would be able to be charged.

Cllr Mathew left the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would request that OCC involve them in the process of possible purchase in order to lead to an understanding of the options and issues available and the possible solutions they have/are considering for the traffic issues. **Action: Clerk.**

*Primesite Media* – it was **RESOLVED** that the Chair & the Clerk should sign the new bus shelter agreement for the new shelter at The Talbot bus stop.

**09/26 Fishponds** –the meeting was advised of a meeting on site with the police to discuss the den that had been built– it was **RESOLVED** that the police would continue to monitor and would keep the PC up to date and the den would be cleared once it was no longer being used or if there were further reported problems on site.

*Metal detector club findings* – Mrs Hughes reported back on the findings and advised that they have all been mapped and recorded. She will offer them to the Local History Gp for their next meeting. The Clerk will contact FiT to ask if they want them as landowners. If not a display in the library window was suggested and to send them to the County Archive. **Action: Clerk**

**09/27 Playing Field Managers** – The PFMA had requested PC consideration of further showers at the Pavilion – Clerk to respond requesting that they obtain maximum use of the existing showers in the first instance by staggering the times of use if possible. Further details such as fixtures, demand and suggestions would be needed for the PC to look into this in anymore detail – at present there are no further funds available for works at the Pavilion. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk advised that the agreement relating to the North & South Playing Fields had now been signed and a copy sent to FiT for their records.

**09/28 Probation Services** – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the suggested tasks that were listed and the Clerk will meet with the probation officer on 10 June. Mrs Hughes advised of a request from Siemens for their community team for works and will liaise with the Clerk to carry out works from this list – possible ditch works.

**09/29 Pavilion** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk could apply for any grants appropriate for works at the Pavilion.

### **09/30 – Play**

*Wytham View Play Area* – It was **RESOLVED** that the name of the play area could be changed and that a competition for a new name for 8-13 year olds would be arranged - an article would go in the Echo, discuss at schools etc.

*Playday application* - the meeting was advised that a £500 grant had been applied for further consultation works

Mrs Pialek advised that she had booked the Library window 9 June for a display on the consultation for the new play area equipment.

*Goal post Dovehouse Close* – it was **RESOLVED** that the council had no problem with the goal being used on the site but that it must be removed to private property when not in use. **Action: Clerk**

**09/31 Flooding** – the meeting was advised that plans are in place for an earth bund from the bridge on Station Road westwards – OCC own the land and the residents are currently tendering for the work with OCC, EA and possible WODC assistance towards funding.

**09/32 Bartholomew Educational Foundation** - it was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Gerrans and Mr Richards be re-appointed as trustees.

**09/33 Village Hall** – Dr Wright tabled a paper and made a statement and the Chair made a statement and they both left the meeting.

Mr Rossiter took up the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that –

*Complaint 1* – Mr Beach had indicated his willingness to apologise for calling a paper a letter if he did and the PC did not feel that there were any other matters to address under this complaint.

*Complaint 2* the PC believes this complaint to be factually incorrect - the decision was made by the whole council and no advice was given by the Chair – other council members led the discussion and the decision was a majority one. The clerk would apologise for not responding to the letter of the 31 July –she had felt that the subsequent phone calls were a response. The Parish Council would welcome the VHMC taking up the recommendations made at the Village Hall AGM that the issue with the Scouts is dropped. They would then welcome the opportunity to discuss with the VHMC the best way to regularise the position and protect their interests at a further joint meeting.

**Action: Clerk to reply to Dr Wright**

### **09/34 Minutes of committee meetings –**

*Planning* – it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting of 11 May.

*Communications* – it was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the meeting of 11 May.

*Play Area* – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 19 May

*Finance* – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting on 19 May and the recommendations of –

- To adopt the risk assessment for home working and for the Chair to complete.
- To approve the following grants –
- CAB – a grant of £250 was recommended for 2009/10
- Volunteer Link Up – a grant of £100 was recommended for 2009/10
- To agree to the change in policy re locking/unlocking gates and Pavilion and the offer of gardening work to the staff affected as appropriate – it was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk authority to put into place the necessary alterations to working terms and conditions.

- To agree to the Clerk's spinal point rise once her university confirms successful completion of the first year.
- To accept the quote of –
  - £1598 for electrical works at the Pavilion
  - £1500 for remedial works on the car park at the Pavilion
  - £911.20 for works to Hanborough Road bus shelter
- To transfer £6000 from the community facilities reserve to play area reserve for Playbuilder.
- To adopt the Council Health & Safety policy.

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Drop in 6 June – Ms Osborne & Mrs Hughes to attend
- Footpaths – 9 June 7.30pm
- Planning committee –15 June & 6 July 5.30pm
- Communications committee –16 June 6.00pm
- Play Area committee – 16 June 7.00pm
- Full Council meeting – 7 July 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

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