

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held in the Council Offices, 102 High Street, Eton

Thursday 1st February at 7.30pm

- Present:** Cllrs D. Bishop (Mayor), M. Blightman, M. Cadwallader, Mrs S. Evans, P. Highy, D. Hill, P. Lawless, R. Lewandowski, J. Lovell, D. Reed & Mrs L. Tarbox
- In Attendance:** Mr R. Austen (Town Clerk), Mr M. Reynolds (Accountant), Cllr M. Alexander (RBWM) & Dr R. Rivaz (ECA) & Mr F. Batt (Press)
- Apologies:** Cllrs G. Fussey, M. Leach & Mrs S. Warner, Cllr Mrs S. Rayner (RBWM) & Sgt E. Pendry (TVP)

The Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and the apologies were recorded.

CM 4937 Finance

Mr Reynolds presented January monthly and YTD accounts to the Meeting:

- There is an overspend over budget in January of £1.5K due to unbudgeted expenditure on the South Meadow Lane Pavilion Development Plan. This also affects the YTD figures.
- The monthly schedule and YTD accounts were approved.
- ANPR Project: Members had agreed at the December ETC Meeting to financially support the ANPR project, recognising that this expenditure would need to come from reserves. Cllr Highy advised that he had pledged totalling £4K and it was agreed that ETC would commit £3K towards the project, less whatever pledge is forthcoming from ECA.
- Tree Survey: The Town Clerk outlined the current position whereby the quotation from Barkland Tree Specialists of £6K appeared to offer the best value, and this company had been approved by Helen Leonard of RBWM. It was agreed to proceed with this quote, recognising that the expenditure would need to come from reserves. **Action: Town Clerk**

CM 4938 RBWM Councillor Issues

Cllr Alexander reported on the following:

- Meadow Lane Car Park: It had been decided not to proceed with the electronic entrance/exit system and instead would continue with the current pay and display system. An additional pay station would be installed, and all new units would offer a payment by card facility.
- LED Lighting: A switch box has been installed outside No 40 High Street that will enable additional power to be made available, especially for events as the Christmas Lights. There was some discussion over the size of this switch box but no recommendations were made.
- Barnes Pool: RBWM is involved with the project and officers have attended meetings.
- There was now a full complement of planning officers at RBWM and it is expected that the long standing issue of the additional flagpoles would be addressed soon.

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that he had heard from Naomi Markham of RBWM regarding the two recycling bins that had materialised on Haywards Mead Car Park. These bins had not been authorised and would be removed along with the existing bins, as arranged at the recent site visit.

CM 4939 Thames Valley Police (TVP) Liaison

Sgt Emma Pendry had sent her apologies and had sent a crime report which the Town Clerk read out:

Burglary in a Dwelling – 1 (Eton Wick)

Burglary Other Than a Dwelling – 1 (Eton Wick Allotments)

Making Off Without Payment – 1 (Eton High Street – Retail Outlet)

Robbery of Personal Property – 3 (Eton College) all three are from same incident and offenders (who are youths) have been appended and dealt with, no cause for alarm.

Theft from Person – Eton Wick (related to a taxi fare)

Theft from Motor Vehicle – 4 (3 Eton Wick, 1 Thames Valley Athletics Centre) – There has been a marked increase in the Theft from Motor Vehicle across the Borough and is something that is currently being looked into. If Ros and Philip Highy are there this evening it might be something they can address with the residents groups. We have tried very hard to get the message of “Clear Car Campaign” over to members of the public but research of the jobs continues to tell us that they are either leaving valuable on display in their vehicles or their vehicles insecure.

I have nothing further to update you on regarding the Vagrants, again I did manage to attend Ros’s Eton Community Meeting last week and it was debated there so any updates I am sure can be fed back in.

The only other thing to mention is that we have received intel that the Protestors for the Royal Wedding are seeking out empty buildings/warehouses/retail units that they may be able to hire or move into for the Royal Wedding, to set up as an HQ. We have also heard that they might be trying to approach people who own land to see if that can be rented as a campsite. If anyone has or hears of any intel regarding this we would be very interested to hear about it.

CM 4940 Eton Community Association (ECA), Eton Wick Village Association (EWVA) & Eton Traders Assoc (ETA)

ECA & ETA

The January ECA report had been circulated to Members ahead of the Meeting and there were no questions. Dr Rivaz highlighted certain points from the report: street dwellers, Coutts and the spring clean.

EWVA

The January EWVA report had been circulated to members ahead of the Meeting and there were no questions. Cllr Lewandowski highlighted certain points from the report: bus situation, bins at Haywards Mead, mobility of housebound, snagging list, Bell Farm and the forthcoming AGM on 15.2.18.

CM 4941 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Town Council

The minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January were presented. There was one alteration: the sum committed by EWVA to the ANPR project was £500 and not £1,000 as recorded. This minute was amended accordingly. There being no other alterations the minutes were approved and signed.

CM 4942 Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. CM 4921 Finance

- Cllr Reed to confirm with Town Clerk that SML work to play area is necessary. **Actioned**

2. CM 4922 RBWM Councillor Issues

- Town Clerk to seek information from RBWM on MLCP business permit holders. **Actioned**
- Town Clerk to arrange site meeting at Haywards Mead Car Park. **Actioned**

3. CM 4927 Mayor's Report

- Town Clerk to chase up plans for Xmas Dinner. **Actioned**

4. CM 4928 Action List

- Town Clerk to ask Cllr Mrs Rayner to call the EW Cemetery Extension planning application in when it appears on the portal. **Actioned**
- Town Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Tree Survey team to decide which trees need attention first. **Actioned**

5. CM 4933 Any Other Business

- Town Clerk to write to RBWM for clarification on proposed closure of Eton Wick Road and suggesting overnight working to minimise inconvenience. **Actioned**

6. CM 4935 Development Control

- Town Clerk to write to RBWM expressing ETC opposition to Planning Application 17/03558 (Premier Stores) and concern that the wall had already been built. **Actioned**

CM 4943 Mayor's Report

The following activities were attended in January:

- 24th January: Meeting at Environment Agency ref Barnes Pool
- 25th January: ECA Meeting
- 26th January: Meeting at Council Offices ref Tree Survey
- 1st February: South Meadow, clearing Barnes Pool culvert

CM 4944 Action List

Issue	Action / Status
South Meadow Lane Pavilion, Eton	<p>NB Cllr Lewandowski has declared an interest in this matter. Cllr Reed is leading the project and he has spoken to Paul Mitchell of Windsor Youth FC who are keen to work with us and may contribute financially to the scheme. Cllr Reed circulated a report of his discussions to the working party and an application for £5,000 to Lewandowski Architects to progress the project through to planning and contractors was approved at the 6.7.17 ETC Meeting. This would need to come from reserves. Cllr Reed is progressing with Cllr Alexander a capital bid from RBWM. ETC approved expenditure of £995 on a Flood Risk Survey at the 5th October Council meeting, to come from the £5,000 committed. A planning application has been submitted and a decision is awaited. Sports England has been consulted.</p>
Eton Wick Cemetery Extension	<p>A planning application was inserted on the RBWM planning portal w/c 17.1.18 which takes into account some of the recommendations of the EA Report. Cllr Mrs Rayner was requested at the ETC meeting on 4.1.18 to call the application in which has been actioned. Cllr Highy requested support for the application through the ETC website. Action: Cllrs Highy and Blightman</p>
Neighbourhood Plan	<p>Dr Rivaz advised the ETC Meeting on 1.2.18 that Reg 16 closed on 26.1.18.</p>
Haywards Mead Play Area	<p>Following discussions between EWVA and Cllr Mrs Rayner on 5th July, it was decided that Haywards Mead Play Area needed upgrading and Councillors Mrs Tarbox and Lawless were charged with formulating a proposal for ETC to consider. Mrs Tarbox reported at the ETC Meeting on 1.2.18 that rather than replace the equipment, which was still in good condition and used continuously, what was required was a better entrance to Haywards Mead Recreation Ground and a better entrance footpath to the Play Area. The existing equipment could be spruced up and additional small items of 'imaginative' equipment installed. Cllr Mrs Tarbox will pursue this. Action: Mrs Tarbox</p>

Tree Survey across ETC Estate

ETC commissioned Toby Fox to do a tree survey and this was completed and circulated to members on 31st May. It was agreed at the 1st June ETC Meeting that health and safety issues be addressed first, followed by statutory requirements. At a meeting of the responsible councillors on 25.1.18 it was decided to recommend the quotation of £6K from Barkland Tree Specialists, pending a suitable reference from RBWM. This was received and at the ETC Meeting on 1.2.18 it was agreed to accept the quotation. Town Clerk to follow up. **Action: Town Clerk**

Eton Court Car Park Mural

Cllr Fussey reported that the mural will need planning permission and also approval from ETC for the estimated total expenditure of £20K. It is anticipated that some of this cost would be made available from Section 106 Community Art Projects fund. Cllr Alexander indicated the possibility of a matching grant from RBWM, TBC. The work with the schools was completed and the design has been selected.. The exhibition at the College will take place on 5.3.18 and a preview to which all ETC Councillors are invited will take place on 1.3.18. Cllr Fussey is requested to circulate details of the preview – time and place.

Action: Cllr Fussey

The Town Clerk had circulated details of the ‘Big Things’ art project.

Cllr Fussey indicated that he may need to hand over the reins on this project to another councillor in due course owing to his work commitments.

Eton Wick River Link Signpost

Cllr Lewandowski is progressing this new initiative with RBWM.

CM 4945 Correspondence

Members had received the following correspondence during January:

- Email from Aggie Fedyna of RBWM dated 4.1.18 regarding Temporary Closure of B3206 Eton Wick Road on 17.2.18 – 18.2.18. Emailed to Members on 4.1.18 with subsequent correspondence.
- Email from Ros Rivaz dated 9.1.18 regarding resident’s complaint of dog fouling outside Eton Porny School. Emailed to Members on 9.1.18 with request for ideas on where to site a dog bin.
- Email press release from Alex Drury of RBWM dated 11.1.18 regarding ‘Small Business Helped to Grow’. Emailed to Members on 11.1.18
- Email from Anthony Hurst of RBWM dated 12.1.18 regarding Consultation on Public Rights of Way Statement. Emailed to Members on 12.1.18
- Email from Alison Singleton of RBWM dated 12.1.18 regarding Mayor’s Forthcoming Charity Events. Emailed to Members on 13.1.18

- Email press release from Chris Anderson of RBWM dated 12.1.18 regarding Replacement Bus Services. Emailed to members on 13.1.18
- Email from Sue Fox of RBWM dated 15.1.18 regarding Replacement Bus Services. Emailed to Members on 16.1.18 with subsequent correspondence.
- Email from Phil Griffiths of RBWM dated 16.1.18 regarding his return to work following sickness. Emailed to Members on 17.1.18
- Email press release from Alex Drury of RBWM dated 18.1.18 regarding Braywick Lodge. Emailed to Members on 18.1.18
- Email from Jim Baillie of Action Challenge dated 23.1.18 regarding Thames Path Challenge on 8/9 Sept. Emailed to Members on 24.1.18
- Email from Jim Baillie of Action Challenge dated 24.1.18 regarding Easter Walk on 31.1.18. Emailed to Members on 25.1.18

CM 4946 Website

- The January report from Cllr Blightman had been circulated and Cllr Blightman was thanked for his work.

CM 4947 Other Organisations

- **Baldwins Bridge Trust:** The Mayor advised that the next meeting of the Trust was on 13.3.18.
- **Eton Wick Football & Social Club:** Cllr Lovell advised that the next committee meeting was on 5.2.18. The Club is looking for a new steward, the previous one having resigned through ill health.
- **Eton Poors Estate:** Cllr Highy advised that the next meeting takes place in February. The lunch numbers in Eton Wick continue to be good.
- **Eton Wick Waterways Group:** Cllr Mrs Evans advised that the Group met on 30.1.18 and Cllr Lovell had been elected Chairman. The Group was keen to involve schools. There will be a meeting of all stakeholders on 22.2.18 at RBWM Town Hall. Thames 21 has agreed to support the work of the Group through additional marketing. There is a need for greater involvement from the EA, who rarely attend any meetings. A new dedicated officer has been appointed at the EA which will hopefully improve things. Approval is being sought for a fence from Jubilee River to Duck Corner (Tilstone Avenue) to curtail damage to the banks by cattle. It was reported that the stream alongside Common Road also requires attention as the banks are badly overgrown. A recent problem with a sludge escape has been dealt with.
- **Heathrow Airport Expansion:** Cllr Reed advised that there was continuous activity going on with lobbying of MP's, however things were still quiet on the Government front.

CM 4948 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces Reports

- **Stockdales Recreation Ground:** All OK, there was nothing to report
- **Haywards Mead Recreation Ground:** All OK, there was nothing to report.
- **Bell Lane Open Area:** All OK, there was nothing to report.
- **South Meadow Lane Recreation Ground:** All OK, there was nothing to report.
- **Jubilee Square & Watermans Arms:** The tree will be planted very soon. Cllr Lewandowski recommends deep cleaning the stained driveway and applying a silicone finish to protect from further staining. Firstly there is a need to establish the ownership. **Action: Cllr Lewandowski**

CM 4949 GDPR

The Town Clerk advised the Meeting that the new data protection regulations come into force on 25.5.18 and he and Cllr Blightman were due to attend a seminar at RBWM on 9.2.18.

