



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

Present: Councillors – Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mr R Andrews, Mrs A Beavis, Mr A Collett, Mr P Emery, Mrs M Jones, Mr J Miller, Ms S Osborne, Mr D Rossiter, Mr P Staley, Mr D Stukenbroeker & Ms J Tinson.

In Attendance: County Councillor C Mathew, District Councillor Mrs Margaret Stevens, Malcolm Anderson, Clerk to the Council & 16 Members of the Public.

10/83 Apologies – were received from Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Sheppard Dr F Wright and District Councillors Mr L Poole.

10/84 Declarations of interest – Cllr Andrews declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in Item 10/87 as he is a member of Eynsham TEA, but said that he would not speak on the item.

10/85 The minutes of the meetings of 7 September 2010 – It was agreed to amend Minute 10/71, second paragraph that Cllr Mathew said, “He said it is expected that there will be some 40% cuts in Government grants and some 10% cuts in schools. It is hoped that services can be maintained in priority areas.” With this amendment it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

10/86 Public Participation –

- Tony Robinson, Bartholomew Players said that the light bar at the Village Hall (Item 10/88) was needed to allow two performances a year.
- County Cllr Mathew reported that a meeting on providing a new bridge at Newbridge had been postponed.
Oxfordshire County Council had decided on Option 1 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Plan on gravel extraction, as they had done previously. Cllr Mathew said that this will lead to more applications.
Cllr Mathew said that he disagreed with a proposal to place a bus lane over Swinford Bridge.
- Sue Raikes Eynsham Green TEA said that there was interest in growing some of the older variety of apples in Eynsham. They thought that small scale planting in the village was the best idea and had consulted widely over this. Hawthorn Road seemed a good site and therefore they had made the request to the Parish Council. The near neighbours objected, but the other residents were generally in favour. The idea would only work if it had local support and as there was the objection, they have withdrawn the request to plant on Hawthorn Road. She requested the Parish Council continue to investigate sites.
- Mr Mike Green and other neighbours attended to object to the planting of apple trees in Hawthorn Road. They believed the site was unsuitable as it would attract anti-social behaviour, rats, increased wasp population. Two neighbours were very susceptible to wasp stings and there risk would have been increased. They also believed that trees would not grow on the area; a Chestnut Tree had been removed from the site and would have left a

substantial root system behind. There was concern over the level of controlling of the site that would be carried out by Eynsham TEA. When the Chestnut Tree was removed and the area grassed over the anti-social behaviour disappeared. He was pleased that Eynsham TEA had withdrawn their request and urged consultation if trees were proposed to be planted in any other area.

- District Councillor Margaret Steven said that the Refuse Bins were being distributed in Eynsham.

10/87 Planting of Apple Trees on Hawthorn Road

Following the removal of the request, it was agreed that the Play Committee look at using the area for a play area. The residents will again be consulted.

10/88 Installation of a light bar at the Village Hall

The Village Hall stage is one of the best in Oxfordshire, but the lighting facing the actors is insufficient as there are only lights on the side. Discussions have been held with the original architect and a way of installing the bar has been agreed. The light bar will be kept in place, but the lights removed when not in use. Existing cabling would be used. The Architect was asked to confirm that the bar will carry the weight of the lights.

Subject to agreement that the bar will hold the weight of the lights and any decoration damage being put right, it was **RESOLVED** to allow the installation of a light bar in the Village Hall.

10/89 Section 106 Agreements East Eynsham, The Swan and Spareacre Lane

Cllr Stukenbroeker advised that 177 new housing units have been approved or proposed in the last year. He asked what the Council would like to do concerning requesting S106 funds from the District Council. Martin Holland from WODC has asked to attend the next Finance Committee to discuss these matters. It was agreed that the Council take every opportunity to request funds where appropriate. Cllr Rossiter will request a copy of the East Eynsham S106 document.

10/90 Clerk's Report – the Report was noted.

10/91 Finance

- It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented
- The income & expenditure for the year to 31 September 2010 was noted

10/92 Correspondence – The following correspondence was received and noted:-

- Oxfordshire County Council re Pedestrian Crossing Point at The Tuer and responses from councillors. Cllr Staley will seek a definitive answer on whether the Tuer is a public highway.
- West Oxfordshire District Council re Boundary Review.
- Oxfordshire's Big Debate – Wychwood Project. It was agreed to send a letter of support for the Wychwood Project to Oxfordshire County Council.
- West Oxfordshire Community Safety re available web sites.
- Christmas lights – It was agreed to request the lights be put up by the 11 December, 2010. It was agreed not to have an official turning on ceremony. **Action:** Clerk.
- Report on the condition of pavements in Eynsham (Mr Chris Caudle) and response from Mr Ian Clarke (Oxfordshire County Council). Mr Caudle's report was received. The following points were highlighted. He advised that the condition of the paths had caused difficulty and pain when in his disabled scooter. The dropping of kerbs for driveways

caused balance difficulty. He had become aware of how difficult pavements were making it for disabled people. The Chairman thanked Mr Caudle for his efforts in producing the report.

Mr Clarke also congratulated Mr Caudle on his report. He said that the cold weather last winter had caused a lot of damage. There is a statutory inspection every six months and any hazardous problem will be highlighted for repair.

Dropped kerbs are allowed if there is no safety reason not to. They try to control the slope, but sometimes this is difficult depending on the relevant heights of the property and the road. Mr Caudle suggested keeping the pavement level and put a rounded kerb in the last few inches. Mr Clarke responded that the slope is used to reduce problems caused by the continual impact on the road service and also some vehicles are not high enough to cope with a big drop, but they minimise, as much as possible, the fall on the footpath. Mr Clarke did not believe that there was a national standard for slopes for pedestrians. Cllr Staley thought that there were national guidelines. It was asked that Oxfordshire County Council meet any standards that exist.

Wheeled frames were also at risk if the slope was such that the frame was not on all its wheels.

The financial resource is limited so an assessment is made of the risks to residents.

It was regretted that people did park their cars on the pavements and suggested that the police are contacted when people are parking in this way. Cllr Mathew will raise at the next NAG meeting the problem of parking on pavements.

Oxfordshire County Council will serve a notice on residents to cut back any overhanging vegetation.

Oxfordshire County Council can and do require road and pavement repairs to be to a satisfactory level.

Mr Clarke agreed to look at sites where tactile pavement could be installed. He also agreed that a member of his staff would join Mr Caudle in a tour of the village.

- Mr Clarke agreed to provide feedback to the Parish Council.

10/93 Committee Meetings - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes and recommendations of the following Committee Meetings:-

- Play Area – 7 September 2010 6.30pm
- Planning - 27 September 2010 5.30pm
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- Communications – 27 September 2010 7.30pm

10/94 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings

- Planning – 11 October 2010 5.30pm
- Communications – 11 October 2010 6.30pm
- Play Area – 18 October 2010 6.30pm
- Finance – 27 October 2010 7.30pm (Nicky signatory Martin Holland)
- Full Council – 2 November 2010 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm