



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 2 December 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, Mrs V Hughes, 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.

14/84 Apologies for absence – The Chairman announced the resignation of Olaf Rock. The Council discussed filling the vacancy and **RESOLVED** to approach the candidate who received the most votes at the previous vote.

14/85 Declarations of Interest – Councillor Hughes declared that there was an invoice from Paul Hughes in accounts. Councillor Osborne declared that there was a reimbursement cheque for her in accounts.

14/86 Minutes of the meetings held on 4 November 2014 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

14/87 Public Participation – none

14/88 Correspondence – the following correspondence was acknowledged by the council.

An email from a resident of Church Hanborough regarding Lower Road between Long Hanborough and Eynsham. The matter to be brought forward to the Traffic Advisory Committee in January.

14/89 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.

The Chairman attended a meeting at Oxfordshire County Council to discuss the travellers at Chilbridge. Negotiations are ongoing between OCC and the tenant to re-acquire the land in order to facilitate removal of the travellers. They expect that if they are successful, it will still be a few months before the travellers can be removed from the site. Councillor Osborne expressed concern that the chain and lock at the Thames Water site seems to have disappeared which could allow access. The Clerk to ensure that it is replaced as soon as possible.

Councillors were reminded that it is important to manage their PC email accounts so that residents are able to contact them.

14/90 The Council discussed the meeting with Gladman Developments regarding the proposed development on Station Road. Minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated to councillors and are available on the website. The planning application has not yet been validated by West Oxfordshire District Council although Gladman said they had submitted it.

14/91 The Council discussed the siting of a Children's Assessment Centre in the village.

- Councillor Rossiter said that two sites had been identified in Eynsham as possible locations for the centre, he had asked Oxfordshire County Council why the Litchfield site had been considered more favourably. He had been told that both sites had received equal scores but

the other site was close to the A40 and to land that may be used for a future Park & Ride so the Litchfield site has been selected. Councillor Rossiter said that more information from Oxfordshire County Council Children's Service was needed about the nature of the service provided by the Assessment Centre if the concerns of the local residents were to be addressed.

- Councillor Rossiter proposed that EPC contact Oxfordshire County Council to ask if land in this location might be made available for a cemetery. Councillor Baldwin seconded.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council approach Oxfordshire County Council to request that as planning gain for their proposal, land could be made available on the wider Litchfield site to accommodate a cemetery.
- There was further discussion about other suitable sites for a cemetery and Councillor Rossiter proposed that Gladman Developments also be approached. Councillor Stukenbroeker seconded.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council contact Gladman Developments to confirm the village's requirement for land for a cemetery. The Station Road site has previously been identified as land suitable for this purpose. Gladmans to be informed that there is a possible alternative site on the other side of Station Road under the same ownership which may also be suitable.

14/92 The Council discussed the meeting with St Leonards PCC regarding cemetery provision.

- St Leonards PCC confirmed that they would be applying to close half of the graveyard. They said that if it was not possible to close a part of it then they would apply to close all of it. Contact to be made with English Heritage regarding the use of the possible site on the other side of the graveyard wall. Oxfordshire County Councillor Mathew said that he felt sure that OCC would not allow scheduled land to be used for a cemetery.
- It was confirmed that, when necessary, it would be important to pass on the responsibility for maintenance of the graveyard to West Oxfordshire District Council within the permitted timescale.

14/93 The Council discussed the meeting with Savills on behalf of Corpus Christi College regarding the extension of the skate park on Oxford Road.

Cllrs Beach and Andrews had a productive meeting to discuss the land leased by the council. The college have agreed to allow an extension to the Skate Park.

14/94 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

14/95 Committee meetings – the following minutes were adopted and recommendations approved:

- Play Areas – 11 November 2014 at 6.30pm
- Fishponds – 11 November 2014 at 7.30pm
- Finance and General Purpose – 18 November at 7.30pm

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

- Planning (if required) – 6 January 2015
- Full Council – 6 January 2015
- Council – budget meeting – 13 January 2015
- Traffic Advisory Committee – 20 January 2015

The Meeting closed at 8.55