

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 9th September 2013 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, in the chair, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mr Cushing, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore, the clerk and one member of the public.

Apologies: Mr Mutton, Cllr Reid, PC Warne.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Minutes: Those of 8.7.13 and the planning meeting of 29.7.13, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Traffic calming. The costings have now been received from David Chenery at SCC for the proposed traffic calming measures. The total cost including all works and design costs is £17083.00 which is a lump sum quotation, excluding the moving of the 30mph limit and associated works which would cost an extra £3627.00, and the ongoing maintenance costs of the two VAS, which would be another £580.00pa. The measures covered are: 2 new gateways, 2 permanent VAS, 2 speed camera warning signs, 2 crossroads warning signs and the kerb build out (priced for the shorter one). The Parish Council has received several e-mails and letters, almost all from residents who use Castle Hill to access the A1152, urging significant action at the top of Castle Hill to lessen the currently hazardous situation. It was agreed that a 2.2m build out, with a width of 8.2m should provide a much safer access onto the road, while still allowing limited parking for the residents of that part of The Street.

The Policy Development Panel set up by SCC are reviewing the policy not to extend or create new speed limits: their findings are due in the autumn. The Parish Council agreed to wait until the results are known before deciding whether to push for the speed limit change.

The clerk will inform David Chenery of the above, including the sketch map of the proposed build out, with measurements, produced by Mr Cushing.

It was also noted that there is still a concern about the hump at the North end of the village.

It was also agreed to ask Andrew Reid to open discussion with Bentwaters Parks, with a view to receiving some funding from them to cover any eventual shortfall and ongoing costs.

2. Quiet Lanes. SCC are inviting comments from the Parish Council regarding the Quiet Lanes Initiative, which involves roads within the parish. Councillors were in full support of this.

3. Bus Stop. It was agreed that the new bus stop sign near the shop should be close to the phone box. Mr Smith will liaise with Simon Barnett over this. This will involve no cost to the Parish Council.

4. Grit bins. No volunteers have come forward for grit spreading duties: until they do, there is no point proceeding further. This will be flagged up again in the newsletter.

5. Parish Links. It is hoped that a meeting will be arranged sometime this month.

6. Eyke Pre-School. Laura Ali is going to speak directly to the new head about the ongoing issues to try to resolve them without the Parish Council's involvement. Cllr Reid is still looking at the problems with the lease and SCC.

7. Camping on the Rec. An appreciative letter of thanks has been received from the walking group who used the rec for a night's camping in August. A generous donation was made to the Village Hall.

Reports:

1. Cllr Andrew Reid SCC (*written report*) The September update included the improved A level and GCSE results this year, and the increased provision and take-up of apprenticeships. A 12 week consultation will begin this Autumn seeking the views of customers on home care and community needs, in order to provide an improved service in the future. The proposals will be submitted to the cabinet next year. Significant numbers of families do not claim free school dinners to which their children are entitled, which also deprives their schools of funding. If all 5000 eligible young people claimed who currently do not, Suffolk Schools would be about £5m better off. (*It was agreed that this should be flagged up in the monthly newsletter*). SCC has launched a crackdown on fly-tipping. It is

hoped that improvement work on Ipswich bus stations at the Old Cattle Market and Tower Ramparts will be completed by mid November, so that Christmas shoppers are not affected.

2. Suffolk Police. Two crimes have been reported in Eyke since the last meeting: a theft and an attempted theft from Eyke shop. The current SNT priorities are reducing speeding in Ufford, tackling anti-social behaviour and vehicle nuisance in Rendlesham and Wickham Market. The next priority setting meeting will be at Rendlesham Community Centre on Wednesday, 20th November at 7pm. The new mobile police station will be at the village hall between 14.30 and 15.45 on 13th September, 25th October, 15th November and 6th December.

3. Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan Meeting. 16.7.13. Mr Smith attended this, and reported that one main objective is to create a protected centre to the village, where the expansion of community facilities, shops, school, cafe, community centre, sports facilities, library and so on would be encouraged, and not more housing in that area. Mr Smith voiced his concern about possible increase in traffic which might go hand in hand with any development. He noted that the only two outside parishes represented at the meeting were Eyke and Tunstall. The parish council will be kept informed of future developments and will receive a copy of their final proposals.

The query was raised as to whether Eyke is being kept informed by SCDC of planning applications at Rendlesham, as was agreed some years ago. The clerk will raise this with the planning department.

4. Rendlesham Community Speedwatch Meeting. This has been deferred to 26th September. Mr Cushing will attend.

5. Briefing Session, post adoption of Core Strategy. Mrs Abu-Hejleh attended this on 30th July. The newly adopted Core Strategy sets out the planning policies, proposals and actions for the district to 2027 and beyond, and forms part of the formal development plan for the district and will be used in the determination of planning applications. It has to be NPPF compliant, and policies must be positively worded. The presumption is in favour of sustainable development, covering housing, the economy, the environment and community and well being. There are certain saved policies from the previous local plan, proposed to be superceded, abandoned or retained, which must be regarded in the determining of planning applications.

The clerk has received paper copies of the documents which will be circulated to all councillors.

Other Matters:

1. Electoral Review of Suffolk Coastal. With reference to the warding arrangements, the Parish Council agreed that the status quo should be maintained, and Eyke should remain with Hollesley, rather than be grouped with Rendlesham.

2. Hedges in Church Lane and Car Park. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the occupants of 1 and 2 Church Lane, to ask them to cut back their hedges, away from the footpath. She will also contact Mr Hassan regarding the cutting of the hedge in the car park, and ask him to liaise directly with Mr Fleming and Mr Whitmore to arrange this for November.

3. RoSPA will carry out the annual inspection of the rec sometime this month.

4. Suffolk Constabulary. Inspector Matt Dee, the Felixstowe and Woodbridge Local Police Commander has written with an overview of some recent staffing changes. Sgt Scott Cullum has joined the Woodbridge SNT team, along with PC Jo Clark. There is an increased number of Special Constables and other volunteers, along with an influx of new student officers, which provides a very healthy staffing level.

5. East Suffolk Travellers' Association. Their latest report is available.

6. Parish Questionnaire: Community Facilities. Respondents had raised the need for a dedicated play area, and greater use of the village hall. These issues have been previously discussed and are difficult to try and resolve. The issue of transferring the hall to the Parish Council is still ongoing.

7. Village Green. It was agreed to sign the annual lease, as requested by Sir Michael Bunbury. The untidiness of the hedge on the boundary with The Limes Farmhouse was raised. The clerk will write to Mr and Mrs Rabson and ask for their cooperation in getting it trimmed.

Planning:

Permission granted: C13/1119. Erection of single storey rear extension to link studio on the north side of the cottage and erection of single storey front extension at 205 Mill End Cottages, Eyke. IP12 2QF.

Finance:

1. Account balances: Savings account: £8094.44 (30.6.13) Current account: £4829.45. Includes payments of £631.17 and receipts of £204.16 (VAT repayment.)

2. Review of assets and insurance cover. It was agreed that asset list was correct and the existing cover was adequate. It was also agreed to take advantage of a 10% insurance reduction, by signing up to a 5 year long term undertaking with Suffolk ACRE.

3. Responsible Financial Officer. The clerk was confirmed as RFO.

4. Cheques agreed and signed: Poppy Appeal Wreath: £17.00; Clerk's salary, Jun-Sept: £432.36; HMRC: £108.00; Alan Comber, for website services, Feb-July: £33.60; Suffolk ACRE Annual Insurance: £253.11.

Adjournment for parish forum.

Ms Bell raised the issue of a very noisy manhole cover near her property. The clerk will find out whose responsibility it is and contact them.

Any Other Business:

1. Mr Cushing cannot attend the SALC meeting on 16th September. Mrs Abu-Hejleh will see if she can go instead.

2. Mr Smith raised the matter of the water leak near the top of Church Lane. The clerk will contact the appropriate authority.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.