

**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
Held in the Council Offices, 102 High Street, Eton.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs P. Highy (Mayor), M. Cadwallader, Mrs S. Evans, D. Hill, P. Jackson,  
P. Lawless, J. Lovell, R. Lewandowski, J. Palmer, A. Ward, Mrs S. Warner

**In Attendance:** R. Austen – Town Clerk, M. Reynolds – Accountant, Ms M. McLean,  
Ms S. Rayner, Mr T. Elawadi (part)

**Apologies:** Cllrs D. Bishop, M. Blightman

The Mayor opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced Mr Tarek Elawadi who is the owner of The Flaming Cow restaurant and is shortly to open another restaurant in Eton High Street.

Mr Elawadi explained the changes to the old Ayoush restaurant which will now be called Fishcraft. It will be a family seafood restaurant and will also serve locally brewed 'craft' beers. Mr Elawadi hopes to increase trade to the High Street, to everyone's benefit. There will be a takeaway service as there is at The Flaming Cow. Hours of business will be 12.00 noon to 21.00 weekdays and 12.00 noon to 22.00 weekends. Waste lorries will call twice a week after 08.30. The canopy will be taken down and replaced with a 'tasteful' cover and a heater.

The Mayor responded that if all these controls are in place, then there will not be a problem.

Mr Elawadi confirmed that there is no need for planning permission as the terms are the same as the Ayoush Restaurant. He will monitor the situation closely to ensure all conditions are maintained.

#### **CM4427 Finance – Schedule of Payments**

The Accounts Schedule 12-14/15 was considered, and it was agreed that all the payments be approved.

Mr Reynolds highlighted the following items:

- There is an overall excess of income over expenditure of £1534 and a £699 deficit against our budget.
- This has been a very good year and we have £64K secured in reserves.

The Mayor expressed the Council's thanks to Mr Reynolds for his excellent work throughout the year.

#### **CM4428 RBWM Councillors' Issues**

- Cedar of Lebanon Issue

Cllr Palmer outlined the current situation whereby the cedar of lebanon tree at The Gables site had been cut down and replaced with a small tree. 17 residents had so far made complaints on line.

Ms McLean addressed the Meeting and provided a full report on what had happened. Cllr Dudley had asked the contractors to halt their work pending further independent examination of the cedar of lebanon. However the tree was cut down on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Burbage had agreed to the delay and RBWM had offered to cover the insurance of the tree.

There were concerns about site vehicles parking on Eton Wick Road and Stonebridge Field. Stonebridge Field should require residents parking only restrictions.

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It was noted that the poplars had been cut down as well even though it was understood a blanket tree preservation order (TPO) was in force covering the whole site. If this TPO had been changed or cancelled by RBWM, why was ETC and the local residents not informed? Town Clerk to follow up with Cllr Burbage. **Action: Town Clerk**

Cllr Lawless pointed out that if the tree was sufficiently diseased to warrant cutting down, this would have been known years ago.

The Meeting expressed concern that the area vacated by the cut down trees may encourage further development in the future.

Town Clerk to write to Cllr Burbage requesting residents parking only for Stonebridge Field. Also that site vehicle parking on Eton Wick Road needs to conform to operating regulations, and any proposed changes to the site should be circulated to the local residents and ETC. **Action: Town Clerk**

The Meeting agreed that Planning Application 15/00536 should be called in. **Action: Town Clerk**

Cllr Lawless reported:

- Plaques on Trees on Eton Wick Road: the plaques and the wooden backing plates will be fixed to the stakes by The Mayor and Cllr Lawless. The costs of the plaques will come from S106 money.
- Planter under Eton Wick Sign: estimated cost will be £275. Cllr Jackson requested dimensions so that he could obtain a competitive quote. **Action: Cllr Jackson/Town Clerk**
- Bell Lane Open Area: 12 residents had cleared away litter, a very encouraging response. The fence over the bridge is being replaced, financed by RBWM. It was noted a tree had come down in the recent strong winds, Town Clerk had already instructed Greentouch to clear the debris.
- No further news on a new tenant for Bell Lane Farm. It was felt that the RBWM should waive first year rent as the site is in a dilapidated condition.

There was nothing to report from Cllr Fussey..

#### **CM4429 Thames Valley Police Liaison**

There was nothing to report from Thames Valley Police.

