

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 18th March 2013 at 7pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, in the chair, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Cushing, Mr Mutten, Mr Smith, Mr Whitmore, Cllr. Andrew Reid and the clerk.

Apologies: PC Warne, PCSO Graeme Hawkes.

Minutes: Those of 14.1.13 and 27.1.13 (Sizewell Consultation) having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Village sign. The post has not yet been delivered. The clerk will chase this up with Fair Oaks Timber Co. Mrs Atkinson will check on the progress of the sign refurbishment.
2. Bentwaters Planning Application. The clerk has had no response to her letter of 20.2.13, requesting an update. Mr Cushing was concerned about the possibility of flying being permitted without an appropriate planning application. This was generally agreed to be a concern, along with the way in which SCDC is dragging its heels over the whole matter. It appears the possibility of increased flying is being discussed as illustrated by correspondence between SCDC, SCC and the applicant.

Cllr. Reid suggested that a further letter is sent to Mr Ridley, noting his lack of response, and asking directly about the possibility of increased flying, and also copying in to this letter the parishes of Campsea Ashe, Rendlesham, Tunstall, Ufford, Bromeswell and Melton. Mr Cushing felt that the Parish Council should be informed about whether there will be a separate application, upon which the Council can comment.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write in these terms.

3. Village Fete. Mr Whitmore had met with Mr Fisher to discuss the details of the fete organisation, and has compiled a detailed list of what is involved. It was agreed that a planning meeting is needed nearer the time, to which all the "regulars" should be invited, plus anyone else who might be interested in helping. This meeting will be on 20th May at 7pm in the pub. The clerk will check that this is convenient with the landlady.

It was also agreed to advertise this in All Saints News and Inside Eyke, if possible, as well as by personal contact. The fete will be on Sunday, 21st July.

4. Road markings, White Woman's Lane. A negative response has been received from Tony Buckingham, SCC to the request for white lines to demarcate the end of the cul-de-sac where it joins the lane, and also for improved two way markings where White Woman's Lane joins the A1152. In addition, the mirror on the lamppost put up by Mr Pearce to aid visibility when exiting his property near Mill House will be removed. The Parish Council felt this to be very unhelpful.
5. Potholes in car park. Mr Whitmore reported that these were filled on 16.2.13
6. Village Hall. Rendlesham is happy in principle to transfer its interest in Eyke Village Hall, provided this is done through a solicitor, in order to avoid any chance of unexpected expense, such as chancel repairs, and to make sure all procedures are correctly followed.

The Parish Council felt that the next step is to find the original deeds or conveyance. It is possible they are held at Barclays Bank; Mr Mutten had been told about this by Mr Nash. The clerk will contact Mr Fisher about this.

Reports:

1. Cllr. Andrew Reid, SCC. Councillors had received Cllr Reid's latest report, and the main point he wished to comment on was the initiative to cut speeding and to make Suffolk's roads as safe as possible, working in close conjunction with Tim Passmore, Suffolk's police and crime commissioner. There are 10 new vehicle activated signs (VAS) to be used around the county to reinforce speed limits. The county council is also keen to support pilot schemes for the Quiet Lanes Initiative.

At this point, the Quiet Lanes Initiative, a later agenda item was brought forward, and Mrs Atkinson explained the concept of designating certain lanes, through appropriate signage, as routes where cars are discouraged, and walkers, riders cyclists etc are actively encouraged. Ideally, these lanes should link from one village to another, so that routes are established which lead, for example, to amenities such as the AONB, forest, shop or pub.

Bromeswell is actively pursuing this, and has a meeting with Guy Macgregor to try to move the matter forward. The lanes in Eyke which would tie in with this are: Low Road, Creasey's Hill, Castle Hill, White Woman's Lane and possibly Cracks Lane.

Cllr. Reid offered his support for the concept, as a benign way of keeping speeding down through use of appropriate signage. Cllr. Reid then left the meeting at 8pm.

2. Suffolk Police. (Written Report) No crimes have been reported since the last meeting. The current SNT

priorities are: to reduce speeding in Sutton, 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 on 8.5.13, in Butley Village Hall at 7pm.

Hare coursing is increasing across the county, and the community is asked to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious, without approaching or confronting offenders.

3. Mr Whitmore had attended the Community Tasking Meeting on 20.2.13, where the priorities previously listed were set. Nothing came up of particular relevance to Eyke.

Mr Whitmore has also recently carried out a village litter pick, completed on 8th February. A total of 8 refuse bags of recyclable and non-recyclable items were collected, plus 47 glass bottles. There has been a recent increase in fly tipping.

Mr Fleming thanked Mr Whitmore for his efforts.

Other Matters:

1. Parish Questionnaire. Councillors have now received a copy of the results, from 39 respondents, which were varied and interesting. Mrs Atkinson, who collated the results, felt that it is vital to go back to the people and keep communications open. If possible, and appropriate, individual responses are desirable. Mr Fleming suggested flagging up one issue at each parish council meeting.

In the first instance, Mrs Atkinson will edit the results, which will then be published on the website. Attention can be drawn to this both through All Saints News and the Inside Eyke editorial.

2. Modifications to the pre-submission Suffolk Coastal Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (The Core Strategy). There was no further comment on this.
3. Grit bins. It was generally agreed that a strategically positioned bin would be desirable, though the problem of its position was hard to resolve. It was finally agreed that a trial one would be placed on one hill.

Mrs Atkinson will ask David Chenery for advice on this. Mr Morgan would be approached about making it.

4. The crushed concrete has now been delivered for the holes on the track at the rec. Mr Fleming, Mr Cushing and Mrs Atkinson will liaise over filling them in.

Finance:

1. Account balances: cheques for electricity, £373.06 and the oak post for the village sign from Fair Oaks Timber Co. for £192, totally £565.06, drawn since the last meeting leaves a current account total of £3829.26.
2. Cheques agreed: HMRC: £108.00; clerk's pay (Jan/Feb/Mar): £432.36; Alan Comber for website services: £50.00; Bentwaters Parks for crushed concrete: £151.06.

Any Other Business:

1. It was agreed to set the tables in a horseshoe shape for future meetings, for greater ease of communication.
2. Mr Fleming is to contact Mr Broadbent, as the owner, about the dangerous state of many of the trees on the side of the field below the pub.
3. Mrs Atkinson suggested that something about the history of Eyke should go in the website. Mrs Pooley offered to find something suitable.
4. Mr Cushing had attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 4.3.13, where Affordable Housing was discussed.
5. It was noted that the Church Lane sign had been removed, and then replaced on a wooden post, presumably for ease of access for the adjacent householder to carry out work on his property. The concrete post is still in situ.

The AGM and Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday, 13th May 2013 at 7pm and 7.45 pm respectively.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm