



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Also In Attendance: County Councillor Charles Mathew, District Councillor Edward James and 1 Member of the Public.

14/71 Apologies for absence – Mrs V Hughes

14/72 Declarations of Interest - None

14/73 The Chairman welcomed Jane Baldwin and Patricia Crowley onto the Council. They have signed the Acceptance of Office form, witnessed by the Clerk. Ms Baldwin will be a member of the Fishponds and Footpaths Committees. Ms Crowley will be a member of the Emergency Planning Committee and represent the Council on the Traffic Advisory Committee and Village Hall Committee

14/74 Minutes of the meetings held on 7 October 2014 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

14/75 Public Participation

Councillor Stukenbroeker reported a letter received from a resident regarding a recent accident on the A40 causing traffic to be diverted through the village. He requested that the Council ask the Police if they can manage the traffic through the village. The council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the local police with their concerns.

14/76 Correspondence – the following correspondence was acknowledged by the council.

- It was confirmed that an on line petition is being distributed and copied to the Parish Council objecting to the proposal to build a Children's Assessment Centre. A standard response is being sent at this stage explaining that residents should contact Oxfordshire County Council with their concerns. Councillors had attended the recent public consultation.
- Letter from Playing Field Managers' Association regarding lack of shower and changing facilities. The Chairman suggested that he was happy to attend the next meeting of the PFMA. Councillor Brown and Councillor Osborne to report back to the association.

14/77 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.

North Playing Field: Savills, on behalf of Corpus Christi College, have invited the Council to attend a meeting to discuss the Playing Field and surrounding area. This will include the proposal by younger residents for an extension to the Skate Park.

Gladman Developments: The Council discussed the correspondence from Gladman Developments requesting a private meeting with the Council. The Council had responded inviting them to attend the public Planning meeting which they refused to attend.

Councillor Stukenbroeker said that as there was no current application and very little information it was difficult to see what would be achieved by meeting the developers.

Councillor Mosson felt that the proposed site may be appropriate for new housing and probably inevitable. He asked whether meeting with the developers would give the council an opportunity to influence where the village could benefit from planning gain by including a new village burial ground in lieu of S106 funding.

Councillor Rossiter said that he thought it was reasonable for the developers to request a meeting with the Parish Council and that there may be benefits in doing so. However he felt that minutes of that meeting should be taken by the Council and made public.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact Gladman to say that representatives of the Council would be happy to have a private meeting providing that minutes are taken by the Council that will be made available to the public.

St Leonards Churchyard: A letter had been received inviting Council representatives to meet with members of the Parochial Church Council to discuss further the future of the graveyard. Cllrs Beach, Rossitor and Emery to attend. The Clerk to contact to arrange.

Winter Preparedness: Councillor Andrews explained that Cottsway Housing had been contacted by the Clerk to request that the grant received by the Parish Council, originally intended for a Noticeboard, be used instead to purchase a Salt Bin and other tools to be used in the Merton Close area in times of ice and snow. The Council has already received a bulk order of salt from Oxfordshire County Council at no charge. The Council **RESOLVED** that if Cottsway agree to the grant being used in this way then a Salt Bin could be ordered from Oxfordshire County Council. The Council are awaiting a decision from Cottsway following their meeting on 6th November.

14/78 The Council discussed a management plan for the tree belt at Dovehouse Close. Local residents had been informed of the plan to fell a number of trees. A quote had been received. The council **RESOLVED** to accept it and continue the management of the area.

14/79 Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Stukenbroeker said there had been 420+ hits on the website looking at the information regarding Neighbourhood Plans. 40 people had contacted Councillor Stukenbroeker through the website expressing interest in developing a plan.

Approximately 16 people attended an initial meeting in the Bartholomew Room and 12 expressed an interest in setting up a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to take things forward. They were encouraged to invite additional representation from the village and to work closely with West Oxfordshire District Council's Community Planning Officer.

A meeting has been planned for Monday 10th November. The next step is likely to be Community Engagement which would involve contacting local businesses, schools, health centre. It was suggested that public meetings and workshops might be arranged by the group.

The Parish Council is the Qualifying Body and will need to present the plan to the District Council. Councillor Stukenbroeker has made the group aware of possible funding streams.

There will be a follow up piece in the next Eynsham News published on 1 December.

It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Andrews, Stukenbroeker and Baldwin would represent the Parish Council on the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

14/80 Councillor Beach and Councillor Emery attended the Brize Norton Local Community Working Group. They reported that Polly Perkins would be taking over as new Group Captain. Next meeting in February.

14/81 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

14/82 Committee meetings – the following minutes were adopted and the recommendations approved.

- Communications – 14 October 2014 at 7.30pm – Council **RESOLVED** to use £2500 from reserves towards update of website.

14/83 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Play Areas – 11 November 2014 at 6.30pm
- Fishponds – 11 November 2014 at 7.30pm
- Finance and General Purpose – 18 November at 7.30pm
- Planning – 2 December 2014 at 6.30pm (if required)
- Council – 2 December 2014 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm