



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 4 January 2011 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, Ms S Osborne, Mr D Rossiter, Mrs M Sheppard, Mr P Staley, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Ms J Tinson & Dr F Wright.

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Charles Mathew, District Cllr Mrs Margaret Stevens, four members of the public & Malcolm Anderson, Clerk to the Council.

**10/127 Apologies** – Mrs V Hughes.

**10/128 Declarations of interest from Councillors** – None.

**10/129 The minutes of the meetings of 7 December 2010**– Minute 10/120 was amended to read “The *first* visit is likely to be scheduled for early next year *and then regularly thereafter.*” With this amendment, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**10/130 Public Participation** – Cllr Mathew advised that the McKenna Plant Hire application to allow additional deliveries of 4 HGV loads of inert material during each night between 7/2/11 -28/2/11, to City Farm, has not been sent to the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to request of Oxfordshire County Council that application details be sent to the Parish Council.

Oxfordshire County Council had advised that they have received legal advice that they could go ahead with their “improvements” to the Bitterell footpath without further landowners consent. Cllr Mathew has asked for copies of the legal advice received.

Cllr Mathew had attended a Gravel Needs Simulation Meeting. Following this meeting, he hoped that gravel extractions would be closer to 1m tonnes rather than the 2.1m tonnes that had been suggested.

A meeting to investigate ways of maintaining a youth club in Eynsham will be held tomorrow. Mr Harry Brown asked if a grit bin and grit could be supplied on Heycroft. The residents of Heycroft had agreed to pay for this at a cost of £400 per year. Cllr Mathew asked for a letter signed by the residents, stating the total annual cost and agreeing that the payment of this will be shared amongst the residents. He will organise for one to be provided.

Mr Coulter raised concerns over the Bitterell and the extent of the 3m tarmacking being proposed by Oxfordshire County Council, suggesting that 1m was sufficient. He was concerned that they might wish to tarmac even further and would like the Parish Council to find out the extent of their plans.

**10/131 Disabled Footpath Access** – Mr Caudle did not attend the meeting.

**10/132 The impact on Eynsham of Council cuts** – Cllr Andrews invited views on areas within Eynsham where protection should be sought from Councils cuts.

Discussion took place over the recent problems with snow clearance and gritting. Access along Conduit Lane had been very difficult during the icy weather and the Parish Council was asked to consider providing a gravel bin. JSP do low cost gravel bins and the County Council will fill the bin when in place. It was also stated that other roads including Queen Street and Newland Street were very slippery. It was agreed to write to the County Council asking if they would be prepared to supply grit free of charge. The Parish Council would like to thank all the individuals who helped neighbours by clearing snow. It is also said that it was a myth that people who take reasonable efforts to clear snow risk prosecution.

Cllr Mathew was asked if the Oxfordshire County Council snow plough in their Eynsham store could be used in the village.

Concern was raised that no effort had been made by Oxfordshire County Council to clear pavements.

The car park at the medical centre was similarly ignored.

It was agreed to write to West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council asking that they do not forget pedestrians and the need to grit pavements.

It was suggested that the Parish Council provide a priority list of areas to be gritted.

**10/133 Spareacre Lane Planning Brief** – the brief was previously circulated. It was agreed to adjust the wording in the section headed Spareacre Lane from reading “rat run” to “well used traffic route” and Item 6 of summary and proposals to say of extra care housing that, “the Council strongly believes extra care housing units be provided.” It was **RESOLVED** that with the above amendments that the brief be adopted as the Council’s policy on the area and a copy be sent to Tina Rowley & Phil Shaw, West Oxfordshire District Council requesting their comments and how it can be used by the Planning Authority.

**10/134 Transport Representatives report on buses and snow clearance** – Cllr Stukenbroeker attended the Parish Transport Consultation Meeting at Oxfordshire County Council and reported on bus company changes and that the concessionary fares scheme will be transferred to Oxfordshire County Council on 1 April 2011. The whole of the bus route through Eynsham is on the gritting route as Schedule 2.

**10/135 Oxfordshire County Council’s proposal to re-site the pedestrian access from the Bitterell into the recreation ground** – The Clerk gave a summary of the e-mails received so far:-

- OCC had asked the Parish Council's view on altering the entrance from the Bitterell to the recreation ground, to be undertaken whilst improvements were made to the Bitterell footpath.
- It was stated to OCC that Corpus Christi College were the landowners and their permission should be sought.
- OCC said that Landowner's permission had been received.
- Savilles (land agents for the College) said that permission had not been given.
- OCC (via Cllr Charles Mathew) said that OCC had rights over the footpath and did not need permission.
- Savilles said that the College own the Bitterell leading to the by-pass. OCC had been advised of this when an initial proposal was made by the developers to “improve” the footpath and roadway. The College asked for details of what was being proposed. OCC response was that they had rights over the footpath and did not need permission. The College find this unacceptable.

An amount in S106 money had been allocated for this work. Concern was expressed that no plan had been sent to the Parish Council and this was needed.

The developers had reduced the width of the pavement, contrary to the planning permission – Cllr Andrews will discuss this with the Enforcement Officer.

There was thought to be no rush in considering this matter.

It was agreed to accept the offer of a site meeting ( Cllr Stukenbroeker, Cllr Rossiter & Cllr Wright to attend) and request the plans be sent prior to the meeting.

**10/136 Clerk's Report** – This was noted. It was agreed to postpone the next edition of the Echo with a deadline of 16 February 2011 to be printed early March 2011.

**10/137 Finance** – It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented.

The income & expenditure for the year to 31 December 2010 was noted.

**10/138 Correspondence** – The following were noted:

- Thanks for grant from Eynsham Mysteries.
- Thames Water re Sewage Storage Tanks – it was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Planning Authority requesting their comments.
- Department of Culture, Media & Sports re The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee.
- Mr Gornall re dogs on the playing field – Cllr Ms Osborne will take the letter to the next Playing Field Managers' Meeting.
- An update from OCC re alleviating snow and ice problems.

**10/139 Committee Meetings** – None

**10/140 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings**

- Traffic Advisory Committee – Tuesday 11 January 2011 7.30.pm
- Planning – 31 January 2011 5.30.pm
- Council – 1 February 2011 7.30.pm.

**The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**