

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 9th July 2012 at 7pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Mr Fleming, Mrs Abu-Hejleh, Mrs Atkinson, Mr Mutton, Mr Whitmore, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Jane Marson and the clerk.

Apologies: Mr Cushing, Mrs Sutch, PC Warne.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: (*deferred from AGM*) Mr Fleming was proposed as chairman by Mr Whitmore, seconded by Mrs Atkinson and carried unanimously. Mrs Atkinson was proposed as vice chairman by Mr Mutton, seconded by Mr Whitmore and carried unanimously. Mr Fleming signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of chairman.

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes: Those of 14.4.12 (A.G.M.), 21.6.12 (Bentwaters meeting) and the amended minutes of 11.4.12 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Investigating what parishioners want/youth participation. Mrs Atkinson asked for comment on her draft questionnaire. It was felt to be very comprehensive. In Q10, an addition was agreed regarding speeding. It was agreed that councillors will consider the draft, and approve a final version at the next meeting. The importance of optimising the number of responses was discussed: a personal delivery and collection service was suggested, and both Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Abu-Hejleh volunteered for this. The possibility of completing the questionnaire online was also discussed. Mr Fisher would be happy to include the questionnaire with the All Saints News, if required.
2. Scrutiny Committee: Housing Provision within SCDC. Mrs Atkinson had looked at this, and felt much of it was outside the Council's experience, and thus the Council is not qualified to answer. It was agreed to respond to this effect, mentioning the parish appraisal which is currently being formulated, and could aid with later comment.
3. Scrutiny Committee Review of Planning Services. Councillors had no further comment to make on this.
4. Rendlesham Parish Council. The council has acknowledged Eyke Parish Council's letter, asking to be kept closely involved with the Neighbourhood Plan being developed by Rendlesham. Rendlesham intends to involve all the stakeholders, and suggest that once they have the go-ahead from SCDC, there is a meeting with members of Eyke PC to discuss the Plan and how the councils can work together. The clerk will acknowledge this letter.
5. Bentwaters Planning Application. Both Cllr. Reid and Cllr. Marson have been closely involved with this issue, and were certain that, having been deferred from the Development Control hearing at the end of June, following complaints from the parties involved, it will not be deferred again. SCDC is keen to deal with the matter soon, and it is likely to go to committee by the end of July. Both felt that the applicants need to be approached in the next few days, asking for a contribution towards the cost of traffic calming. The only other source of help would be a small contribution from Cllr. Reid's Quality of Life budget. It was agreed to do this within the next few days.

Reports:

1. Cllr. Reid reported that SCC is looking into introducing an Oyster type card, to assist with travel costs for young people. There are ongoing discussions with care home providers, Care UK, to provide up to ten new homes, with an emphasis on dementia care. Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Fire Services now have a combined control centre, and are looking to back-office savings, and possibly a full merger.
2. Cllr. Marson reported that SCDC is working on a support scheme, with regard to Council Tax. The online planning services should lead to greater transparency in the planning process. Currently issues with Felixstowe are taking up much time.
3. Woodbridge SNT. There has been only one crime reported since the last meeting: the theft of a two hawk bird scarer at Sink Farm. The mobile unit visited Eyke today, and will do so again on 6.8.12,

from 10 -11.30am. The current SNT priorities are: increasing cycle safety awareness in the Melton area, increasing speed enforcement in Eyke Street, and to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour in Woodbridge on Friday and Saturday nights. The next panel meeting is on 22.8.12 at Hollesley Village Hall.

4. Suffolk Coastal Area Meeting. Mr Whitmore attended on 18.6.12. Steve Ives from the Department of Energy and Climate Change reported that all households are entitled to an assessment for insulation. Those on benefits and low incomes can obtain some services free. Tony Fryatt talked about the National Planning Policy Framework and SCDC Planning Scrutiny Review. In due course a letter would be sent to parish councils with updates. SALC stresses that parish items could be included on the SALC meeting agenda. SALC has been working on the new Code of Conduct, which needs to be debated and adopted at the next Parish Council meeting. The significant change is within the Declaration of Pecuniary Interest, where those of a spouse or partner need to be included. Cllr, Reid pointed out the SCC *Green Deal* which provides a loan to the house for insulation, not to the occupant.
5. Traffic working party. Mrs Abu-Hejleh is waiting for feedback from the working party members regarding the speed gun initiative. In the meantime, the clerk will contact Mrs Kelway at Eyke School, to see if parents would be interested in supporting this.
6. Parish Links. No one was able to attend the meeting on 20.6.12. The next meeting is on 19.9.12. Mrs Abu-Hejleh will attend.

Correspondence:

1. The Parish Council is invited to make a private visit to Radio Castle, based at Framlingham, which plans to broadcast on the internet. No one is currently available.
2. Development Management and Building Control Restructuring. Work is continuing on merging and sharing services between SCDC and Waveney DC. SCDC has now provided a list of officers for each parish, along with their roles and responsibilities. It is hoped this will make the system more efficient and robust.
3. Changes to the Standards Regime. Both SALC and SCDC have been proactive in informing local councils of their obligation to adopt a new Code of Conduct from 1st July. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to adopt the Suffolk Local Code, of which all councillors had received a copy. All councillors will need to complete a new Register of Interests, which includes their own pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, and that of the spouse/partner with whom they live. The clerk had already supplied to SCDC the details of all councillors, and understands that where possible, their registers of interest will need to be completed online, following contact from SCDC. The method of completion for those with no internet access is yet to be agreed.
4. E.I.A. of heathland restoration. The Landscape Partnership has been commissioned to produce this, and has organised drop-in consultation sessions, where feedback can be provided. The closest one is on 12.7.12 from 4-7pm at Sutton Memorial Hall.

Other matters:

1. Village website. Katy Bell, who has voluntarily run the website for several years, no longer is in a position to do so, and has shut it down. Mrs Pooley established from her that she could run it on a commercial footing for a small annual outlay for the domain name, and a monthly labour charge of around £25.00 Mrs Atkinson is in contact with someone through Ufford PC who builds and runs websites, so will make enquiries about his charges.
2. Jubilee Commemorations. Mrs Pooley reported that following the payment of all expenses associated with the Hog Roast, there would still be a balance of £449.90 left from the Chain of Oaks money. Aside from this, the Parish Council had spent £289.14, including vat, on the Jubilee mugs, with possibly £150 of that to be recouped through the sale of the mugs left over. It was felt, therefore, to be reasonable to look into the possibility, as suggested by Mr Fisher, of refurbishing the village sign and putting up a commemorative plaque. The clerk will obtain costings.

Planning:

1. Permission granted: C12/0513. Kinsland, Church Lane, Eyke; raising of roof to facilitate further

first floor accommodation.

2. Planning Application: C12/1212. 3 Church Lane, Eyke. Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, first floor side extension, insertion of velux roof windows to facilitate provision of new bedroom in roof space, installation of voltaic solar panels on roof slope, erection of detached garage and repositioning of existing shed; hard surfacing and drainage to part of front garden.

Mrs Atkinson declared an interest in this matter, as a friend.

The parish council supported this application.

Finance:

1. Cheques were agreed and signed for: clerk's salary, May/June: £288.24; BDO Audit fee: £144.00; HMRC, 1st quarter: £108.00.
2. The Annual Return of Audit has been returned, and was accepted and approved by the Parish Council.
3. Donation to Village Hall. Mr Fisher provided accounts for the last financial year. Since 1st April nearly £5700.00 has been spent on upgrading the toilet facilities and the electrics, and resurfacing the main hall floor. To help with this, £2000 of the Brigginsshaw gift was drawn down, and £750 was received from the County Councillor's Locality Budget. Currently, funds stand at £2611.99, but further expensive work is required: the kitchen needs a complete upgrade to make it suitable for food preparation as well as serving, and work is needed to make the stage area into a useful adjunct to the hall, possibly as a Committee Room. These costs are likely to exceed £5000.00. Mr Fisher suggested that an area for consideration is for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the hall. The Parish Council agreed that it would fund the kitchen works, and also look into the possibility of taking on the management of the village hall. Meanwhile it was agreed to make the usual £350.00 annual donation to the hall.
4. Donation to Eyke Playgroup. A report has been received from Laura Ali, who runs Eyke Playgroup as a not-for-profit business. Much hard work goes into maintaining this valuable asset, and there are close links with the School. Fund-raising events are held on a regular basis. The Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00, as previously.
5. In the light of expected expenses with the hall, it was agreed to make no further donations this year.

Any Other Business:

1. Mr Whitmore reported a broken post by the gate on to the rec., and a few broken palings. Mr Fleming will check to see if he has some oak posts, and will liaise with Mr Whitmore over the repair.
2. Mrs Abu-Hejleh asked about who would speak at the Development Control meeting, regarding Bentwaters. Mrs Atkinson agreed to do this.
3. Mrs Atkinson reported that the passing of the Olympic torch through Ufford had been a fantastic occasion, and she was pleased to see Eyke schoolchildren there enjoying the proceedings enthusiastically.
4. The ownership of the red car, frequently parked in The Street almost opposite The Mill House, was raised. Although it can be seen as a traffic calming measure, it is quite dangerous. The situation will be monitored.
5. The potholes on the rec where cars park, are becoming quite deep and potentially dangerous. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