#### **CM4430 Eton Traders Association (ETA) and Eton Community Association (ECA)**

There was no representative present from either organisation, however The Mayor highlighted the following:

- Magna Carta Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Footpath 51: Alleysgating Panel meets at ETC Council Chamber on 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6.30pm. The Meeting expressed concern that locking the gate could encourage similar activity in other places. The Mayor suggested that residents should erect fences to protect their properties.
- Cockpit: possible development plans but serious issues of flooding.

At this point Cllr Ward left the Meeting and the Mayor expressed the Council's thanks to him for his service as a Councillor and for being the Council's representative for the Eton Wick Social Club.

- Issues reported about smell and noise from the extractor fan at The Flaming Cow. Town Clerk to follow up with Mr Elawadi. **Action: Town Clerk**
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- 51 High Street: this is clearly not being used as a shop; it is up for sale or rent. Town Clerk to write to RBWM Planning to check whether it is still commercial or residential **Action: Town Clerk**
- The PSPO on The Brocas is imminent.

**CM4431 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Town Council**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved and signed.

**CM4432 Matters Arising**

**Minute CM4414:** Litter bin for Haywards Mead has been ordered. Cllr Lawless to arrange a meeting with Charlie Jarnet of Greentouch regarding siting the new litter bin. **Action: Cllr Lawless**

**Minute CM4415:** Town Clerk has written to RBWM in support of PSPO for The Brocas.

**Minute CM4371:** Town Clerk has written to Ian Bellinger of RBWM regarding outstanding funds due for Neighbourhood Plan account. To follow up. **Action: Town Clerk**

**Minute CM4376:** New Eton Wick Noticeboard has been ordered and Greentouch will dismantle the old one and install new one.

**Minute CM4366:** Nothing yet from Cllr Bishop on the stocks at The Cockpit. **Action: Cllr Bishop**

**Minute CM4412:** Town Clerk has met with Windsor Youth FC regarding inconsiderate parking at Meadow Lane Recreation Ground. Underlying problem with flooding from manhole cover remains.

**Minute CM4420:** Town Clerk has written to RBWM Cabinet expressing ETC concern about lack of progress on Meadow Lane Car Park extension.

**Minute CM4423:** Town Clerk has written to Gill Partridge of RBWM regarding ETC concerns about pollution levels with M4 Smart Motorway Scheme.

**Minute CM4423:** Cllr Blightman had forwarded link to Members for the Candidates Briefings for the Election.

**Minute CM4423:** Town Clerk has written to Dave Perkins of RBWM regarding poor placement of recycling bins.

**Minute CM4423:** Members had advised Town Clerk of prospective PSPO areas and he had forwarded these to Rob Dunsford of RBWM.

**Minute CM4433 Mayor's Report**

Due to his stay in India the Mayor had not attended any functions or meetings on the Council's behalf.

**Minute CM4434 Action List**

**Issue**

**Action / Status**

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**Action: Town Clerk**

Car Parking in Eton Plans have been approved for extension to Meadow Lane Car Park, doubling the number of spaces. Brocas Residents Group and Eton College are chasing up RBWM on slow progress. Town Clerk is continuing to progress with RBWM Cabinet.

Eton Wick Cemetery Extension The PCC has decided to go ahead with the cemetery extension but with no additional car parking. Possibility of Friends of Eton Wick Cemetery group being established. Planning permission has lapsed and new incumbent is progressing..

Eton Wick Transformation Project £50K ringfenced for the Project. £25K is being spent in the current financial year on trees in Eton Wick Road, 34 have been planted to commemorate the fallen of WW1, with names embodied on plaques. The remaining £25K on hardstanding in the village is being actioned by RBWM, with speed ramps, disabled parking bays and dropped kerbs. Agreed that this topic will now be integrated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) A NP meeting took place on 18<sup>th</sup> March and progress is being made. Town Clerk (Secretary of NP Steering Group) following up with Craig Miller of RBWM identity of potential new recruit for newly designated Environment Topic Group, and the balance of the £20K and situation with digital OS maps with Ian Bellinger of RBWM. **Action: Town Clerk**

Eton Wick Sewage Contamination Flood Forum met on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Now to be called Eton Wick Flood and Pollution Forum, reflecting the real issue of sewage contamination. The group is looking for a local person to act as Chair, RBWM will act as Secretary. An Open day at Slough Sewage Works is being organised to check on the processes, Craig Miller of RBWM will advise the date.

