



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 5 August 2014 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Also In Attendance: Oxfordshire County Councillor C Mathew, District Councillor Edward James and 5 Members of the Public.

14/40 Apologies for absence – Mr A Bickley, Mr N Relph.

14/41 Declarations of Interest – Verity Hughes declared that there was an invoice from Paul Hughes, and Gordon Beach declared an interest in the Planning Application for Land at Fruitlands.

14/42 The Minutes of the meetings held on 1 July 2014 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

14/43 Public Participation

- John Dowling spoke in respect of item 8 on the Agenda, seeking support to extend the period for consultation, the holding of a public meeting, and to engage with other villages in the eastern part of West Oxfordshire, who he felt were more likely to be impacted by the current proposals.
- Ron Feasey, from the Rotary Club of Eynsham, expanded on his letter to Council offering to support a project in the village.
- The matter of ball games in Evans Close was raised on behalf of Mrs Messenger, a resident.
- Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Matthew, updated members on the funds he has available for highway maintenance and the action he is taking in respect of the roundabouts. He also advised Members that the proposal regarding the Bartholomew School crossing was not progressing, which he attributed to the Parish Council. This was strongly refuted by Members, since our position has not changed since considering the matter earlier in the year. The Chairman will write to Oxfordshire County Council reminding them of our position.

14/44 Correspondence – the following correspondence was acknowledged by the council:

- Email thanking Council for contribution to Eynsham News Group
- Email thanking Council for contribution to OASIS.

14/45 Clerk's Report – due to her recent accident no report was submitted by the Clerk.

14/46 The Council received a verbal report from Councillor D Stukenbroeker regarding Oxfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

14/47 The Council discussed the timetable of West Oxfordshire Local Plan consultation. It was decided that we should continue with our current consultation on a Neighbourhood Plan, and that the item would be on the October Agenda.

14/48 The Council discussed the future of the Oxford Road Public Toilets. The Chairman reported that no progress had been made since the last report.

14/49 The Council discussed the Allotments rent review. Verity Hughes reported the request from the Allotments Association that they would like to retain the five yearly review but have an annual increment to spread the review equally across each of those five years. Council agreed to support this. The next review would be due in 2015, and the rent would be set at our Finance Meeting in 2014, in order to give the Association 12 months notice. Council also understood the Association was considering changes to their Handbook which would require Council approval. Council look forward to a draft of this document, and the Chairman will write to the Association to confirm both matters.

14/50 The Council discussed sponsorship of Dog Waste bins and Rubbish Bins. A member of the public had expressed interest in sponsorship to enable further bins to be installed. Verity Hughes will liaise further. Members also looked at a scheme being considered by West Oxfordshire District Council, which whilst they had some reservations regarding the design, might be a way forward in the future.

14/51 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

14/52 Committee meetings – the following minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved.

- Communications – 8 July 2014
- Finance and General Purpose – 8 July 2014
- Fishponds – 15 July 2014. No minutes were produced for this meeting which was held to confirm plans for the Fishponds Foray on the 17th July. Council recorded special thanks to all those involved in the event which had been a great success.
- Emergency Planning was postponed
- Traffic Advisory Committee was postponed
- Planning Committee – 5 August 2014. Dennis Stukenbroeker advised Members that the committee would be proposing an objection to the proposed development on the Land at Fruitlands on similar grounds to our previous comments together with contributions from a residents who had attended the meeting.

14/53 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Play Areas – 12 August 2014 at 6.30pm
- Fishponds – 11 August 2014 at 7.30pm – Please note change of day.

The Meeting closed at 9.07 pm