



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30 pm
on Tuesday 7 March 2017

MINUTES

Present: Councillors – Mr R Andrews, Ms S Brown, Ms T Crowley, Ms K Crowe, Mr P Emery, Mr R Macken, Mr A Mosson, Ms S Osborne, Mr N Relph, Mr D Stukenbroeker.

Also in Attendance: Clerk to the Council, Incoming Clerk to the Council, Cllr Mathew and 2 members of the public.

16/518 Apologies for absence – Mr G Beach, Mr A Bickley.

16/519 Declarations of Interest – none

16/520 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017 – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a true record.

16/521 Public Participation

Nicky Chambers introduced herself as the Chair of a new community group called EPIC set up as a result of concerns about proposed housing development in the village and the lack of democratic process.

16/522 Correspondence – a letter had been received by a local resident regarding the lack of parking in the Back Lane car park. Mr Emery had forwarded the complaint to the officers at WODC and was awaiting their response before replying.

16/523 The Clerk's Report was received and discussed.

The Clerk to chase Bidwells regarding the council's requests on Oxford Road playing field (north).

16/524 Finance. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the accounts as presented. The income & expenditure reports were noted.

16/525 The council discussed planning applications:

- 17/00800/HHD 6 Thornbury Road. Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, two storey and first floor side extensions. Eynsham Parish Council is concerned that the extent of the proposed extensions would overshadow the neighbouring properties and cause a loss of light.
- 17/00908/HHD 79 Hazeldene Close. Side extension to garage and conversion to ancillary accommodation. Eynsham Parish Council has no objection conditional on the proposed development being ancillary to the existing dwelling and not to be used as a separate dwelling.
- 17/00933/HHD 1 Abbey Farm Barns, Station Road. Construction of front entrance porch. No objection.
- 17/00777/FUL Kian Court, Southfield Road. Retention of hard standing and pedestrian access, refuse area and associated landscaping (retrospective). Eynsham Parish Council objects to this application. The applicant exceeded the General Permitted Development Order by removing the barrier and landscaping between the industrial estate upon which 'Kian Court' is sited and Pinkhill Lane, to provide access to what is only a private road and bridleway. The Parish Council has serious reservations as the applicant has already

constructed a metal fence which has not only a pedestrian gate but a vehicular gate providing unauthorized access to Pinkhill Lane. Adequate access for pedestrians, vehicles and refuse vehicles can be obtained from Southfield Road. If WODC are minded to grant this application it should be conditional on removal of the vehicular gate.

16/526 The council had received information regarding traffic calming on Spareacre Lane. The clerk to contact OCC to ask for more information about the exact location and who will be paying for it.

16/527 The council received reports from councillors representing the council on outside bodies: Ms Brown reported from the PFMA that the circus has requested to use the Oxford Road playing field on 13/14 June. The clerk to contact Bidwells for permission.

16/528 The council agreed to a request from the Village Hall management committee for approval for an external display board.

16/529 The council discussed the current status of Eynsham Futures Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is currently with WODC who are consulting on whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required; following that they will undertake a 6 week formal consultation before an Independent Examination.

16/530 The council considered the merit of conducting a Health Check on the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Andrews explained that WODC dismissed the Neighbourhood Plan as having 'little weight' as it has not been subjected to an Independent Examination (IE). A Health Check is an IE which could be conducted quickly. Applications have been submitted to NPIERS (the same organisation that will conduct the formal IE) for a Health Check quotation and a grant from LOCALITY to cover the cost of up to 10 days at NPIERS £375/day fixed-rate fee. Mr Andrews asked the council to agree to the Health Check and, in principle, to using the council's Neighbourhood Plan fund if a grant was not forthcoming. If necessary, the Senior Committee would be convened to sign-off any expenditure at which time the number of days required by NPIERS would be known.

16/531 Committee Meetings – the council received recommendations of the following meetings:

- Footpaths – 14 March at 6.30pm
- Play Areas – 14 March at 7.30pm

16/532 To note dates of the next Eynsham Parish Council meetings:

- Annual Parish Meeting – 25 April 2017 at 7.30pm
- Planning (if required) – 2 May 2017 at 6.30pm
- Annual Council Meeting – 2 May 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm