



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting held at the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors – Mr G Beach (Chair), Mr R Andrews (Vice-Chair), Ms J Baldwin, Mr A Bickley, Ms P Crowley, Mr R Macken, Mr A Mosson, Ms S Osborne, Mr D Stukenbroeker, Dr M Zumbuhl.

Also In Attendance: County Councillor Charles Mathew and Ms Joan Stonham.

16/282 Apologies for absence: Mr N Relph, Ms S Brown, Mr P Emery.

16/283 Declarations of Interest – None.

16/284 Minutes of the meetings held on 1 December 2015 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

16/285 Public Participation – Cllr Charles Mathew informed the council of further cuts to OCC budgets.

16/286 Correspondence – none.

16/287 The Clerk's report was noted and discussed.

- The contract with Prime Site Media regarding advertising at bus shelters has expired and needs to be renegotiated.
- Plans required for the Skate Park so that planning permission can be sought. The Clerk to contact Sue Hunt to check on progress.
- Councillor Andrews to speak to Dovehouse Close residents regarding the possible purchase of the tree belt.
- It was **RESOLVED** to continue to work on creating a wild flower meadow in the Fishponds and see how that works before deciding on whether to roll out to include roadside verges.

16/288 The council discussed opportunities to attend OALC courses.

- It was agreed that the Clerk would attend three courses in 2016.
- Cllrs Macken and Bickley to attend Roles and Responsibilities course on 2 March.
- Ms Stonham to attend the Freedom of Information course on 18 May.

16/289 The council agreed to have the additional work completed on the boiler at the Pavilion at a quoted cost of no more than £300.

16/290 Finance - It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

16/291 The council discussed the email from OALC regarding the change of external auditor. The chairman advised that as EPC's turnover is over £25,000 the council is not applicable. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would speak to OALC again to see what benefits there may be in opting in to the new auditor.

16/292 The council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Finance committee regarding S137 grant payments.

16/293 The council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Finance committee regarding rent increases at the Pavilion and Bartholomew Room.

It was **RESOLVED** to change to an annual fee for the football clubs to be agreed at the March committee meeting and implemented in the new season beginning August 2016.

16/294 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Finance committee regarding monies to be transferred to reserves.

16/295 The council **RESOLVED** to agree the proposed budget for 2016/17 and the agreed precept of £91,804.

16/296 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) progress: Councillor Andrews explained to the council that proposals for a substantial expansion of the village to the north of the A40 had been presented to WODC which meant that the NP team needed strategic direction from the Parish Council.

- The NP team had already started to consider larger developments, including north of the A40. To build any new homes will require a new primary school - the current one is full with no space to expand - but at least 750 new homes would be required to build a new school.
- Councillor Andrews asked the council for some strategic direction - should the NP team consider such a large expansion or focus solely on meeting our allocation of new homes, currently 250 but more likely to be 400 when all the figures are in. The council discussed at length the options and whether it would be better to include an option for a large development which funded the necessary infrastructure so that new development would not be a burden on the existing village.
- It was noted that significant road improvements to the A40 and Toll Bridge were likely to happen and these would be necessary to support new development which would not create new traffic on already congested village roads but go directly onto the main roads such as the A40. A new Primary School and other public facilities, together with proper links to the existing village, would be funded by developer contributions. The Neighbourhood Plan would address these and other technical matters in detail.
- It was noted that getting doctors' appointments is an issue often raised but very difficult for the NP to address as there is no direct contact with the Medical Centre.
- The council agreed that the merits and drawbacks of a large development should be considered (along with smaller-scale options) and not excluded at this stage.
- Councillor Andrews and Baldwin stressed the importance of continued communication with the village to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan progresses in accordance with residents' opinion. To this end, an insert is to be included in the next Eynsham News to ask this same question of residents - a copy would be circulated to councillors for their comments before publication.

16/297 The council considered planning applications:

- 15/04493/HHD: Proposed single storey rear extensions, convert garage to ancillary accommodation, insert dormer window and rooflight, canopy over front door. 72 Acre End Street. No objection.
- 15/04370/FUL: Planning permission for the amendment to part of the access road consented as part of application 14/0187/P/FP. Salutation Farm Barnard Gate. No objection.

16/298 The Council RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of committee meetings:

- Play Area – 8 December 2015
- Planning – 8 December 2015
- Finance and General Purpose Committee – 17 November 2015

16/299 The Council noted the dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Fishponds – 12 January 2016 at 6.30pm
- Traffic Advisory Committee – 12 January 2016 at 7.30pm
- Communications – 2 February 2016 at 6.30pm
- Council – 2 February 2016 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm