



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 1 July 2014 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Rachel Faulkner – Clerk.

Also In Attendance: Oxfordshire County Councillor C Mathew and 2 Members of the Public.

14/28 Apologies for absence – None. District Councillor Edward James.

14/29 Declarations of Interest –

Verity Hughes declared that she had expenses to receive and an invoice from Paul Hughes.

14/30 The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 June 2014 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

14/31 Public Participation –

- Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew reported on the recent report regarding Looked After Children in Oxfordshire. The report to be circulated to members of the Council.
- LTP4 Connecting Oxfordshire consultation meeting in July. Councillor Mathew suggested that councillors attend the meeting if possible to report issues around A40 and Toll Bridge. Councillor Mathew reported that he continued to lobby for a Smart Card for the Toll Bridge.
- He had nothing to report with regards removal of the travellers at Chilbridge.
- Verity Hughes updated the Council regarding a recent altercation at the allotments concerning a driver from Siemens and an allotment holder.

14/32 Correspondence

- Information was given to the Council regarding the Lights Out event in August to commemorate the start of the First World War.
- Councillor Beach read out a letter congratulating the Council for tidying up the Market Place but suggesting that more work could be done by the District Council on weeding and verges.
- Councillor Mathew reported that funds are available for minor highway work.

14/33 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

Councillor Mosson asked that the subject of finding available land for a Burial Ground be discussed further. He suggested asking the Woodland Trust about a natural burial site at the Millennium Wood.

14/34 The Council received a verbal report from Councillor Beach regarding CPRE Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

- West Oxfordshire District Council is under pressure to provide 660 homes per year for the next 20 years across the district. CPRE and local council representatives are meeting again next week to discuss the next step. A number of parishes have started to investigate Neighbourhood Plans.

- Councillor Mathew reminded the council that 25% of any Community Infrastructure Levy would be given to the Parish Council if they have a Neighbourhood Plan in place.
- Councillor Emery attended a briefing in his capacity as a District Councillor regarding housing requirements and Neighbourhood Plans. It was made clear that, in addition to many other areas, the west of Eynsham is a preferred location for expansion. He suggested that there are different levels of Neighbourhood Plan and it may be more beneficial to have one than not. It was agreed that it would be vital to consult and engage with the local population and approval of the plan would not be possible without it.

14/35 The Council discussed the future of the Public Toilets in Oxford Road playing field.

- Notice is likely to be received from West Oxfordshire District Council regarding their operation of the public toilets. The building is owned by the Parish Council but the toilets are operated by WODC.
- Options were discussed regarding the viability of the building in that event. One option being to remove the toilet block completely. It was felt that it was an important facility and we should consult with residents. Councillor Mathew suggested that Oxfordshire County Council might be willing to contribute to the funding of the toilets.
- The council was reminded that in the 1990s it was costing the Parish Council a large amount of money to run the facility and that handing it over to West Oxfordshire District Council was the only way to keep it open.
- The District Council suggested that funding may be available to support an extension to the Pavilion thereby providing additional changing, storage and toilet facilities. It was recommended that further discussions be had with the Playing Field Management Association about their aspirations and requirements.

14/36 Finance – It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

14/37 Committee meetings – the following minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved.

- Planning – 3 June 2014
- Fishponds – 13 May 2014
- Play Areas – 17 June 2014

14/38 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Communications – 8 July 2014 6.30pm
- Finance and General Purposes – 8 July 2014 7.30pm
- Fishponds at the Pavilion – 15 July 2014 6.30pm
- Emergency Planning – 15 July 2014 7.30pm – to be postponed
- Traffic Advisory Committee – 22 July 7.30pm
- Planning – 5 August 2014 6.30pm (if required)
- Council – 5 August 2014 7.30pm

14/39 The Chairman suggested that as a number of councillors will be away in September it may be advisable to cancel the September Council meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.