

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held in the Council Offices, 102 High Street, Eton

Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm

- Present:** Cllrs D. Bishop (Mayor), Mrs S. Evans, P. Highy, P. Lawless, M. Leach, R. Lewandowski, J. Lovell, Mrs L. Tarbox & Mrs S. Warner
- In Attendance:** Mr R. Austen (Town Clerk), Mr M. Reynolds (Accountant), Sgt E. Pendry (TVP), Ms J. Chappell, Ms C. Taylor & Mr A. Pearn-Rowe (EWVA), Mr P. Eaton (BRG) Cllr Mrs S. Rayner (RBWM) & Mrs L. Oatway (Eton Resident)
- Apologies:** Cllrs M. Blightman, M. Cadwallader, G. Fussey, D. Hill & D. Reed, Dr R. Rivaz (ECA)

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

Mrs Oatway was invited to speak on two areas of concern:

- Additional Litter Bin at Meadow Lane Car Park

Mr Eaton advised that RBWM had just installed this.

- Catapults & Airguns on the Brocas

Mrs Oatway expressed her concern at several incidents, one of which involved injury to a swan. Youngsters were able to obtain instruments from Eton Guns, although not personally as Trading Standards had checked this matter out. Sgt Pendry confirmed that TVP was aware of the problem and test purchases had been made at Eton Guns and the shop was adhering to the law of requiring ID to confirm age. Mrs Oatway confirmed that she could identify the culprits if required. Sgt Pendry will follow up again with Trading Standards to ensure that the shop was continuing to adhere to the law.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to David Waddleton, the owner of Eton Guns, expressing ETC concerns especially in the current climate of knife crime prevalence. **Action: Town Clerk**

CM 5141 Finance

Mr Reynolds presented February monthly and YTD accounts to the Meeting. There was significant activity on the Barnes Pool Restoration Project which is a separate item in the accounts. The end of year picture continues to be in line with budget, taking into account expenditure on the South Meadow Lane Recreation Ground Pavilion Redevelopment Project which as had been agreed came from reserves.

Cllr Highy asked why there was so much money in the Barnes Pool Restoration Project fund. Mr Eaton advised that there was still significant landscaping work to do and invoices still to be raised.

There being no further questions, the monthly schedules and YTD accounts were approved.

- Members considered the request from Dr Rivaz (ECA) to install a salt bin on Windsor & Eton Bridge. ETC would pay for the bin and the salt. There was agreement to this proposal and the Town Clerk was asked to progress the location (why Windsor side and not Eton?) and the cost. **Action: Town Clerk**
- The Town Clerk had received details of a new type of insurance that would cover cyber crime. Details to be sent to all Members for their interest. **Action: Town Clerk**

CM 5142 Thames Valley Police (TVP) Issues

Sgt Pendry was not in possession of the local crime statistics but would forward these on to the Town Clerk when available.

- Knife Crime Week was imminent and activities will include both Windsor and Eton.
- Graffiti – the railway viaduct culprits have been identified by British Transport Police although graffiti has increased along the viaduct as others have been motivated to join in, including underneath the road bridge along the Relief Road. Sgt Pendry asked for any assistance with photographs of culprits which would help TVP in the capture of miscreants.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Pendry for her report and her attendance at the Meeting.

CM 5143 RBWM Councillors' Issues

Cllr Mrs Rayner covered the following points:

- Broken cattle grid along Eton Wick Road – RBWM was arranging to replace the grid.
- Cooleys Meadow – This is now open to the public as an open space following RBWM purchase of the land from Eton College.
- Budgets had been approved by RBWM for refurbishment of the two libraries, the Information Centre and the pelican crossing in Eton Wick.
- Election purdah commences on 21st March.

Cllr Mrs Tarbox asked what is happening with parking spaces around Stockdales Road Recreation Ground, in the light of the current work in erecting barriers round the ground. Cllr Mrs Tarbox had counted 13 cars parked on the grass and so additional parking spaces would be needed when the fencing is in place.

Cllr Lovell expressed concern over 130-132 Eton Wick Road which local residents suspected was being turned into a house of multiple occupancy without due permissions. Cllr Mrs Rayner would investigate this and report back.

Action: Cllr Mrs Rayner

Cllr Lovell also requested an additional concrete bollard on the footpath entrance on Eton Wick Road, to prevent vehicles getting onto South Field. Cllr Mrs Rayner would organise.

Action: Cllr Mrs Rayner

Cllr Lovell additionally asked what was happening about the proposed disabled parking space by the shops. Cllr Mrs Tarbox confirmed that a meeting of the Eton Wick Snagging Group was due to take place on Friday 15th March when this matter will be discussed.

The Mayor thanked Cllr Mrs Rayner for her contribution.

CM 5144 Eton Community Association (ECA), Eton Traders Association (ETA) & Eton Wick Village Association (EWVA)

ECA & ETA

The February ECA/ETA report had been circulated to Members ahead of the Meeting but in the absence of Dr Rivaz there were no questions.

Discussion took place on the proposed improvements to Eton War Memorial. A wire tomy silhouette for Jubilee Square had been suggested although it was felt that the Memorial Garden would seem to be the most apt location for any new memorial initiatives. Mrs Oatway expressed her willingness to contribute towards the silhouette. It was agreed that as Dr Rivaz was already progressing this matter, Members would wait to see what was being proposed.

EWVA

Julie Chappell reported that no EWVA meeting had taken place and so there was nothing to report.

Cllr Lewandowski wished to report that the Eton Wick Community Café project was still very much alive and was being actively progressed.

CM 5145 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Town Council

The minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February were presented and there being no alterations these were approved and signed.

CM 5146 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Town Clerk Actions:

- * Progress work with My Handyman on benches at SML Recreation Ground (CM 5123) **Actioned 8.2.19**
- * Progress work with Greentouch Ltd on overhanging branches at Haywards Mead (CM 5123) **Actioned 8.2.19**
- * Progress change of provider of dog waste collection to Scoop Dotty Dog (CM 5123) **Actioned 12.2.19**
- * Progress work with HAGS-SMP on remedial work at 3 play areas (CM 5123) **Actioned 12.2.19**
- * Progress lack of signage for Keate's Lane work with Chris Wheeler of RBWM (CM 5124) **Actioned 8.2.19**
- * Follow up issues with Brocas Street bins (CM 5128) **Actioned 21.2.19**
- * Progress work with Greentouch on Stockdales Road Recreation Ground (CM 5130) **Actioned 8.2.19**

Members' Actions

Cllr Reed

- * Progress expenditure on technical drawing pack for SML Pavilion Development (CM 5130) **Pending**
- * Progress fundraising plans for SML Pavilion Development (CM 5130) **Pending**

Cllr Lewandowski

- * Follow up progress on River Link Signpost and the meeting with Eton Wick residents (CM 5130) **Actioned**
- * Follow up work with Greentouch on Stockdales Road Recreation Ground (CM 5130) **Actioned**

Cllr Mrs Tarbox

- * Meet with Cllr Lawless to review the 4 areas of work at Haywards Mead Recreation Ground and contacting the play equipment companies (CM 5130) **Actioned**

The Mayor

- * To confirm arrangements for ETC Seasonal Dinner (CM 5128) **Pending**

CM 5147 Mayor's Report

The Mayor advised that he had been on holiday and so there was not much activity to report:.

- A meeting had taken place on 27th February with RBWM regarding flagpoles.
- Considerable time was being spent at Barnes Pool in planning and installing the ornamental bridge.

CM 5148 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. ETC approved expenditure of £995 on a Flood Risk Survey at the 5.10.17 ETC Meeting, to come from the £5,000 committed. A planning application was submitted for the building and this was approved by RBWM. A further planning application was made for the car park and ETC approved expenditure at the 5.4.18 ETC Meeting of £1,000 to Lewandowski Architects to make this submission. In addition, £2,000 was approved at this meeting for a Structural Engineer report. Planning approval has been obtained and the next step is to raise the funds, the estimated cost is £250K. It was established at the 4.10.18 ETC Meeting that the capital bid of £150K through RBWM had not been made. A grant application for £100K from the Big Lottery Fund is being put together. A meeting of the working party took place on 4.9.18 and Cllrs Leach and Reed were charged with formulating a business plan. A further meeting of the working group took place on 11.12.18 to update on progress with fundraising, specifications and business plan. At the ETC Meeting on 7.3.19 concern was expressed at the lack of progress and discussions took place on what would be the best way forward, notably scaling down the project to a renovation of the building instead of the proposed redevelopment. The cost of this renovation would be covered by the S106 Funds currently set aside for this building. It was agreed to wait until Cllr Reed is present so that a decision can be reached.</p>
Eton Wick River Link Signpost	<p>Cllr Lewandowski is progressing this initiative with Sharon Wooten of RBWM and Eton Wick History Group to identify interesting points of old Eton Wick to be included. Cllr Lewandowski met with the History Society in March 2018 and was getting images and histories of various parts of Eton Wick to go on the signpost. It is envisaged to have 3 signposts sited in the village. It was agreed that a dedication to Frank Bond should appear on the signposts.</p>

A draft of the signpost was shown to Members at the ETC Meeting on 6.9.18 and was being reviewed by the History Society to decide what they want listed. Subjects will have QR codes for further information from the ETC website. The importance of the Eton & Eton Wick Information Centre in getting the message across was emphasised. Cllr Lewandowski presented the updated plan to Members at the ETC meeting on 7.2.19 and he will be meeting with residents on 12.2.19. At the ETC Meeting on 7.3.19 Cllr Lewandowski reported that meetings had taken place with all interested parties and a draft will be circulated to Members. **Action: Cllr Lewandowski**

Haywards Mead Play Area

Following discussions between EWVA and Cllr Mrs Rayner on 5.7.17, 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 has advised members of her vision that focuses on the 4 areas of play equipment, entrance, car park and signage. Cllr Mrs Tarbox presented two proposals at the ETC Meeting on 5.7.18 which would cost around £80K. Cllr Mrs Tarbox and Clare Taylor are proceeding with funding options including a RBWM Community Grant and a Big Lottery Grant. With the financial situation at Stockdales resolved it was now possible to proceed with Phase 1 of the project which is to renovate the entrance to Haywards Mead Recreation Ground, including a new sign, and the path to the play area. A meeting had taken place with Greentouch and a quotation is awaited.

Stockdales Travellers' Protection Scheme

At the ETC Meeting on 7.2.19 Cllr Lewandowski presented a plan that had been formulated with Cllr Lawless, Greentouch Ltd and the Town Clerk for the planting of trees and installation of barrel rail around the Recreation Ground. This was met with enthusiasm from all Members. The draft quotation from Greentouch Ltd amounting to £13,120 plus VAT was considered acceptable and was unanimously approved. The funds would come from Section 106. Cllr Lawless met with Greentouch Ltd on 22.2.19 to examine the plans in detail and it was agreed to proceed immediately.

Cllr Highy's suggestion of a 'Sponsor a Tree Scheme' is to be discussed by EWVA.

Car parking provision to be addressed at a later stage.

CM 5149 Correspondence

Members had received the following correspondence during February:

- Email from Charlotte Glancy of Banks Solutions dated 7.2.19 regarding RBWM Local Plan Update. Emailed to Members on 7.2.19
- Email from Planning Policy at RBWM dated 7.2.19 regarding Traveller Local Plan Consultation Extension. Emailed to Members on 7.2.19
- Email from Tais Oliveira dated 10.2.19 regarding boaters' issues of RBWM Local Plan Consultation. Emailed to Members on 10.2.10
- Email from Ismail Mohammed of Bucks County Council dated 11.2.19 regarding Minerals & Waste Plan. Emailed to Members 11.2.19
- Email bulletin from CCB dated 13.2.19 Emailed to Members 13.2.19
- Email press release from Joe Difford of RBWM dated 13.2.19 regarding Funding for linking routes in Maidenhead. Emailed to Members on 13.2.19
- Email bulletin from Fields in Trust dated 13.2.19. Emailed to Members on 14.2.19
- Email press release from Joe Difford of RBWM dated 19.2.19 regarding Drop in sessions about regeneration of Maidenhead. Emailed to Members on 19.2.19
- Email Residents' Newsletter from RBWM dated 20.2.19. Emailed to Members on 20.2.19
- Copy Email from Janet Josty of Eton College dated 21.2.19 regarding Fair on the Brocas 19.7.19 to 4.8.19. Emailed to Members on 21.2.19
- Email from Planning Policy at RBWM dated 25.2.19 regarding Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment. Emailed to Members on 25.2.19
- Email press release from Maddie Pinkham of RBWM dated 27.2.19 regarding Budget approved at Full Council. Emailed to Members on 27.2.19
- Email bulletin from M4 Smart Motorways dated 1.3.19. Emailed to Members on 1.3.19

Cllr Leach asked what was the criteria adopted by the Town Clerk for circulating correspondence to Members. The Town Clerk responded that he circulated only important information which had a direct bearing on Eton and Eton Wick and surrounding areas, and in addition RBWM press releases which had a wider interest.

CM 5150 Website

- The February report from Cllr Blightman had been circulated.
- Cllr Lawless suggested that local social media sites could be fed into the ETC website to make it more current and active.
- Cllr Mrs Tarbox reported that Baldwins Bridge Trust was in the process of setting up a website and this could be linked into the website.
- Cllr Leach suggested that the introduction of the Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre would bring new opportunities for the website.

- Cllr Highy suggested that a ‘Visit Eton and Eton Wick’ domain could be set up to cover all websites including ETC, ECA, EWVA, Baldwins Bridge Trust and others.

CM 5151 Other Organisations

- **Baldwins Bridge Trust:** Cllr Lovell reported the next meeting would take place on 12.3.19. A visit had taken place to Thames Hospice.
- **Eton Wick Football & Social Club:** Cllr Lovell reported that a meeting had taken place on 6.3.19. Football and social matters were progressing satisfactorily. Cllr Mrs Warner expressed concern over the apparent lack of social interaction at the Club which Cllr Lawless addressed by confirming that all of the Club’s rooms would be opened up to everyone in future, including local clubs and societies. This will be promoted through social media and the Village Newsletter.
- **Eton Poors Estate:** Cllr Highy advised that a meeting had taken place on 26.2.19 and grants had been awarded to local cases of need. The Charteris Centre in Eton Wick is performing very well.
- **Eton Wick Waterways Group:** Cllr Lovell reported that the petition to change the arrangements at the Slough Treatment Works was being progressed and asked everyone to support this by writing to their local MP.
- **Heathrow Airport Expansion:** It was reported that Cllr Dudley (RBWM) had appeared in the media recently and expressed confidence that the Courts would successfully delay the project.

CM 5152 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces Reports

- **Bell Lane Open Area:** Cllr Lewandowski reported all is looking well.
- **Stockdales Recreation Ground:** Cllr Lawless reported that all was well. The suggestion to erect new ‘No Dogs Allowed’ signs around the play area was considered unnecessary.
- **Haywards Mead Recreation Ground:** Cllr Lovell reported that all was well.
- **South Meadow Lane Recreation Ground:** In the absence of Cllr Reed there was nothing to report.
- **Jubilee Square & Watermans Arms:** Cllr Leach reported that all was well.

Cllr Leach expressed concern over the state of the street furniture in Eton which needed repainting. The Town Clerk would discuss this with the Eton Action List team at its next meeting. **Action: Town Clerk**

Discussion took place over the constant changes to the buildings at the Watermans Arms which is a listed building. The Town Clerk will check with Planning Enforcement at RBWM. **Action: Town Clerk**

CM 5153 Keate’s Lane Roadworks

Cllr Lewandowski proposed that a meeting be organised with RBWM to discuss the experiences of these roadworks and their impact on Eton and Eton Wick, and to agree a template for any future works of this nature. Several proposals were mentioned including weight limits at Meadow Lane/South Meadow Lane junction, suspend parking on Meadow Lane by Brocas Terrace, widen South Meadow Lane to permit two-way passing by all vehicles and better usage of road signs, which had been very poorly organised this time.

Cllr Fussey had expressed concern over the lack of time (6 seconds) allowed for pedestrians to cross the road at the puffin crossing, with a further 8 seconds extension if triggered. It was agreed that it needed to be between 8-10 seconds minimum before the extension was triggered. The Town Clerk will report these concerns to Lilian Akinjobi at RBWM. **Action: Town Clerk**

Concern was expressed over the apparent lack of road sense shown by Eton boys and masters when crossing the junction and the Town Clerk was asked to report this to the Bursar at Eton College. **Action: Town Clerk**

It was agreed that a sub committee would be set up, chaired by Cllr Lewandowski, to look into the whole issue of the roadworks and when all the information has been collated, to arrange the meeting with RBWM. **Action: Cllr Lewandowski**

CM 5154 Any Other Business

There was nothing to report.

CM 5155 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber.

Cllr Highy sends his apologies.

CM 5156 Development Control – Town Council Consultation

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

Application Number: 19/000361 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 7.2.19

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Applicant: The Head Gardener, Eton College, Eton

Location: 1 The Vicarage, Sun Close, Eton

Proposal: Reduce branches of yew tree

Representation Date: 8.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 18/02376 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 10.8.18

Type: Full

Applicant: The Head Gardener, Eton College, Eton

Location: Agars Plough Playing Fields, Eton College, Eton

Proposal: Construction of an all-weather pitch with fencing, floodlighting & landscaping (amended plans)

Representation Date: 13.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00376 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 13.2.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr Neil Mcnamara

Location: 162 Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick

Proposal: Single storey extension to the west elevation

Representation Date: 14.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00434

Application Date: 15.2.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr S. Phull

Location: 18 Victoria Road, Eton Wick

Proposal: Single storey front and side extension

Representation Date: 18.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00450

Application Date: 21.2.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr M. Collins and Mr Peter Tarrant

Location: 8-10 Queens Road, Eton Wick

Proposal: Single storey front and side extension to no 8 and pitch roof over existing flat roof extension to no 10

Representation Date: 21.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00511

Application Date: 27.2.19

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Applicant: Mrs Catherine Reed

Location: Flat 14, Atherton Court, Meadow Lane, Eton

Proposal: Reduce height of lime tree

Representation Date: 28.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00547 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 25.2.19

Type: Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Ms Sami Wookey

Location: The Cloisters, Eton College, Eton

Proposal: LBC for opening up and investigation works to the second and third floors

Representation Date: 27.3.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00513

Application Date: 5.3.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr Fenwick

Location: 1-2 Emlyns Buildings, Brocas Street, Eton

Proposal: 2 single storey side/rear extensions

Representation Date: 3.4.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00577 Cllr Highy declared an interest

Application Date: 5.3.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr Ian Mellor

Location: Wotton House, Eton College, Common Lane, Eton

Proposal: Part single part four storey front extension and associated works.

Representation Date: 3.4.19 **No Objection**

Application Number: 19/00580 Cllr Mrs Warner declared an interest

Application Date: 7.3.19

Type: Full

Applicant: Mr D. Carter & Mrs A. Bellamy

Location: Barn at Saddocks Farm Stables, Common Road, Eton Wick

Proposal: Construction of a detached four bedroom dwelling with associated parking following the demolition of the existing barn.

Representation Date: 4.4.19 **It was felt that this proposed development was out of keeping with the local area and out of character with the street scene. Cllr Mrs Rayner was requested to call the application in.**

CM 5157 Planning Decisions & Information

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

Application Number: 18/03210

Application Date: 6.12.18

Location: 4 Victoria Road, Eton Wick

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey side extension

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 18/03492

Application Date: 3.12.18

Location: 1 Sunbury Road, Eton

Type: Full

Proposal: Erection of 1 x dormer to the rear elevation

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 18/03601

Application Date: 17.12.18

Location: 1-2 Emlyn Buildings, Brocas Street, Eton

Type: Full

Proposal: Two single storey side/rear extensions

Decision: Permission Refused

Application Number: 18/03662

Application Date: 20.12.18

Location: 27 Stonebridge Field, Eton

Type: Full

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 18/03085

Application Date: 29.10.18

Location: The Old Dial House, 39 High Street, Eton

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: LBC to install one new external bracket

Decision: Application Withdrawn on 20.2.19

Application Number: 18/03086

Application Date: 29.10.18

Location: 50 High Street, Eton

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: LBC to install one new external bracket

Decision: Consent Granted

Application Number: 18/03087

Application Date: 29.10.18

Location: Crown & Cushion, 84 High Street, Eton

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: LBC to install one new external bracket

Decision: Consent Granted

Application Number: 18/03107

Application Date: 29.10.18

Location: Street Record, High Street, Eton

Type: Full

Proposal: Install 2 new external brackets to 50 & 84 High Street, Eton

Decision: Permission Granted

Application Number: 19/00011

Application Date: 3.1.19

Location: 4-19 King Stable Street, Eton

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Proposal: Fell ash tree

Decision: No Objection

Application Number: 19/00093

Application Date: 14.1.19

Location: The Hop Garden, Eton College, Eton

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Proposal: Various tree work

Decision: No Objection

The Meeting concluded at 9.20pm