CM 4950 Replacement Bus Services

Cllr Alexander advised the Meeting that he had spoken with Courtney Buses regarding their proposed timetable and there will be further discussions in March. The main requirement is to establish the real needs and usage, and several agencies and authorities are involved in this process. Other options are being discussed including people to places and taxi vouchers. Any thoughts and opinions should be directed to RBWM.

CM 4951 Any Other Business

- Dorney Common: The Town Clerk updated the meeting on his discussions with Dorney Parish Council and South Bucks District Council and this had resulted in improvements being made and planned to be made.

CM 4952 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber. NB this will possibly follow the mural design preview at Eton College, TBC by Cllr Fussey.

CM 4953 Development Control – Town Council Consultation

The following applications had been received from the Royal Borough in January:

Application Number: 17/04017 Cllr Reed declared an interest

Application Date: 28.12.17

Type: Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Mr D. Reed

Location: 52 & 52A High Street, Eton

Proposal: Construction of a two storey rear extension

Representation Date: 9.2.18 **No Objection**

Application Number: 17/03894 Cllr Lewandowski declared an interest

Application Date: 2.1.18

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr Bob Austen, Town Clerk, Eton Town Council, Eton

Location: South Meadow Lane Recreation Ground Pavilion, Eton

Proposal: Single storey rear extension, new car park enclosed by fencing

Representation Date: 2.2.18 **If recommended by RBWM for refusal, then Cllr Reed will request that the application be called in.**

Application Number: 17/04025 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 28.12.17

Type: Discharge of Condition

Applicant: Mr Ian Mellor, Eton College, Eon

Location: Etyon College, Eton

Proposal: Details required by Conditions 4,5,11 of LBC for 17/0393 for consent to reconstruct rear entrance to boys' house

Determination Date: 22.2.18 **No Objection**

Application Number: 18/00006

Application Date: 15.1.18

Type: Non Material Amendment

Applicant: Mr Matthew Varady

Location: 34 Tilstone Close, Eton Wick

Proposal: NMA to 17/00999 for alterations to fenestration and new flue etc

Determination Date: 12.2.18 **No Objection**

Application Number: 18/00022

Application Date: 3.1.18

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr P. Hargreaves & Mr S. Cader

Location: 4 The Gables, Eton Wick Road, Eton

Proposal: 2 ground floor windows

Representation Date: 8.2.18 **No Objection, although Town Clerk to write to RBWM and point out that the windows need to be in keeping with the other windows on that side of the building.**

Application Number: 18/00057

Application Date: 9.1.18

Type: Full

Applicant: Rev L.A. Stacey

Location: Land East of St John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick

Proposal: Change of use of land to provide an extension to existing churchyard

Representation Date: 14.2.18 **No Objection**

Application Number: 18/00055

Application Date: 17.1.18

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Applicant: Mr Grundon

Location: Black Potts, Black Potts Island, Pococks Lane, Eton

Proposal: Variation of Condition 14 (under Section 73) to substitute amended plans for those approved under 15/03393 for erection of replacement dwelling, boathouse and garage

Representation Date: 14.2.18 **No Objection**

Application Number: 17/04039

Application Date: 25.1.18

Type: Demolition (outside Conservation Area)

Applicant: RBWM

Location: Bell farm, Bell Lane, Eton Wick

Proposal: Demolition of barn and all outbuildings

Representation Date: 22.2.18 **No Objection**

Appeal Notification

Applicant: Mr A. Cove

Location: 101 High Street, Eton

Proposal: Change of use of shop to residential.

To be decided on the basis of an exchange of Written Representations

CM 4954 Planning Decisions & Information

The following planning decision notifications were received from the Royal Borough in January:

Application Number: 17/03040

Application Date: 16.11.17

Location: 32 Tilstone Close Eton Wick

Type: Full

Proposal: Installation of roof lights

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 17/03556

Application Date: 21.11.17

Location: 72 Bunces Close, Eton Wick

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey front extension

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 17/03654

Application Date: 24.11.17

Location: Wall House, Slough Road, Eton

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent to seal opening between bathroom and bedroom

Decision: Consent Granted

Application Number: 17/03185

Application Date: 30.10.17

Location: 69 Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation of condition to substitute approved plans for amended plans ref construction of new dwelling under 14/01489 and amended under 17/02525

Decision: Refuses to Vary

Application Number: 17/03848

Application Date: 12.12.17

Location: 50 High Street, Eton

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Proposal: (T1) Sycamore – fell, (T2) Sycamore – thin by 25%

Decision: No Objection

Appeal Decision

Application Date: 7.3.17

Location: 12 Princes Close, Eton Wick

The Appeal is Dismissed **Members decided that this property be checked regularly to ensure that the outbuilding is removed.**

The Meeting concluded at 9.05pm