

The Annual General Meeting of Eyke Parish Council was held on 13th May 2013 at 7pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mr Mutten, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore and the clerk.

Apologies: Mr Cushing.

Election of chairman: Mr Fleming, proposed by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Mutten and carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chairman: Mrs Abu-Hejleh, proposed by Mr Fleming, seconded by Mr Mutten and carried unanimously.

Co-option of Councillor: No one had come forward, although three people had expressed an interest in the questionnaire. Mr Fleming would mention it again at the Annual Parish Meeting.

There were no Declarations of Interest. Mr Whitmore later declared an interest with reference to the PCC donation.

Minutes: Those of 18.3.13, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. The oak post for the sign has now been delivered. It was noted that it is French oak. The top part is currently being refurbished by Mr Morgan.
2. Flying at Bentwaters. This matter is still being reviewed by SCC, SCDC and the applicant, with the former not satisfied with the open-ended nature of the request by the applicant to increase flying. The information regarding this has not come from the Council, and despite two letters and an e-mail to Mr Ridley at SCDC, he has not even acknowledged receipt. It was agreed to resend the letter, copying in the Chief Executive and Dr Coffey,MP.
3. Quiet Lanes Initiative. A representative from Eyke is still needed. Mrs Pooley is making enquiries, and meanwhile Margaret Cutts is keeping the parish council informed of progress.
4. Parish Questionnaire. It was agreed to address the major issues raised one by one at consecutive meetings, starting with public transport at the next.
5. Grit bins. There was considerable discussion on this, with councillors divided over whether this was a good idea, and where a bin should be located. It was finally agreed that the clerk would approach SCC for advice, with regard to a bin being sited in Creasey's Hill.
6. Overgrown trees in Castle Hill. Mr Fleming has not yet managed to see Mr Broadbent, but will try to do so soon.

Other matters:

1. Permission to camp overnight on the rec. This is being sought by a group of 12-15 mostly adults, on a walking tour. They would camp for one night, August 3rd, and would reinstate the site perfectly the next morning. Mr Smith was concerned that allowing this would send the wrong message to those who have stayed there unauthorised recently. Mr Fleming had already suggested that the latrine facility could be dug on his adjacent field, which would have been harvested by then. It was agreed by a majority vote to allow them to use the site.
2. Unauthorised overnight use of the rec. Mr Whitmore reported an occasion when he had recently cleared up about 70 bottles, rubbish and even a smouldering tent left by young people who had stayed there overnight. The police can only act at the time, when a breach of the peace is committed, and advise adequate signs so that civil law can be enforced. The parish council agreed to look into putting signs on the height barrier, which will ban unauthorised camping, in the hope that they will not disappear or be vandalised. Mrs Pooley will approach Thurlow Nunn.
3. Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan. The first stage is a consultation on the area the plan will cover, which ends on 21st June. All details are on the website. The clerk also has a paper copy for reference.
4. Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Suffolk Coastal. The suggestion is to reduce the number of Councillors from 55 to 43, and comments are invited by 3rd June. (Cllr. Marson will talk about this in the Annual Parish Meeting.)

Planning: Planning Application C13/0379. Received 26.4.13. Wood Yard, Hatchley Barn, Eyke, Woodbridge IP12 2PS. Installation of an externally fitted wood fuelled biomass boiler. Councillors supported this application.

Finance:

1. End of year accounts, financial statement and annual governance statement. Mr Fisher had checked the end of year accounts and found all in order. All were agreed and signed, along with the Annual Governance Statement, including the amendment to boxes 6 and 7.
2. Cheques were agreed as follows: SALC Subscription: £166.00; Clerk's stationery and phone expenses: £125.00; Village Hall donation: £350.00; PCC donation: £350.00; Little Leaders Childcare (Playgroup): £100.00

Dates of meetings for the next year: second Monday, every other month.

Any Other Business:

1. Permission was given to Mr Whitmore to remove the rotten trunk of the tree previously cut down in the car park.
2. The clerk will contact David Chenery regarding the severe puddles forming regularly at the south end of The Street, near Mrs Downing's home.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.