



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 6 October 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 R Andrews, Mrs V Hughes, Mr A Collett, Mr P Staley, Dr F Wright and 14 members of the public – Mr & Mrs Dowling, Mr Stukenbroeker, Ms J Stonham, Mr H Brown, County Cllr C Mathew, District Cllr M Stevens, Ms Riding, Ms Kirby, Mr & Mrs Taylor, Mrs Seeney, Mr & Mrs Abrahams.

In Attendance: Mrs. S Lee – Clerk

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Mr J Miller

09/72 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors –

- Dr Wright & Mrs Sheppard declared a personal interest in item 09/85 as they are members of the History Group.
- Mrs Hughes declared a personal & prejudicial interest in item 09/86 as a family member had quoted for works at the Fishponds.

09/73 Co-option of new Councillor - following a secret ballot of the 4 candidates it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Dennis Stukenbroeker to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

09/74 To receive the minutes of 1 September 2009 – it was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting.

09/75 Youth work – Mr M How & Ms F Heffernan updated the council on youth work in the parish. The possibility of the Council working with the newly formed youth forum was discussed.

09/76 Public Participation –

- Residents living close to Wytham View Play Area welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Council on Monday 12 October for further consultation.
- District Cllr Mrs Stevens advised that WODC had approved a grant of £1000 to the Eynsham Flood group and offered her support to the group.
- County Cllr C Mathew offered his support to the Eynsham Flood Group and advised that Hanson's appeal at Northmoor starts on 17 November.
- Dr Wright advised of damage to car tyres in the village.

09/77 Clerk's Resignation

The Council had been advised of the Clerk's resignation with 3 months notice from 11 September 2009. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations from the Senior Committee re suggested candidates for interview and to delegate to the senior committee the power to appoint a new Clerk & Accounts Administrator to start as soon as possible after 1 November to allow for a suitable handover.

09/78 Clerk's Report - an update was given on outstanding items.

09/79 Parish Transport representative – the Council was sad to learn of Mr White’s death and it was agreed that the Echo and the website would be used to promote the vacancy. **Action: Clerk**

09/80 Dovehouse Close – Residents with gardens backing on wooded area leading to the B4449 had been advised of the Council’s proposals for this area and contacted the council with alternative proposals. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council – Chair & Vice Chair and other councillors as available - would meet with residents on 28 October at 7pm in the Bartholomew Room to discuss this in more detail with recommendations being brought to the next Full Council meeting. Clerk to write to all residents. **Action: Clerk**

09/81 Village Hall - Dr Wright advised that the PC letter indemnifying the VHMC against the loss of access was unanimously approved at the last VHMC meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the addition of a notice on the Village Hall to advertise the police office in the building.

09/82 Wytham View Play Area – following on from open morning to present proposals for the new play area residents have written to the Parish Council to express concern with regard to the planned equipment. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet with residents to discuss their concerns on Monday 12 October and work with them to find suitable solutions. The Play Area committee would bring further recommendations for the area to the next full council meeting for discussion.

09/83 Pavilion – it was **RESOLVED** to continue with the trial of not locking the playing field gates for a further 3 months with a review in January and to continue to monitor for any problems.

09/84 Finance

- It was proposed and unanimously **RESOLVED** that accounts in the sum of £8239.35 to include the salary cheques be accepted - cheques signed by Mrs Gerrans & Dr Wright.
- Salary run cheques signed by Mr Rossiter & Mr Beach on 23 September.
- To be advised of income to Parish Council - £712.88
- Eynsham Flooding Group – it was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £250 be approved and paid under the S137 free resource.
- Carnival Committee – it was agreed that a copy of the accounts would be requested for further discussion at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- External Audit – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the completed external audit of the Council’s 2008/9 accounts. The only issue raised for consideration was the level of fidelity guarantee insurance and the finance committee was requested to make recommendations to full council in this respect.

09/85 Correspondence

OCC	Consolidation of Traffic Regulation Orders – for information
ORHA	Cottsway – to advise that work will commence on site at end of September – on agenda
Nick Hines	Complaints re road sweeper at 7am – passed on to WODC for comments
OCC – Road Safety	To advise of availability of Mobile information unit for road safety awareness
ORCC	AGM
OCC	National Highways and Transport Survey
OPFA	AGM – 21 October Islip Village Hall
Lynda Hillier	Re Parking ticket when parked on Market Square – referred to Police
OCC	Beech Road closed – 26-30 October for drainage works

For Discussion –

Bartholomew Educational Foundation – it was **RESOLVED** that Dr Peterson should continue as a trustee representing the Parish Council.

A415 Thames River Crossing – the Council was advised of an exhibition on 26, 27 & 28 November at the Rose Revived to bring the public up to date on the proposed A415 Thames River Crossing

Back Lane car park – the Council had received a request for consideration of removal of the seat at the car park. It was **RESOLVED** that the seat was well used and should stay in its current location with 1 against – Mr Collett & 1 abstention. **Action: Clerk**

Dovehouse Close parking – the Council had received a request to consider erecting low level barriers on the grass areas around a further area of Dovehouse Close to prevent vehicles parking on the grass. It was agreed that the Clerk would get quotes for the erection of fencing/bollards to match the existing in Dovehouse Close for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Abbey Trail Cairns – the Council were advised of proposed arrangements re the upkeep of the Cairns – with the PC strimming around them and the History Group to have working parties to keep the cairns weed free and to be responsible for all repairs. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this proposal.

Parish Allowances – it was **RESOLVED** that no allowances be paid to members of the parish council apart from the travelling allowances already agreed with WODC.

Rural Exception Site off Merton Close – works are due to start and an invitation to a meet the builder event on 15 October from 4pm -8pm at Bartholomew School has been received.

09/86 Minutes of committee meetings –

- Fishponds 1 September - it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of this meeting and the recommendations to adopt the work schedule. The Clerk advised of a quote for £280 to erect fencing on the Fishponds footpath where it is considered a risk - OCC are aware and approve of the works - and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote.
- Planning – Monday 7 September – the minutes of this meeting were received.
- Street Furniture Working Group – Monday 7 September – it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would work with WODC to move the recommendations forward.
- Play Area committee – Tuesday 8 Sept - this meeting was cancelled.
- Emergency Planning – Tuesday 22 Sept – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes.
- Footpaths – Tuesday 22 Sept - it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes.
- Communications – Tuesday 29 Sept - the minutes of the meeting were received.
- PFMA – Monday 21 Sept – the Chair & Clerk met with the PFMA and discussed ownership of the goal posts and other football equipment stored in the Compound - it was **RESOLVED** that these items were owned by the PFMA.

To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings

- Play Area meeting with Dovehouse Close residents – Monday 12 October 7.30pm Bartholomew Primary School.
- Clerk & Accounts Administrator Interviews – Friday 16 October - all day
- Planning committee – Monday 19 October 5.30pm
- Play Area – Tuesday 20 October 6.30pm
- Finance – Tuesday 20 October 7.30pm
- Dovehouse Trees – meeting with residents – Wednesday 28 October 7pm Bartholomew Room
- Full Council – 3 November 2009 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9pm

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