

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 8th July 2013 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present Mrs Abu-Hejleh, in the chair, Mr Cushing, Mr Mutten, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore, Cllr Andrew Reid, (until 7.40pm), Cllr Jane Marson, (until 8.30pm) and the clerk.

Apologies Mr Fleming.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Minutes Those of 13.5.13, and the traffic calming meeting of 3.6.13, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Reports **Cllr Reid, SCC.**

Suffolk County Council continues to work to drive up educational standards. Ideas under consideration as a result of a recent report produced under the 'Raising the Bar' initiative, include forming federations of small schools with fewer than 100 pupils to maximise resources, and to form a partnership with a London Borough with a record of improvement in educational standards to learn from its experience. The implications of the revised curriculum announced today by government for 5-14 year olds are to be considered.

Funding will be available to upgrade the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon, to which Suffolk will contribute about £1M. It is likely that the road will be tolled in the future.

£39M of transport money is being made available for schemes in Norfolk and Suffolk, published as a long list from which a selection will be made, including the four villages by-pass, on which the public can have its say.

A new broadband website has been launched, www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com with information on the project to deliver high speed broadband across the whole county, and a map showing the timescale for the roll-out. Recent press coverage has painted a negative picture of the process across the country, but in Suffolk it is going to plan, and will be rolled out by 2015.

Cllr Marson SCDC.

Suffolk Coastal District Council adopted the Core Strategy at its meeting on 5th July, which means that there is now a proper planning document in place.

Parish Councillors were reminded of the need to register Members' Interests with SCDC, if they have not done so already.

Much time has been spent preparing a supplementary planning document, on the back of the East Lane Project, which needs to be in place before any further development can happen which will fund work on coastal defences. Most parishes in Cllr Marson's ward, although not Eyke, abut the coast and are under threat from erosion. National government will not fund the work, as it is not in the national interest, so it falls to local people. The sale of a limited number of high spec. energy efficient houses on land sold by local people at its market value, with the revenue going directly to the fund should provide a significant part of the estimated £10M required. It is vital that there are no loopholes in the scheme, and it must be community led.

Cllr Marson was concerned to know how matters stand with the issue of flying at Bentwaters, so that she can lend her support to the Parish Council. The Parish Council has now received a letter of apology from the Chief Executive at SCDC, Stephen Baker, who said it was unacceptable that there was no response from the Planning Department, and that the Parish Council had needed to raise the issue direct with him. He assured the Parish Council that if an amendment is formally submitted regarding increased flying, the matter will be the subject of consultation, and responses taken into consideration. The Parish Council has also had sight of a letter from Mr Milligan at SCDC to the applicant's agent, which takes a stern line on the issue, and requests that the applicant seriously reconsiders the proposed use of building 699, and its use by 8 display/aerobatic aircraft, as this goes beyond the level of flying activity envisaged by SCDC. The clerk will forward this letter to Cllrs Reid and Marson.

Woodbridge SNT. *(Written report from PC Warne)*

There have been no crimes in the village since the last meeting. The SNT current priorities are to increase road safety in Sutton through speed reduction, to increase parking enforcement in The Thoroughfare and Cumberland Street, Woodbridge, and to tackle anti-social behaviour in Wickham Market.

The next priority setting meeting will be in Eyke Village Hall, 7pm on Wednesday, 21st August.

Matters Arising

1. Parish Council vacancy. Councillors are asked to continue to seek someone to fill the empty seat.
2. Traffic calming. David Chenery expects very shortly to hand the project on to colleagues at HQ, who will work out a detailed cost and prepare the works order. There was much further discussion regarding the build out at the top of Castle Hill, and whether it should be 8 or 10 metres long. Mrs Atkinson had e-mailed the Parish Council in very strong terms, advocating a 10 metre length, following an incident today. It was agreed that the four houses at the top of the hill whose residents stand to be most affected, should be invited by letter to put forward their views, before the County Council draws up detailed plans. Cllr Reid assured Mr Cushing that although the due processes are slow, matters are moving ahead.
3. Quiet Lanes Project. Robin Pooley has volunteered to be the representative for Eyke, and is tonight attending the open meeting at Bromeswell, and will provide a report for the next meeting.
4. Parish questionnaire: public transport service in Eyke. Mr Smith reported that the Anglian Bus Service has now withdrawn from the area, but that First Group continues to operate with additional services. There are, unfortunately, no services on Sundays. However, punctuality is now much better. Up to 50% of travellers have concessionary fares: it is important to maintain the facility. It was agreed to put a note about timetables in The Warbler. A letter was read from Gillian Nicholls at Rendlesham who uses the bus between Rendlesham and Eyke, and would like the bus stop on the shop side made clearer, as it is not obvious where it is, and parked cars often obscure the view, resulting in the bus at times failing to stop. Mr Smith will look into this.
5. Grit bins. Richard Wells from SCC is happy that grit can be delivered down Creasey's Hill, and suggested the bottom, opposite Linden Rise. The names of two volunteers are needed, for insurance and licensing purposes. The Clerk will advertise in The Warbler for volunteers, and find out the exact cost of a bin.
6. Authorised and unauthorised camping on the rec. The sign banning unauthorised camping is now ready, and the clerk will check with Mr Fleming about his nephew fixing it to the height barrier. The walking group who will camp with permission on 3rd August will liaise direct with Mr Whitmore, and will give him a cheque for the village hall as a donation.
7. Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan. Two councillors are invited to a consultation evening on 16.7.2013 at 7.30pm at Rendlesham Community Centre. Mr Whitmore and Mr Smith will attend.
8. Recycling bin in the Pre-School Car Park. This has now been removed.

Other Matters

1. Suffolk Constabulary: mobile police station. The current large mobile station is being replaced with a smaller, transit van size mobile unit. This will be more cost effective, and will allow a greater range of drivers, with wider coverage at evenings and weekends, and a generally enhanced service.
2. Leiston CAB. The AGM is on 17.7.13. No one is able to attend.
3. SCDC Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. Mrs Abu-Hejleh has agreed to attend a briefing session post adoption of Core Strategy, on 30th July from 2.30 to 4pm at the Council Offices.
4. SCDC has advised that all town and parish councils should have some formal guidelines around safeguarding, at any events they organise, to protect children and vulnerable adults. The most important issue is that someone in the council takes on the role as lead for safeguarding. That person needs to be aware of how to make a referral of concern and who to make it to. It was agreed that the guidance within the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council Joint Policy on Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults would be followed. Mr Whitmore volunteered to take on the role as lead for safeguarding.

5. Potholes on rec. Mr Smith and Mr Whitmore agreed to meet at 7am on Thursday, 18th to infill the holes. Mrs Abu-Hejleh will ask her nephew to help, and the clerk will mention it to Mr Fleming.

6. Attendance at outside meetings. It was agreed that it is not viable to attend all outside meetings on a rota basis, and it is best to have certain councillors who attend the regular meetings, such as those held by SALC. Mrs Abu-Hejleh and Mr Cushing agreed to take this on between them. The clerk is to try and find out what has happened to Parish Links, as nothing has been heard from that organisation for some months.

7. Eyke Pre-school. Mrs Ali has written to ask if, in view of escalating expenses and problems with the lease on the Schoolhouse, there would be any chance of putting a portacabin on the rec, with a small fenced in area around. It was agreed that this could be looked into, although the problems of lack of electricity and water might make it a prohibitive exercise. The clerk is to contact Mrs Ali and talk to her more about this, and if necessary set up a meeting with her and members of the Parish Council.

8. Melton Parish Council: Transport Long List. It was agreed to support the suggestion of Melton Parish Council that a further scheme to improve the road links between the Bawdsey/Orford peninsula and the A12 be added to the existing list, and to support the Four Villages Bypass.

Planning

1. Permission: C13/0379 Installation of an externally fitted wood fuelled biomass boiler at Wood Yard, Hatchley Barn Eyke IP12 2PS.

2. Application C13/1119 205 Mill End Cottages, Low Road, Eyke IP12 2QF. Erection of single-storey rear extension to link studio on the north side of the cottage and erection of single-storey front extension. Councillors supported this application.

Finance

Cheques were agreed and signed: Clerk's quarterly salary: £432.36; HMRC, first quarter: £108.00; Thurlow Nunn Standen, no unauthorised camping sign: £36.00; Mr Heath Morgan, paint for village sign: £24.83; Small Firms Services Ltd, two loose leaf minute books: £29.98.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.