



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present:Councillors** - Mr G Beach (Chairman), Mr R Andrews, Mrs A Beavis, Mr P Emery, Mrs V Hughes, Mrs M Jones, Mr J Miller, 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

**10/141 Apologies** – Mr A Collett.

**10/142 Declarations of interest from Councillors** – Cllr Beach declared a Prejudicial Interest in Item 10/149 and 10/155 Planning Minutes as he lives on Fruitlands.

**10/143 The minutes of the meetings of 4 January 2011**–It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**10/144 Public Participation** – District Cllr Mrs Margaret Stevens advised that Cath James, Director of Environmental Services, West Oxfordshire District Council has left the authority.

**10/145 Disabled Footpath Access** – Mr Caudle was not present.

**10/146 Cassington Quarry Application** – Cllr Wright advised that there was a proposal to extend the operation of the Quarry from 31 December 2015 until 31 December 2017. He was concerned that there may also be an intention to keep the plant intact whereas it should be dismantled. The Minerals Liaison Committee will meet on 3 February 2011 to discuss this. It was agreed that the Parish Council had not been consulted in a timely way.

**10/147 To consider the sale of land** – this item was discussed in Private Session.

**10/148 Allotments Update-** Cllr Mrs Beavis advised that most plots are occupied with only one half plot available. The waiting list contained seven Eynsham residents and eleven from outside the village.

**10/149 An Update on the potential development on Fruitlands** – Cllr Beach left the meeting for this item. Cllr Rossiter took the Chair. Cllr Stukenbroeker informed the meeting of the consultations that had taken place. No planning application has been submitted for the Council to consider. The Planning Committee will consider a response to the Core Strategy produced by west Oxfordshire District Council.

**10/150 An Update on the re-surfacing of the Bitterell by Oxfordshire County Council** – A useful meeting had been held with Mr Green, Oxfordshire County Council. The County Council has withdrawn its request for permission to alter the entrance into the Recreation Ground. The 3m tarmac was to enable the footpath to be re-designated as a bridleway at a future date, though they have no current plans to do so. The footpath will also have street lighting. The plan was not seen to be very imaginative and may not have been very good use of funds. There was still thought to be an issue of a private individual's right of way. Cllr Staley agreed to discuss the following matters with the County Council: the lighting, cars entering from the by-pass and the need for preventative measures at both ends and also whether the Footpaths Officer has been consulted.

**10/151 Clerk's Report** – The report was received with the following reports:-

- Oxfordshire County Councils Big Society Fund of £600,000, dog fouling and a request to empty the tetrapak recycling bin.
- The Village Hall was hoping to hold a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party in June.
- The Village Hall sign above the front entrance can not be seen in the dark. It was agreed in principle to allow two small lights under the eaves, subject to a scheme being presented and agreeable to the Council, that any work being carried out be done by a qualified electrical contractor and any necessary planning permission being granted.
- The Acre End Pre-School had requested a sail awning be allowed between the hall and Pre-School outside store. It was agreed that a more detailed scheme as needed before the Council could come to a decision.
- The process for allocation of housing in Merton Court was discussed. The District Council's points allocation for affordable housing was explained by District Cllr Mrs Stevens who thought that the system had been fair. There were a limited number of right to buy homes with shared ownership. It was agreed to put this information on Eynsham Online.
- It was agreed to pass the request for funfair onto the PFMA for consideration and, if they are interested, the Council would reconsider.

**10/152 Fishponds** – It was **RESOLVED** that a memorial native species tree could be planted at Fishponds. Cllr Mrs Hughes will agree the positioning.

**10/153 Royal Wedding Street Parties** – West Oxfordshire District Council have placed useful information on their web site. It was agreed to direct any interested parties to this web site and request that we be kept informed of any parties that are being held.

**10/154 Finance** – It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure for the year to 31 December 2010 was noted.

**10/155 Correspondence** –

- Oxfordshire County Council re gritting pavements – Noted.
- Electoral Review of Oxfordshire (Local Government Boundary Commission) Noted.
- Response from West Oxfordshire District Council re Sewage Storage Tanks – Noted.
- A request from Mrs S Raikes that fruit trees be allowed to be planted by the pavilion. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Cllr Mrs Hughes and the Clerk.
- A comment has been received concerning hedge and tree maintenance, particularly trees cut down at the toll bridge roundabout and the work done by the Probation Service. It was agreed not to cut any further hedges between 1 March 2011 and July 2011 as the birds will be nesting. The Probation Service could continue working cutting back brambles near the allotments. Cllr

Andrews will ask Mrs Chance for her input on the management of the trees at Dovehouse Close.

- Mr D Hartley re Eynsham Youth Centre – Cllr Andrews said that the possibility of a continuing youth club in Eynsham was promising.

**10/156 Committee Meetings** – the following Minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved:

- Traffic Advisory Committee – Tuesday 11 January 2011
- Planning – 31 January 2011 5.30pm It was agreed to ask Phil Shaw, West Oxfordshire District Council Planning Authority where the rules governing delegation of decisions can be seen. Cllr Beach left the meeting for this item. Cllr Rossiter took the Chair.

**10/157 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:**

- Play Area – 14 February 2011
- Footpaths – 15 February 2011
- Finance & General Purposes - 15 February 2011
- Fishponds – 18 February 2011
- Council – 1 March 2011 7.30pm

**The Meeting closed at 9.27 pm**