



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 3 February 2015 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 D Rossiter, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Mr P Wilding.

Also In Attendance: County Councillor Charles Mathew and 4 Members of the Public.

15/115 Apologies for absence – Mr N Relph

15/116 Declarations of Interest

15/117 Minutes of the meetings held on 6 and 13 January 2015 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

15/118 Public Participation

- Eynsham Brownie Pack leader, Sinead Andrews presented to the Council regarding a project they are working on 'to be the change in your community'. Local Brownie, Esme Philips said that the Brownies have a number of suggestions for ways to promote responsible dog ownership including posters, rhymes, more dog bins and possibly poo bags available at the site of dog bins. The chairman suggested that he and Councillor Emery would be happy to attend a Brownie meeting to talk through the options.
- Councillor Mathew confirmed that the funding for the signage and lighting over the B4449 from Bitterell to the Allotments/Wharf Stream Way has been made available and the work is due to be completed. A request has been made to access S106 funds to complete some clearance along the No 5 footpath prior to the opening of Wharf Stream Way.
- Councillor Mathew updated the council on some further changes to the proposed zebra crossing scheme.

15/119 Correspondence – none

15/120 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed

An ash tree in Old Witney Road play area to be cut back as it presents a hazard.

It was confirmed that Solar panels provided by Solar Century be installed at the Pavilion as already resolved by the Council. Insurance having been checked by Councillor Stukenbroeker.

15/121 The council RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Mosson as trustee to Bartholomew Educational Foundation for a three year period from 5 January 2015.

15/122 The Council discussed the proposed zebra crossing on Witney Road

- Councillor Rossiter felt that it was not a good design and asked if it would be possible to move or remove the bus stops into more appropriate locations. Cllrs discussed options for which bus stops could be removed or moved.
- Councillor Crowley suggested that a 20mph speed limit across the whole village might give a better solution without the need for additional street clutter. Councillor Andrews and Councillor Emery supported this suggestion. Councillor Mathew agreed to research the possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit.

Councillor Rossiter proposed a motion seconded by Councillor Andrews.

The Council **RESOLVED** that on the basis of the consultation drawings it does not support the scheme but suggest the crossing be moved 20 metres south. In the knowledge that there are discussions underway regarding moving the south bound bus stop.

15/123 The Council discussed the proposed Children's Assessment Centre. The Council was informed that the Planning Committee recommended no objection to the scheme but to express the following concerns

1. The perimeter landscaping of the site should be increased on the western and southern boundaries to soften the impact of the development on the surrounding rural edge of the village (BE2 and BE4).
2. Suitable restrictions on the times which the car park lighting and the exterior lighting of the building may be illuminated should be imposed to avoid a detrimental effect on the amenity of surrounding occupiers (BE21).
3. The access to the site is from the road between Merton Close and Merton Court. The Council has received complaints from residents of speeding along this road. Suitable traffic calming measures should be put in place on the road before occupation of the site to avoid risk to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles entering and leaving the site (BE3).
4. For the security of the children and staff, the site should not be occupied until the County Council has removed the travellers from the adjoining field owned by the County Council and the field has been secured against further trespass.
5. The Parish Council did not object to the adjoining rural exception site for affordable housing based on the representations of the County Council that it would not further develop its land to the west of Eynsham. The County Council have now made this application for further development. As the church cemetery in the village is closing, the Parish Council will be seeking a planning obligation for the provision of additional land in the vicinity of the development site for a new cemetery for the benefit of the community.

15/124 The Council discussed the need for cemetery land. The Clerk reported in her report on a conversation with Nigel Cunning, OCC Corporate Landlord Manager, following the Council's request for land to be made available in the area proposed for the Children's Assessment Centre. Mr Cunning has written to the council stating that land may be available for a cemetery but should be dealt with in isolation. Mr Cunning has provided a plan showing Oxfordshire County Council's land ownership in the village so that other sites may be identified.

15/125 The Council discussed the Eynsham Playing Field Managers' Management Agreement. Councillor Hughes suggested that an inclusion be made regarding obstruction of public footpaths. The final document will be brought to the March Council meeting following the PFMA AGM on 16th February for signature.

15/126 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

15/127 Committee Meetings – to adopt the minutes and receive recommendations of the following meetings:

- Council Budget Meeting – 13 January 2015
- Planning – 6 January 2015
- Traffic Advisory Committee = 20 January 2015

15/128 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Fishponds – 10 February 2015 at 6.30pm
- Communications – 10 February 2015 at 7.30pm
- Finance and General Purpose – 24 February 2015 at 7.30pm
- Planning (if required) – 3 March 2015 at 6.30pm
- Council – 3 March 2015 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm