

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 9th March 2015 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, in the chair, Mr Cushing, Mr Evans, Mrs Stangoe, Mr Whitmore, Councillor Ray Herring, Councillor Jane Marson and the clerk.

Apologies: Councillor Andrew Reid, PC Andrew Warne.

There were no Declarations of Interest and no Adjournment for Parish Forum.

Minutes: Those of 12.1.15 and the planning meeting of 16.2.15, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Councillor Herring was welcomed and invited to speak.

The work on the new council offices on the old Girdlestons site at Melton will start in a couple of weeks, and should be finished by May 2016. The current site, which is now too big for a reduced number of staff, and too expensive to maintain, will be sold for development. The money thus raised is expected to cover most of the cost of the new building. This will only occupy part of the site, but it is hoped the rest will be used by various small businesses. The site has good rail access, which will be beneficial for workers coming from Waveney, and from Ipswich. There will be 175 parking spaces on site to serve the new council offices. Mr Cushing raised the question of the car parking on the old site, which is difficult, and parking in general in Woodbridge. As part of the site in on the flood plain, that area will be used for parking, not housing, and in addition, there should be extra public parking nearby.

Matters Arising:

1. Play area on the rec. The Enabling Communities Budget Scheme for has been completed and submitted, and Councillor Marson reported that the Parish Council should receive in excess of £1000 towards the play area. The clerk has the form for applying for the Play Space funds, up to £4698.75 from SCDC, which Mr Cushing took and will liaise with Mrs Scurrell to complete. The clerk will forward the email containing the form, so that a second copy can be completed to see if it is possible to access the Sports Fund of £3777.61. Councillor Marson suggested contacting Councillor Reid, as he might be able to help through the Sustainable Development Fund.
2. Traffic Calming. The council is still waiting for sight of the report drafted by Mr Chenery following the publication of new guidance on setting speed limits. The clerk will contact him about this, as until the council knows what is advised, it is impossible to make final decisions on installing the village gateways at the south end of the village.
3. Mr Chenery has advised that SCC can look at the problem of water running from The Street down into Church Lane, and believes that the Highways' responsibility extends for about a metre's depth across the frontage of the hall parking area. He has asked for photographs of the flooding. The new inspector for the area, Andrea Gray, is familiarising herself with the local roads and will deal with the various reports of potholes.
4. The clerk sent the response to SCDC, agreed by the parish council based on Mr Cushing's presentation to the Local Plan Document: Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies.

Reports:

1. SCC: Councillor Reid's written report had been distributed.
2. SCDC: Councillor Marson reported that there is a delay in the Stage Two Sizewell Consultation, which will now take place after the election.

174 affordable homes will be built in this district by 2015.

The Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan has been well received: it is the first in the county

Council tax remains static, but there are cutbacks, which include the loss of the police helicopter.

In answer to a question about the Section 106 agreements, and CIL, both Councillor Marson and Councillor Herring believe that CIL should lead to the developer paying a little more, and to a clearer financial commitment.

Councillor Herring thanked Councillor Marson, who is not standing for re-election, for her work over the past 4 years, and hoped that one day she would consider taking up a position on the District Council again. Mr Fleming seconded this on behalf of the Parish Council.

3. Woodbridge and District SNT. No crimes have been reported in the past 4 months in Eyke. The

current SNT priorities remain speed enforcement and monitoring, with particular emphasis on school areas. The next Community Panel meeting is on 8.4.2015 in Clopton Village Hall at 7pm.

Other Matters:

1. Parish Council Election Procedures. The clerk ran through the important dates, and will check that it is in order for her to take all the nomination papers in to the council offices together. Councillors took their nomination papers to complete.
2. Dates were agreed for: Annual Parish Meeting: 20th April, 7pm; Parish Council AGM: 20th May 7pm (subject to the hall being available).
3. Fete planning meeting: this was agreed for 13th April, 7pm in the pub. Mrs Pooley will check with Mrs Brigginsshaw, then publicise the date.
4. The noticeboard in the bus shelter is in a very bad state of repair, but is extremely well used. Mr Cushing and Mr Whitmore will take on the job of replacing it.
5. Diary Dates: a Sizewell C Engagement Event will take place on 11.3.15 at Hinton, near Darsham, and there is a SALC Area Meeting on Monday, 16th March at Stratford St Andrew. Mr Cushing, Mr Evans and Mrs Stangoe will attend. The clerk has e mailed all the papers to them.

Finance:

1. Cheques to be agreed and signed: HMRC: £108.00; Clerk's salary, Jan – March: £432.36; Alan Comber, website services: £22.00; SCC, electricity and maintenance for the year: £360.78.
2. Account balances: Savings Accounts: £8155.20 and £117.94 (at 31.12.14)

Current Account: £9322.90 (at 31.12.14) Outgoings so far this quarter: £595.36;

Total cheques agreed as above: £923.14: balance: £7804.40.

Any Other Business:

1. It was agreed that the village did not need a Community Emergency Organisation at this point.
2. Mr Whitmore reported finding a CO2 gas bottle on the rec. which is being recycled through the pub.
3. It was also noted that there is a lot of dog fouling in the churchyard.
4. There was some discussion about the advantage of allowing daffodils to remain uncut after they have finished flowering. Mr Cushing has noticed plenty of 'blind' daffodils in his garden, probably as a result of cutting too soon. Mrs Pooley will suggest to Mr Lucas that perhaps this would be worth trying on the village green, too.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.