



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the  
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 7.30pm

## MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr D Rossiter, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Collett, Mrs L Gerrans, Mrs M Jones, Ms S Osborne, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr P Staley, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Ms J Tinson, and Dr F Wright (for items 9/150, 151 & 152).

**In Attendance:** Mr M Anderson – Clerk

**Also In Attendance:** District Cllr Mrs F Pike and District Cllr Mrs M Stevens & 6 Members of the Public.

**9/141 Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs A Beavis & Mrs V Hughes.

**9/142 Declarations of interest from Councillors** – there were no Declarations of Interest.

**9/143 The minutes of the meetings of 2 February 2010** were approved and signed.

### **9/144 Public Participation**

District Cllr Mrs Stevens advised that the West Oxon District Council part of the 2010-11 Council Tax would be increased by 3.6%. The contract for waste removal is being considered, it is hoped that as part of this contract the green waste will be removed free of charge. The waste collection will be on a two weekly programme. The parking officers were now operating in the village.

Residents of Dovehouse Close expressed concern over the time being taken for the tree consultation. There was concern that the opinion of all villagers will be taken into account and not just those on Dovehouse Close. The height of the trees was also highlighted. The Consultation has been placed on the web site and will be included in the Echo in March and then considered by the Council in May. Cllr Andrews will put a note through each house. Cllr Beach emphasised the need for consultation over such a major item of expenditure.

### **9/145 To consider a complaint by Mr J Green**

Cllr Beach advised the meeting that as the complaint was not a Code of Conduct matter, both he and Cllr Rossiter were allowed to take a full part in this item, however they had both decided that would stay at the meeting but not vote. Cllr Beach also advised that as he was at the meeting, it was his responsibility to Chair this item.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Green's complaint be not upheld. The Clerk will write to advise the outcome of the Council's decision. The Chairman and Vice Chairman abstained from voting.

**9/146 Clerk's Report** – the Report was noted. The Scouts are willing to remove the bollard. The barrier at Fishponds was appreciated by residents.

#### **9/147 West Oxfordshire Planning Policy Consultations – Core Strategy**

It was RESOLVED that the Council agree with the consultation and are pleased to see that following the original submissions, all the unsuitable sites around the village have been removed. The Council are supportive of the 1 remaining site and given its central position would like the housing to be to a life long accommodation standard or earmarked for elderly or less able people.

**9/148 Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership** – Quarterly Parish Council Progress Report was noted.

#### **9/149 Finance**

- It was RESOLVED to pay the accounts as presented
- The income & expenditure for the year to 28 February 2010 was noted

**9/150 A report from the Village Hall Committee Meeting** – Cllr Wright reported that the Police will continue to have an office at the Village Hall. He recommended that the County Council be asked to place direction signs advertising the position of the Village Hall, one on the by-pass by Dovehouse Close, one at Clover Place and one at Mill Street. The alarm at the Village Hall had been affected by a recent power cut, but was now operational. The Village Hall Committee would like to replace their notice board. As this was a replacement of similar dimensions and of good quality, the Council raised no objections.

**9/151 The Toll Bridge - to receive an update** – Cllr Wright has continued to press the County Council to address the matter of the apparent discrepancy in the Toll Bridge funds. He now thought that they were taking the matter seriously.

**9/152 Report on the OCC Meeting on Minerals** – Cllr Wright reported that a new Minerals Plan has to be prepared this year. There is an increased demand for minerals to meet the requirements of new building projects.

**9/153 The annual subscription to Oxford Green Belt Network** – It was RESOLVED not to pay the annual subscription of £15.

**9/154 The alarm system at the Pavilion** – it was RESOLVED to update the alarm system as presented. The Clerk was asked to investigate the installation of a new dialler at the same time.

#### **9/155 Correspondence –**

The attack on Mr Bannister by a dog and the subsequent anti-social behaviour was noted with concern.

**9/156 Committee meetings** – to adopt the minutes and receive recommendations of the following meetings-

- It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Fishponds Committee held on 9 February 2010
- It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Play Area Committee held on 16 February 2010
- It was RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Communications Committee held on 22 February 2010. There was no objection to a small advert being placed in Eynsham Unlocked.

**9/157 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings**

- Communications – 22 March 2010 6.30pm
- Planning – 29 March 2010 5.30pm (if required)
- Full Council – 6 April 2010

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm