



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at the Bartholomew Room  
on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

**Present: Councillors** – Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr R Andrews (Vice-Chair), Mr A Bickley, Ms S Brown, Ms P Crowley, Mr P Emery, Mr R Macken, Ms S Osborne, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Dr M Zumbuhl. Mr Andrews chaired the meeting for items 15/250 – 15/261 in Mr Beach's absence.

**Also In Attendance:** County Councillor Charles Mathew and 2 members of the public.

**15/250 Apologies for absence** – Ms J Baldwin, Mr A Mosson.

**15/251 Declarations of Interest** – None.

**15/252** Mr R Macken was appointed to the following committees: Finance & General Purpose committee and Play Areas committee.

**15/253 Minutes of the meetings held on 6 October 2015** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**15/254 Public Participation:** Cllr Mathew reminded the council of the current consultations regarding budget cuts.

### **15/255 Correspondence –**

The council received a letter from the Ministry of Justice regarding the proposed closure of the Churchyard. The clerk to contact West Oxfordshire District Council to confirm that they will take over the maintenance of the churchyard once closed. The council agreed that the need to find land for future burials has become more pressing.

### **15/256 The Clerk's report was noted and discussed.**

- The council **RESOLVED** to allow West Oxfordshire District Council to remove the Healthmatic door to the public toilets and replace with a lockable door.
- The clerk to contact the District Auditor to ascertain whether the tree belt behind the Dovehouse Close houses can be sold to the residents.

**15/257** The council considered options for the repair of the boiler in the Pavilion.

The council **RESOLVED** to ask Piper Heating to complete the work to repair the boiler. It was also suggested that they service the boiler in the Bartholomew Room.

**15/258 Finance** - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

**15/259** The council discussed future contributions to Bartholomew Sports Centre. It was **RESOLVED** that the council continue to contribute for a further year. The council would like to review future funding having ascertained whether local people are getting the best use of the facilities.

**15/260** The council considered their response to the Oxfordshire County Council consultation regarding improvements to the A40 which ends on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Comments from Professor Dowling were noted.

**15/261** The council discussed options for Fruitlands Woodland. The council **RESOLVED** to apply to West Oxfordshire District Council to make the Fruitlands Woodland an Asset of Community Value. Mr Stukenbroeker agreed to complete the necessary paperwork. Mr Beach withdrew from the meeting for this item.

**15/262** The council was updated on Eynsham Futures/Neighbourhood Plan. The group is continuing to collect completed surveys. Members of the council recently met with Corpus Christi College to discuss their thoughts about the future use of their landholdings in the village. Mr Andrews informed the council that the idea of developing the land to the north of Eynsham is gathering momentum subject to first installing a safe pedestrian/cycle crossing under/over the A40. He said it was important that residents are kept informed of the current thinking so that the Neighbourhood Plan was truly representative of the community.

**15/263** The council considered planning applications:

- 15/03598/HHD: Loft conversion to include front and rear dormer windows. 4 Acre End Close. No objection.
- 15/03502/HHD: Single storey extension to form ground floor bedroom with internal alterations to create an en suite shower room. Scotney 6 Cassington Road. No objection.
- 15/03799/FUL: Erection of new dwelling (to allow balcony over single storey garden room). The Shrubbery, 26 High Street. No objection.
- 15/03763/HHD: Erection of garage. 4 Chilbridge Road. No objection.
- 15/03858/LBC: External alterations involving the removal of an external porch to the barn and replacement with timber boarding and door. Lord's Farm, 2 Queen Street. No objection.

**15/264** The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of committee meetings:

- Planning Committee – 6 October 2015
- Fishponds Committee – 13 October 2015

**15/265** The Council noted the dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Finance and General Purpose Committee – 17 November 2015 at 7.30pm
- Planning – 1 December 2015 at 6.30pm (if required)
- Council – 1 December 2015 at 7.30pm
- Play Areas – 8 December 2015 at 7.30pm

**The Meeting closed at 9.15pm**