### **CM4435 Development Control – Parish Consultation**

The following planning applications were received from RBWM during the preceding month and Town Council comments are invited:

- **Application No: 15/00536** The Gables, Eton Wick Road, Eton **Ask Cllr Fussey to call it in**
- **Application No: 15/00418)** 58 High Street, ETON  
**15/00421)**

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**Concern about overlooking adjacent property from balcony**

- **Application No: 15/00553** 49 Bunces Close, ETON WICK **No Objections**
- **Application No: 15/00793** 24 Tilstone Avenue, ETON WICK

Cllr Mrs Evans declared an interest.

**Concern about overdevelopment and parking issues**

- **Application No: 15/00757** 1 Victoria Road, ETON WICK **No Objections**
- **Application No: 15/00282** 17 Sheepcote Road, ETON WICK **No Objections**
- **Application No: 15/00764** 45 Tangier Lane, ETON **No Objections**

The Mayor declared an interest in Eton College applications and passed the Chair to Cllr Hill.

- **Application No: 15/00779** Bekynton House, Eton College, ETON **No Objections**
- **Application No: 14/00667** Luptons Tower, Eton College, ETON **No Objections**
- **Application No: 15/00799** Mustians House, Eton College, ETON **No Objections**
- **Application No. 15/00747** 124 – 124a High Street, ETON **Objections to varying delivery times from those that were previously agreed.**

**CM4436 Planning Decisions & Information**

The following planning decision notifications were received from RBWM during the preceding month:

- **Application No. 14/04005 & 14/04007 Application Withdrawn**
- **Application No. 14/04027 Permission Granted**
- **Application No. 14/04048 Permission Granted**
- **Application No. 15/00050 Permission Granted**
- **Application No. 15/00123 Permssion Granted**
- **Application No. 15/00178 Decision Approved**
- **Application No. 15/00229 Decision Approved**
- **Application No. 15/00270 No Objection**
- **Application No. 15/00277 No Objection**
- **Application No. 15/00757 Automatic as no planning permission necessary**
- **Application No. 15/00330 Application Withdrawn**

Planning Appeals:

- **Appeal Reference APP/T0355/A/14/2221546 Appeal is dismissed**

**CM4437 Correspondence**

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The following correspondence had been received which required a decision and/or a response from the Town Council:

- Copy email from Eton College to Brocas Residents dated 16<sup>th</sup> March regarding permission given for Circus Starr to hold a circus on The Brocas on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Emailed to members on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

- Copy email from Helen Leonard of RBWM dated 18<sup>th</sup> March and follow up correspondence regarding mature leaning Cedar of Lebanon tree at The Sandles, Eton Wick Road.

Emailed to members 18<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

- Copy email from resident Simon Houlihan to RBWM dated 19<sup>th</sup> March regarding objection to proposed restriction of Footpath 51, Eton Thameside.

Emailed to members 20<sup>th</sup> March.

- Email from Town Clerk to members dated 20<sup>th</sup> March regarding election nomination procedure.

- Email from Thames Valley Police dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March regarding nominations for Community Policing Awards.

Emailed to members 24<sup>th</sup> March.

- Copy email from Eton College to Brocas Residents dated 25<sup>th</sup> March regarding events on the Brocas on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Emailed to members 25<sup>th</sup> March.

- Copy email from Brocas Residents to RBWM dated 24<sup>th</sup> March regarding PSPO consultation document.

Emailed to members 25<sup>th</sup> March.

- Letter from Waldon Telecom dated 27<sup>th</sup> March regarding proposed base station upgrade at Little Common Farm, Eton Wick.

Emailed to members 31<sup>st</sup> March. Town Clerk to respond with our approval.

**Action: Town Clerk**

- Email from Malcolm Leach dated 30<sup>th</sup> March regarding possible change of use of 51 High Street, Eton.

Emailed to members 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## CM4438 Website

The Mayor advised that Bowler hat Agency has been recruited to design our new website.

## CM4439 Outside Organisations

- Eton Wick Football Club – A new representative from the Council was needed, Cllr Lovell volunteered to take on this role. Agreed that Council would wait until after the elections at the June meeting to officially appoint Cllr Lovell and then advise the Football Club accordingly.

**Action: Town Clerk**

## CM4440 Any Other Business

- Cllr Hill advised Members of VE Day Celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May at the Waterman's Arms at 7.00pm. Tickets are £15.00.
- Cllr Palmer announced that this would be his last meeting. The Mayor expressed the gratitude of all present for his contribution over the years.
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**Action: Cllr Lawless**

- The Mayor reminded all Members to make sure their nomination papers were taken to RBWM in time. He thanked members for their support over the 8 years of his tenure as Mayor of Eton.

The Meeting ended at 9.30pm.