



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr D Rossiter, Mr R Andrews, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs V Hughes, Mr J Miller, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr P Staley, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Ms J Tinson, and Dr F Wright

In Attendance: Mr M Anderson – Clerk

Also In Attendance: County Cllr C Mathew, District Cllr M Stevens and 3 Members of the Public

Apologies for Absence were accepted from Mrs A Beavis, Mr A Collett & Mrs M Jones

9/116 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors

Cllr Mrs Hughes declared an interest in item 9/123 as her husband had submitted an invoice for work carried out on behalf of the Council.

9/117 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings on 1 December 2010 –

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes were approved and signed with the amendment that Minute 9/114 be altered from Linbrook to Lim Brook.

9/118 Public Participation –

Mr Brown raised concern over anti social behaviour in the Parish.

Mr Brown also advised the Council that there were Hedge Cuttings on Swan Road that needed clearing. **ACTION** – the Clerk will advise West Oxford District Council.

District Councillor Margaret Stevens apologised that refuse collection had been delayed, but would soon be back to schedule. She thanked Eynsham Parish Council for their help during the flooding of 2007 and this would be mentioned in a ceremony recognising the work done.

To receive Mr Chapman's survey on the rat population in Eynsham - The survey was noted Rat re-baiting had taken place and there was no further evidence of a rat population.

Gritting of Footpaths – It was agreed that this was a matter for Oxford County Council.
ACTION – Clerk to refer the concern to OCC.

9/119 Clerk's Report

The Report was considered and noted.

Gravel Application, land near to Wharf Farm – County Councillor Mathew said that we were still awaiting conclusion on the Planning Application even though it had passed its deadline.

Toll Bridge and OCC Monitoring – Oxford County Council had responded that they were contacting the former owners to answer the Parish Council’s request for information on the monitoring they carried out. It was agreed that they should be able to answer this question without taking the matter up with the former owners. **ACTION** – the Clerk to ask for an answer on the question of monitoring that was carried out and point out that there should be no need to contact the former owners.

Fishponds – Pollarding of trees. The Clerk will obtain a further quote for the pollarding. Cllr Mrs Hughes offered to assist by showing contractors the trees that need pollarding.

9/120 The security of Council owned sites including Fishponds - Concern was expressed over security at Fishponds. It was **RESOLVED** to get quotes for the supply and fitting of a height restricting barrier, for an amount of up to £1000. **ACTION** - Clerk to obtain quotes.

9/121 Dovehouse Close

The area that was to have had a fence erected on it was found to come within the Highways boundary owned by Oxford County Council and also had under-ground cables on it. As the land not owned by the Parish Council it was **RESOLVED** to refer residents to Oxford County Council.

9/122 Wytham View Play

Following discussion it was agreed to contact the Play Equipment Contractor to discuss the project and agree time-scales. **ACTION** - Clerk to contact the contractor.

9/123 Finance

Cllr Mrs Hughes declared an interest in item 9/123, below as her husband had submitted an invoice for work carried out on behalf of the Council. It was agreed that she did not have to leave the meeting, but took no part in the discussions.

- It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of accounts was approved

Cllr Mrs Hughes continued as part of the Meeting

- The Council were advised that in December 2009 there was an Income of £19.00 and Expenditure of £11522.00, the year to date was Income £117671.00 and Expenditure £73864.00
- Churchyard – to consider the ownership and insurance of equipment. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Finance Committee

9/124 To Receive the OCC Parish Transport Report – Councillor Stukenbroeker

The OCC Parish Transport Committee had presented its 2011-30 Transport plan. The main matters affecting the Parish were the possibility of a Eynsham-Swinford bus lane and a Park & Ride near Eynsham. There would be a consultation periods due to start this month. The next meeting would take place in May 2010.

9/125 To consider the Terms of Reference of the Communications Committee

Following discussion it was agreed to report back to the Communications Committee that the Council would prefer the Committee to have executive powers. To assist with remaining

quorate, more councillors were urged to consider standing for the Committee. It was **RESOLVED** that Ms Sue Osborne would be a member of the Communications Committee.

9/126 Correspondence – to receive correspondence for information and to discuss –

- Councillors were given a form to complete if would like to receive a copy of the Register of Electors 2010
- It had been previously agreed to recommend a street name for the Cottsway development on land of Merton Close as MERTON COURT. This was preferred so that it may be apparent that access was via Merton Close.
- To note improved drainage in Beech Road. Noted

9/127 Committee meetings – to adopt the minutes and receive recommendations of the following meetings-

- It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 30 November 2009
- It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes of the Communications Committee of 8 December 2009

To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings

- Play Area Committee – 12 January 2010 6.30pm
- Traffic Committee – 12 January 2010 7.30pm
- Planning – 18 January 2010 5.30pm
- Footpaths – 19 January 2010 6.30pm
- Finance – 19 January 2010 7.30pm
- Communications – 25 January 2010 7.30pm
- Full Council – 2 February 2010 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.35pm

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