



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Council Meeting in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 6 May 2013 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors - Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs S Brown, Mr P Emery, Mr A Mosson, Ms S Osborne, Mr N Relph, Mr O Rock, Mr D Stukenbroeker.

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Faulkner – Clerk.

Also In Attendance: Oxfordshire County Councillor C Mathew, West Oxfordshire District Councillor Edward James & 6 members of the public.

14/1 Election of Chair Councillor Beach was elected as Chairman for the year 2014/15. The Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed.

14/2 Election of Vice Chairman Councillor Andrews was elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2014/15. The Acceptance of Office was signed and witnessed.

14/3 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs V Hughes, Mr D Rossiter and Mr P Wilding. The Chairman reported on the sad death of Dr F Wright. The council wished to offer their condolences to the family and would consider fitting tributes at a later date.

14/4 Register of Interest – There were no updates.

14/5 Public Participation –

- Sustainabus – a presentation was given by a social enterprise organisation.
- Oxfordshire County Councillor C Mathew wished to offer his condolences to the family of Dr Fred Wright.
- Councillor Mathew said that he had been contacted by Siemens expressing concern about the travellers on the Thames Water site. The Chairman confirmed that West Oxfordshire District Council is dealing with the situation. Concerns were expressed that the travellers may move to a nearby site.
- Local residents Harry, Will and Lewis made a request to the council about improvements to the Skate Park to include a new bowl elevated to a position to include ramps. The estimated cost would be around £50,000. They reported that skate parks promote healthy living, give community focus, are accessible to a wide age range and skating is a growing sport. The boys presented the council with a petition in support of their request with 173 signatures including the local police and running club. They are keen to fund raise but they requested help from the council to do so and to facilitate the improvements.
 - The chairman explained that the Council would require permission from the land owners, Corpus Christi College regarding any changes on the site.
 - The chairman expressed concerns about the regular vandalism that was occurring at the edge of the park where an unofficial entrance had been created. He hoped that users of the park could be discouraged from vandalising the fence when it is replaced.
 - The Council agreed to look into changing the signage and its position in the field. The council to investigate maintenance of the trees alongside the skate park.

14/6 Play Areas – councillors were given an update on funds available from S106 developments. It was discussed that the large climbing frame at Old Witney Road will need to be replaced as soon as possible. The Play Area committee to consider options at next meeting.

14/7 Clerk's Report – the Clerk's report was received.
The Clerk to investigate the cost of weed spraying across the village.

14/8 Village Hall – the council agreed to the proposal for improved lighting.
It was **RESOLVED** that the Village Hall could go ahead with improvements to the stage lighting.

14/9 Pavilion electrics – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation for repairs to the lighting in the Pavilion.

14/10 The Committees were made up of the following members:

Senior Committee – Mr G Beach, Mr D Rossiter, Mr R Andrews, Mrs V Hughes

Finance & General Purposes Committee – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs V Hughes, Mr A Mosson, Mr N Relph and Mr D Stukenbroeker

Planning – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mr P Emery, Mr A Mosson, Mr N Relph, Mr D Stukenbroeker

Communications – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr P Emery, Ms S Osborne and Mr D Stukenbroeker

Fishponds – Mr G Beach, Mr Richard Andrews, Mrs V Hughes, Ms J Lawson, Ms S Osborne, Ms S Brown and Mr P Wilding

Footpaths – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs S Brown, Ms S Osborne and Mr O Rock

Gravel & Minerals – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr P Emery, Mr O Rock

Play Areas – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Mrs S Brown, Ms S Osborne and Mr P Wilding

Emergency Planning – Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr N Relph

14/11 Appointments to Outside Bodies were as follows:-

Allotments – Councillor Mrs Hughes

Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils – Councillor Bickley and Councillor Beach (reserve).

Worton Farm Liaison – Councillor Rock, & Councillor Beach

Playing Fields Management Committee – Councillor Ms S Osborne & Councillor Ms S Brown

Traffic Advisory Committee – Councillor G Beach, Councillor Ms S Osborne, Councillor Rock & Councillor Stukenbroeker

Transport representative - Cllr D Stukenbroeker

Eynsham Charities – Mr A Mosson

Bartholomew Sports Hall Management Committee – Councillor D Rossiter

Village Hall – Councillor O Rock, Councillor R Andrews.

14/12 Finance – It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The Income & Expenditure reports were noted.

14/13 The dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Fishponds Committee 13 May 2014 at 7.30pm
- Planning 3 June 2014 6.30pm (if needed)
- Council – 3 June 2014 7.30pm

14/14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was **RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1 of the Local Government Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

14/15 The Council **RESOLVED** to offer the Finance Assistant the opportunity to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme and to investigate enabling other members of staff to do so.

The Meeting closed at 8.53pm.