



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the  
Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 12 June 2012 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present: Councillors** - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs S Brown, Mrs V Hughes, Mr A Mosson, Ms S Osborne, Mr D Rossiter, Mr P Staley, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Mrs J Tinson & Dr F Wright.

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

**Also In Attendance:** West Oxfordshire District Councillor Edward James & 5 Member of the Public.

**12/14 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Emery, Cllr Relph and Oxfordshire County Cllr Mathew.

**12/15 Declarations of Interest** – Mrs Hughes declared an interest in item 12/29 as her husband was being paid for work he has done for the Council.

**12/16 The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 April 2012 and 1 May 2012** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**12/17 Public Participation** –

- Prof Dowling raised concerns over Eynsham Primary School's potential floodlighting of the All Weather Pitch. He was concerned over any link between the School's application and the S106 funding.
- Robin Saunders, an Eynsham Primary School Governor, advised that the School had decided not to have floodlighting as they were concerned over disruption to neighbours. The School population has increased. The hard standing play area has been reduced by the building of the Children's Centre. Quotations for building the All Weather Pitch have come in higher than expected and there is a shortfall of £20,000 and they would like to be considered as part of the S106 funding arrangements. The School is not intending to open the facilities to the public, but through the school population is in contact with a large percentage of the Village population.

**12/18 Sewerage leak in the Oxford Road Play Area** – West Oxfordshire District Councillor Poole introduced his paper on the leak. Cllr Stukenbroeker informed the meeting of a site visit that had taken place where Thames Water explained that the cleaning of a sewerage pipe had taken place, but that those doing the cleaning had not isolated a pipe that serviced the public toilets. Thames Water gave an assurance that they had made a note of how this problem had been caused to ensure that it would not happen again. It was agreed that when the Parish Council contact any District Council Officer over urgent issues that the District Councillors will be advised. West Oxfordshire District Councillor Poole will investigate whether or not Thames Water acted appropriately.

**12/19 Parish Council maintained grass area in Dovehouse Close** – It was agreed that Cllr Andrews could consult with the neighbours near 40 Dovehouse Close as to what they would like seen done with this area.

**12/20 The code of conduct adopted by the West Oxfordshire District Council** – It was **RESOLVED** that the Code be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of the Eynsham Parish Council with effect from 1 July 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct; and that the Clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of the West Oxfordshire District Council of the passing of the above resolution.

**12/21 A grant towards the funding of the Jubilee Big Lunch** – It was **RESOLVED** that £63.40 be paid.

**12/22 Fly Posting around the Village and in particular within the conversation area** - Cllr Emery had apologised so this meeting will be deferred to the next meeting.

**12/23 Eynsham Library** – Cllr Beach gave an update of the meeting that had taken place at Eynsham Library on 22 May 2012. He was disappointed at the response and preparation that Oxfordshire County Council had put in before the meeting. They will now do a full consultation with local Library Staff. The Parish Council will consult in the Village. The available funds are likely to be less than originally thought, but are still uncertain. Cllr Rossiter advised that the County Council had asked that all matters to improve the Library be considered imaginatively.

**12/24 S106 Funds** - Cllr Beach gave an outline of discussions that had taken place over several years, initially with the football clubs over developing an all-weather pitch. These discussions had been going very well until a few months ago when the football clubs advised that they no longer were able to go ahead with the scheme. This situation had been reported back to the Council who decided to hold discussions with the Primary School. Martin Holland, West Oxfordshire District Councillor, called a meeting to discuss what other options there may be to invest the funds. It was agreed that all groups in the Village be advised of the available funds and asked to submit a request for the funds if they so wish.

It was **RESOLVED** that the letter could now be sent to local groups requesting them to submit an application for funds.

**12/25 Woodland management at Dovehouse Close** – the report from Davis Rees was received. It was agreed that a joint approach to woodland management be sought with Oxfordshire County Council. Cllr Andrews and Cllr Beach will represent the Council at any meeting with Oxfordshire County Council.

**12/27 Solar Panels for the Village Hall** – Cllr Beach gave an update on the progress to date. Cllr Wright advised that the scheme now was for 55 panels. Discussions took place on the community purpose of the scheme, the installation details, financial details and legal matters. If the Hub agrees to pay the Council's solicitor's fees then the Council will seek legal advice on the Lease.

**12/28 Clerks Report** – The Clerk's Report was received and noted

**12/29 Finance** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The Income & Expenditure reports were noted.

#### **12/30 Correspondence –**

- Mrs H Gavin's request to use the Council land near 40 Dovehouse Close for storage of building materials (Planning Permission received) – It was **RESOLVED** that the area could be used for storage, but that a request be made that they consult with Cllr Andrews and the neighbours as to the future use of the land and be prepared to contribute towards any cost.
- West Oxfordshire District Councillor L Poole's response re road sweeping.
- The Audit Commission consultation on the appointment of external auditors

**12/31 Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2012** – The Annual Return was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Return and Governance Statement be accepted and signed accordingly.

**12/32 Committee Meetings** – The following Minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved:

- Planning Committee – 10 April 2012

#### **12/33 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council Meetings:**

- Planning Committee – 12 June 2012 6.30pm
- Communications Committee – 19 June 2012 6.30pm
- Play Area Committee – 19 June 2012 7.30pm.
- Council – 3 July 2012 7.30pm.

The Chairman moved and it was **RESOLVED** that, considering the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

**12/34 To fill the vacancy on Eynsham Parish Council by co-option** – It was **RESOLVED** that Paul Wilding be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**The Meeting closed at 9.52pm.**