

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 14th March 2016 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Fleming, in the chair, Cllrs. Abu-Hejleh, Cushing, Evans, Stangoe and Whitmore, PCSO Marie Smith, Mrs Clements and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Reid.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes: Those of 11th January, and the extraordinary meeting of 1st February, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Traffic calming. Councillors were disappointed to note that this work had not even been started, given that the project completion date was early March. The clerk had emailed prior to this, and had received no reply. She will contact Suffolk County Council again.
2. Village Hall. Advice from Suffolk ACRE is that the governing document should be amended to include the power for the management committee to appoint the parish council as the sole trustee. As Mr Fisher is the only remaining member of the management committee, it was agreed that two members should be sought at the Annual Parish Meeting, who could then form a quorum with Mr Fisher to amend the governing document to allow the parish council to assume trusteeship. It was felt that being open and clear to the public was the most important factor.
3. Doggy bin. The new bin has been sited at the top of Cracks Lane, and a letter of thanks from Mrs Marland was read.

Adjournment for parish forum.

1. Tree Warden Report. Mrs Clements reported that five fruit trees have been planted along the boundary between the rec and the car park and thanks are due to Mervyn and Ron for their help. Mulch matting has been laid around the saplings in the copse to help suppress weeds, although there is a constant battle with rabbits. No more trees appear to have been lost over the winter months. Thanks are due again to Ron for strimming, and to Jan for her help with laying the mats. 100 further free trees have been ordered from the Woodland Trust, as there have been requests from individuals for trees to plant on their boundaries, with the remainder replacing the dead trees in the copse.
2. Playground. The work by Sovereign is complete, and awaiting the imminent removal of the container, and the fencing by the end of the week.
Work on the 5 a side football pitch by Crown Nurseries has started.
The fencing by TaylorMade started today, and should be completed by the weekend.
It was agreed to order the picnic table and bench from Nelson Potter, at a cost of £196.68 for the table and £128.35 for the bench, plus vat.
The clerk is to arrange an initial RoSPA inspection, and then hopefully join the arrangement for quarterly inspections with Ufford and Tunstall.
Mrs Clements will liaise with the clerk over the wording of site safety notices, so that the clerk can order these.
The council approved the plaque details, and the clerk will confirm the order for this with Hudson Signs, for a total of £288.25 plus vat.
It was agreed that on the opening day, 29th April, Dr Coffey would be invited to arrive at the hall at 12.30, to be met by the chairman and one or two others. Everyone else will assemble at the rec for 1.00pm. Mrs Scurrrell, along with two governors, and possibly 6 pupils will attend. The clerk will confirm with Dr Coffey's office, and then invite the sponsors. Cllrs Abu-Hejleh and Stangoe will arrange for an invitation flyer to go to households in the village in early April, and will also arrange the refreshments in the hall.

Reports:

1. Suffolk SNT. PCSO Marie Smith reported no crime trends in Eyke at the moment, but asked to be contacted if there are any concerns. As everything is changing after 4th April, this will be the last meeting she will be able to attend. She will, however, do her best to attend the playground opening. From 4th April the mobile police station will not be visiting villages on a timetabled basis, only ad

hoc. Police officers and PCSO's will no longer "own" villages, so complaints such as speeding will need to be phoned in on the 101 number.

Woodbridge Police Station is no longer open to members of the public. Those stations remaining open are Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft.

Other Matters:

1. Health & Safety Policy. The clerk has now formulated an enhanced policy, as requested by SCDC, which had been circulated to all councillors. It was agreed to accept this, and it was signed by the chairman. The clerk will send it to Helen Johnson at SCDC, in order to secure the release of Capital Grant Funds.
2. The Queen's 90th birthday £200 is available as a grant from Cllr Herring's Enabling Budget, in order to support parish initiatives to celebrate this historic occasion. It was agreed that the offer should be taken up, but the parish council is well aware that arranging such an occasion usually falls to the same people. The clerk reported that so far as she is aware, there has been little, if any response to the Millennium Group's request for suggestions for such an event, and the group meets next Monday, 21st to decide whether to go ahead with one. A village picnic was suggested – weather permitting – and several councillors offered their practical support, should the Millennium Group go ahead with an event.
3. Village fete. It was agreed that there would be a pre-fete meeting on Monday, 11th April at 7.00pm in the pub. The clerk will email all the regular helpers, and a note will go in the April Warbler.

Planning:

Application DC/16/0538/FUL Change of use of hard standing from outdoor wood storage to B8 storage and erection of ancillary buildings and structures. The Control Tower, Building 61, Bentwaters Park, Rendlesham.

The site is adjacent to the runway, and near The Control Tower, and would be used to store large pipes.

By a majority the parish council did not support this application. There is no evidence the site was used for wood storage. The change of use would be a significant addition to the B8 storage originally granted, and serious concerns remain over the impact on Eyke and its residents of the HGV's used to transport the pipes to the site.

Finance:

1. Cheques were agreed as follows: Mr A Comber: website services: £26.00; Business Services at C.A.S.: additional insurance premium in respect of the playground equipment: £164.03; Mrs Pooley: 4 plastic storage crates for parish council archive material: £20.00; HMRC: 4th quarter: £108.00; Mrs Pooley: salary, 4th quarter: £432.36; Sovereign Designs Ltd: Balance of playground installation: £15,613.78.
2. Cllrs Fleming and Whitmore, as cheque signatories, signed a letter of authority to Barclays Bank, in respect of a transfer of £12,000 from the savings account to the current account, in order to cover the playground expenses.
3. As at 14.3.16, the account balances are:
Current account: £10,887.85. Income since 1st January: £3265.00. Expenses: £4796.12
Base Rate Reward account: £16,341.19. Income since 1st January: £2018.93
Business Savings account: (at 31.12.15) £117.99
In answer to a question from Cllr Fleming, Mrs Pooley said the total of money so far received towards the playground is £14025.75, with £10973.59 still to come. The figures will be available at the Annual Meetings.

To receive items for information: None.

Date of Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting:

16th May 2016 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm