



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held in the Bartholomew Room  
on Tuesday 7 July 2015 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

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

**Also In Attendance:** 2 members of the public.

**15/188 Apologies for absence** – Ms S Brown

**15/189 Declarations of Interest** – None

**15/190 Minutes of the meetings held on 2 June 2015** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

### **15/191 Public Participation**

- Councillor Charles Mathew reported that some work has been done at the entrance to the new Wharf Stream Way. The council confirmed that although work had been done it was not complete and did not expose the beginning of the footpath as required. Councillor Mathew agreed to follow up with Oxfordshire County Council Countryside team.
- Councillor Mathew informed the council that there is £40m available to be spent on improvements to the A40 around the Eynsham area. Consultation and public exhibitions are due to take place in the autumn.
- Councillor Mathew said that there is a proposal for a bus lane between Siemens and the Toll Bridge. Councillor Mathew to gather more information ahead of the August council meeting.

### **15/192 Correspondence**

- Councillors had received letters informing them of an exhibition regarding extra car parking and improved facilities at Long Hanborough station. Councillor Beach to speak to Long Hanborough PC to understand their view and suggested that councillors attend the exhibition if they are able.
- Dovehouse Close – Councillor Andrews explained a request from a resident regarding access. The council agreed with conditions regarding use of council land.
- An email had been received from Larry Poole thanking the council for their support of the Folk Festival.
- West Oxfordshire District Council asked for the Council's views regarding a street name for a new development off Spareacre Lane. The developer had suggested The Grange but the council felt that this could cause confusion with other properties with the same name and that there was no association with a Grange. The council suggested Spareacre Place or Close as an alternative. The Clerk to liaise with officer at WODC.
- The council **RESOLVED** to nominate Peter Emery to sit on the Executive Committee of the OALC.

**15/193 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.**

- The new Grass Cutting contract with Ubico/WODC is going well and no complaints had been received from residents. The loss of the Groundsman has meant that it is more difficult to use the services of the Probation teams.
- The council is awaiting a decision on the grant for an extension to the Skate Park. The chairman had spoken to the Rotary Club who provisionally offered a grant of £3000.
- The Clerk explained that a suggestion was made that we might be able to find other uses for Public Loos. Corpus Christi College have confirmed that they would not object to a private tenant renting the facility. It was agreed to advertise the possibility in the Eynsham News and investigate options.
- The clerk had met with a representative regarding refurbishment of the Bus Shelters. It was suggested that 6 shelters could be refurbished including flip seating within the S106 budget available from Oxfordshire County Council. The clerk to confirm and organise.

#### **15/194 Co-option of councillors.**

Resident, Mark Zumbuhl was co-opted to the Council. He had expressed an interest in Communications, Footpaths and Play Areas and would be invited to join these committees. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Keith Butler to tell him that despite an extensive advertising campaign, only one member of the public had applied and been co-opted. Ms Crowley discussed the possibility of inviting younger people from the secondary school to get involved.

**15/195 Cemetery Land.** Members of the council had a meeting with Nigel Cumming from Oxfordshire County Council regarding the requirement for cemetery land in the village. He provided some very useful information and documentation to be complete. Councillor Mosson agreed to start the paperwork. The council asked Councillor Mathew to thank Mr Cumming for his help.

#### **15/196 To consider Community Right to Buy.**

A suggestion had been made to the Council regarding the Orchard at Fruitlands. The Community Right to Buy means that if the land was available for sale then the council would be given an opportunity to buy it and be given 6 months to raise the funds to do so. The clerk and chairman to proceed with registering an interest.

#### **15/197 Update on Eynsham Futures/Neighbourhood Plan**

A Scoping document for Sustainability Assessment is currently being worked on – aimed to be complete by September. This comprises baseline information, outline of the plan, options available and the tests that will apply to those options.

Meetings had taken place with the schools and it was confirmed that the Primary School is at capacity and has no space to grow on its current site. The Secondary School has capacity as many of its pupils come from outside of the village and could be diverted elsewhere.

**15/198 Finance** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

#### **15/199 The council adopted the minutes of committee meetings:**

- Planning – 2 June 2015 at 6.30pm
- Play Area – 9 June 2015 at 6.30pm
- Fishponds – 9 June 2015 at 7.30pm
- Communications – 30 June at 6.30pm

**15/200 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:**

- Finance and General Purpose – 21 July 2015 at 7.30pm
- Emergency Planning – 4 August 2015 at 6.30pm
- Full Council – 4 August at 7.30pm

**The clerk was asked to put in dates for Planning committee.**

**The Meeting closed at 9pm**