



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr D Rossiter, Mrs L Gerrans, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Jones, Mrs A Beavis, Mrs M Sheppard, Ms J Tinson, Mr J Miller, Mr R Andrews, Mrs V Hughes, Mr A Collett, Mr P Staley, Dr F Wright and 12 members of the public – Mr Roper, Mr & Mrs Bunce, Mr Stukenbroeker, Ms J Stonham, Mr Emery, Mrs Gould, Mr H Brown, County Cllr C Mathew, District Cllr M Stevens & District Cllr Ms F Pike & PCSO Helen Keen.

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee – Clerk

Apologies for Absence - none

09/62 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors – none

09/63 To receive the minutes of 4 August 2009 – it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting.

09/64 Public Participation –

- Residents from Shakespeare Road advised of issues with overgrown laurel bushes and an oak tree on land by 80 Shakespeare Road - there were concerns with regard to this area being used as a den with drug use etc and residents felt threatened at night by the possibility that people were hiding in the area. They advised that the trees were not planted at the start of the development and were not sure who had planted them. – County Cllr Mathew agreed to look into this issue for residents as the land is owned by OCC.
- 2 residents expressed their interest in the vacancy on the council
- District Cllr Mrs M Stevens updated the meeting on the parish flood group and asked for the Council's consideration of their grant application which will be received next month. She also advised of an issue with a residents' recycling being left in their bin and asked other residents to advise if they have a similar problem.
- County Cllr C Mathew advised that the appeal by the travellers at Stanton Harcourt continues and that Hanson's have appealed against their application at Northmoor.
- Mrs Hughes advised of an issue reported to her by a resident of Beech Road that results in flooding on the way to the primary school – it was felt that the soak away was not large enough to deal with flash floods. Cllr Mathew advised that he would investigate - Mrs Hughes will pass on further details.

09/65 Clerk's Report.

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

09/66 Vacancy for Councillor – WODC has not received a request for an election so the Parish Council will co-opt a new councillor at the next meeting. The Clerk will do an article for The Echo and put posters on notice boards – to date 3 expressions of interest have been received. New members are required for the traffic advisory and play area committee – it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Collett would join the play area committee with immediate effect. **Action: Clerk**

09/67 Finance

- It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £10,448.42 to include the salary cheques be accepted - cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans & Dr Wright. Salary run cheques signed by Dr Wright & Mrs Gerrans on 25 August.
- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £8456.86
- Eynsham Primary School – the Primary School have requested that their letter re consideration of help/support re their Astrotrurf proposal be put on hold at present.
- Eynsham Flooding Group – this request for funding consideration will be carried forward to the next meeting as the grant application has not yet been received.

09/68 Correspondence

Mr Taylor	Help was requested re the Carnival - Clerk advised that Carnival is not a PC event and re fly tipping on Swan St – advised him to contact WODC to remove
RAF Brize Norton	Invitation to PC to view Vulcan 3 Sept – no one was available to attend.
Green TEA	Re upkeep on Millennium Wood – advised them to contact Woodland Trust.
OASIS	Thanks for grant
Dovehouse Close trees	Advice of a fire in the woodland – police advised.
Mrs Davies	Concern re bench at Newland Street bus stop – Clerk has spoken to Mrs Davies and she will monitor for any problems.
West Oxon CAB	Annual Report 2008/9
OCC	Countryside Service Annual Report & questionnaire
RAF Brize Norton	Essential night training – 11 or 14 Sept and 2 or 3 November.
Dr Wright	Churchyard and ownership of new part of church - Clerk is investigating with Land Registry re ownership of the new part of the churchyard.

Correspondence for discussion –

Laurel Bush on Shakespeare Road – Cllr Mathew will follow this matter up - OCC have advised the PC they will remove the oak tree and prune the laurel from overhanging the road and footpath. The residents would like the laurel bushes removed or more drastically pruned. PCSO Keen will also inspect the area. All residents were requested to liaise with Cllr Mathew re further information on this area.

OCC – *Local Transport Plan* – consultation on objectives – the Parish Council had no comments to make.

Allotments – use of water by travellers – it was agreed that this was a matter for the allotments society to decide on as they held the lease on the area. The Clerk would ascertain from OCC Travellers if they had any recommendations on this matter and advise the allotments. Mrs Gerrans would report back to the allotments.

Action: Clerk & Mrs Gerrans.

09/69 Wytham View Play Area

The Clerk advised of the Parish Council’s successful application for £10,000 from the COMMA fund towards the toddler play area.

The Play Area committee made recommendations to offer the contract for works to Trevor Stewart Play Contractors and this was **RESOLVED** to be accepted - Clerk to liaise with OCC Playbuilder re the works to be carried out and arrange for start date for works etc. **Action: Clerk**

09/70 Open Day/Play Area Consultation Events –

The Clerk advised of these 2 events taking place on 5 September and requested help with the set up etc – the Play area consultation will be at the Pavilion – 9.30-11.30am and the Open Day 2-5pm in buildings around the Market Square with set up from 12 noon - meeting at the Market Square – about 60 organisations will attend the Open Day.

09/71 Minutes of committee meetings –

Communications –the meeting of 4 August was inquorate.

Play Area – the meeting of 18 August was inquorate and the recommendations from the meeting of 1 September were discussed under Wytham View Play Area.

Dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Planning committee – Monday 7 September & 28 September 5.30 pm
- Street Furniture Working Group – Monday 7 September 7.30 pm
- Play Area committee – Tuesday 8 September 7 pm
- Emergency Planning – Tuesday 22 September 7.30 pm – please note new date
- Footpaths – Tuesday 22 September 6.30 pm – please note new time
- Communications – Tuesday 29 September 7.30 pm
- Full Council – 6 October 2009 7.30 pm – Youth worker to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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