



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL was held in the Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 8 January 2013 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr D Rossiter (Chair), Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs V Hughes, Mr A Mosson, Ms S Osborne, Mr N Relph, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Mr P Wilding & Dr F Wright.

In Attendance: Mr M Anderson – Clerk.

Also In Attendance: Oxfordshire County Councillor C Mathew, West Oxfordshire District Councillors E James and L Poole, Mr Cowton, Siemens and 3 Members of the Public

12/118 Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Beach, Mrs S Brown and Mr P Emery.

12/119 Declarations of Interest – None.

12/120 The Minutes of the meetings held on 4 December 2012– It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

12/121 Public Participation –

- Mr Steve Cowton, Siemens gave information on works that will be carried out on trees around the Plant. Some of the trees on Wharf Road will be removed as the trees are considered dangerous and leaves etc are blowing on the roof which is incurring a large annual cost to remove. At least the same number of new trees will be planted to replace those removed. Permission has been granted to carry out the work.
- Oxfordshire County Councillor Mathew advised that the Inspector had requested further information on the Gravel Enquiry. The public examination will be after May. He supported the Eynsham-Botley cycle path, but the County Council would not financially support this at this time as it was low in its priorities for available funds.
- Mr Brown raised concerns of cut backs in the policing budget.

12/122 Local Newsletters and recent changes – Councillor Beach will attend a meeting of interested parties in January to discuss newsletters. It was understood that there are at least three groups currently considering newsletters and it was hoped that there may be further clarity and unanimity of views after this meeting. It was therefore agreed to await further developments. It may be possible to use advertising revenue to allow someone with up to date software to produce the newsletter.

12/123 Gravel Enquiry – Councillor Wright informed the Council that the Inspector had requested further information from Oxfordshire County Council.

12/124 Clerk's Report – The Report was received and considered.

- It was agreed that Councillor Wilding represents the Parish Council on the Broadband Champions for Oxford Committee.
- The Clerk advised that along with Councillor Wright he had represented the Council at the funeral of Margaret Johnson, a former employee of the Council.

- It was agreed that the Council supports West Oxford Community Path Action Group in their grant application to Natural England towards a survey of the Eynsham – Dean Court Community Path.

12/125 Eynsham Village Hall Trustee – Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to confirm Mr John Richards as a Village Hall Trustee.

12/126 To consider grants to Eynsham Cricket Club and Eynsham Primary School – It was **RESOLVED** to give as grant to match the amount raised by the Eynsham Cricket Club, other than any funds received from insurance payments or from any other local authority, to a maximum of £22000. It was further **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £3900 to Eynsham Primary School. Both of these grants would be taken from the Community Programme Reserve.

12/127 The Budget and Precept 2013-14 – Following recent communications with West Oxfordshire District Council it was **RESOLVED** to set the budget as presented with a Precept of £92174 (raising the Band D from £46.89 2011/12, £44.80 2012/13 to £47.16 2013/14).

12/128 Finance:

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted. It was further agreed that £50,000 be transferred into the 14 day account.

12/129 Correspondence –

Thames Valley Police re proposals to merge West Oxfordshire and Cherwell Local Police Areas was noted.

12/130 Committee meetings – the following minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved:

- ⊙ Planning – 4 December 2012
- ⊙ Play Area Committee – 8 January 2013.

12/13 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- ⊙ Traffic Advisory Committee – 15 January 2013 7.30pm
- ⊙ Fishponds Committee - 29 January 2013 7.30pm
- ⊙ Council – 5 February 2013 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.43pm.