

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 9th March 2020 at 7.00pm in Eyke Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Fleming, in the Chair, Cllrs. Abu-Hejleh, Clark, Stangoe and Whitmore, the clerk and one member of the public. Cllr. Reid attended from 7.40 to 7.55pm, and Cllr. Mallinder from 8.00pm.

Apologies: Cllrs. Cushing and Thomas.

There were no Declarations of Interest, nor adjournment for Parish Forum.

Minutes: Those of 13th January 2020, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Village Hall. Cllr. Clark reported a very positive meeting with Cllr. Mallinder earlier in the day, helping to identify sources of key funding. The current funds in the village hall account, about £14,000, could be used for matched funding. Cllr. Clark will work on drawing up a plan. It is clear the committee will have much work to do, including drawing up a questionnaire to obtain robust evidence, forming a fundraising sub committee, and working at shaving down costs.

The clerk reported that more than twenty people attended the village hall meeting on March 2nd. As a result, a committee was agreed: Cllrs. Fleming and Clark will represent the parish council, and Cllr. Fleming will chair it; other members: Mrs Jacqui Holden (treasurer), Ms Chrissy Provenzano (booking secretary), Mrs Sarah Veale. The clerk will prepare meeting agendas and minutes. The first committee meeting will be on 18th March at 7.00pm at Bear View, Eyke.

2. School Governor. Cllr. Whitmore will not sit as a school governor representing the parish council. The governing body relies heavily on internet contact, which Cllr. Whitmore does not possess.

Reports:

1. Cllr. Reid, SCC. This report was taken as read in Cllr. Reid's absence.

When present, he drew attention to the projected Ipswich Northern Route, which will not proceed, having failed to attract widespread political support. A task force is to look at the congestion problems in Ipswich, and improving connectivity and movement.

SCC is looking to reduce its carbon footprint and has approved an LED street lighting replacement project. Fees will be waived by Suffolk Highways regarding road closure applications for VE and VJ Day celebrations. Cllr Reid drew attention to the importance of VJ day in this area as the Suffolk Regiment suffered particularly badly at the hands of the Japanese.

SCC has now issued information regarding the coronavirus situation, and will be updating this daily. He advised keeping an eye on this, and monitoring on behalf of vulnerable residents.

2. Cllr. Mallinder. This report was taken as read in Cllr. Mallinder's absence. When present, he drew attention to the policy being instigated of planting trees on identified pieces of council land.

He had attended a meeting of SCAR (Suffolk Coast Against Retreat), and although big surges had been avoided here, the coast line is vulnerable and vigilance is required.

He is very keen to help with raising funds for the hall, and feels that making the hall a community hub is essential, since the pub and the village shop have gone. With the increasing use of the internet by the council, notably to deal with planning applications, wi fi should be available in the hall, for ease of discussion. He also felt that Eyke is entitled to CIL payments, regarding the increasing building and traffic at Rendlesham.

3. Woodbridge and District ASB Meetings: 23.1.20 and 5.3.20. Cllr. Whitmore attended both these. It has generally been quiet in Eyke. The next meeting is on Thursday, 16th April.

4. The Budget Review Meeting was attended by Cllr. Cushing on 14th January.

5. Joint Parishes Liaison Meeting. The meeting on 23rd January was attended by Cllr. Cushing and the clerk. The main issue discussed had been the flooding of local roads and lanes, and a meeting has now been set up for 17th March at 15.30pm at Butley with Suffolk County Council. Cllr. Stangoe will attend.

The next Joint Parishes Meeting will be held in Eyke Village Hall on Thursday, 30th April at 7.00pm. Cllr. Stangoe has volunteered to help with refreshments prior to the meeting.

6. Planning Forum: 24.1.20. This was attended by Cllr. Clark and the clerk. The head of planning, Philip Ridley, gave a short presentation, there was an overview of the Community Infrastructure Levy, and guidance on using the internet facility for updates on council meetings etc of relevance to individual

councils, (CMIS) and electronic consultation for planning applications. The drive is to keep everyone well informed, and to create a greener more cost effective council, with savings on paper, printing and so on.

7. Assets of Community Value Seminar: 29.1.20 attended by Cllrs. Clark and Cushing. Cllr. Clark found that this helped in understanding the process, and the team at East Suffolk were friendly and approachable. It was valuable to learn that this protection only buys time for a community to raise the funds to buy the asset at market value. Hence, the restriction on the Elephant and Castle will only last another two years.

Other Matters:

1. V.E.Day Celebrations. The planning is now underway for 8th May. The event will run from 5.30 to 10.30 and include afternoon tea, dancing and demonstrations appropriate to the time. Tickets will be £5 a head, with over 75's free. The next stage is to advertise on social media, and do a leaflet drop in the village.
2. Joint parishes meeting at Campsea Ashe. This was attended in early February by Cllrs. Abu-Hejleh and Cushing. The aim was to identify the traffic issues facing various local villages mostly through the growth of Bentwaters and housing at Rendlesham, and to try and find a common resolution. Meetings with the planning and highways departments will be sought. Cllr. Cushing was keen to explore the data, if any, provided by traffic counters at Bentwaters. Cllr. Mallinder's help was once again enlisted with this, as he had managed to find limited information previously.
3. Updating Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. Councillors have now received copies of the model regulations and standing orders from NALC. It was agreed to adopt them at the Annual Meeting in May.
4. Electricity Maintenance and Review. The council agreed that the information is correct. The clerk will confirm this to Suffolk Highways, and also enquire about potential solutions and cost for replacing lanterns which are no longer viable, following recent European Legislation.
5. Grass cutting – village green. Mr Lucas has returned the village mower to Cllr. Fleming, as he and his family have now moved to Tunstall to take over *The Green Man* and so will no longer be responsible for the grass cutting. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks for his and his son's work over the past years, and to wish them all well in their new venture. A note will go into the April newsletter to see if a new volunteer can be found.

Planning: Application DC/20/0769/FUL Elm Cottage The Street, Eyke. Erection of dog kennels (amended position). There was no objection to this, although the parish council noted Cllr. Cushing's observation that there did not seem to be a suitable parking area.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeal under Section 78.

Application DC/19/1499/FUL Land north of Gardenia Close and Garden Square, Rendlesham – 75 houses. The appeal will take place on 31st March at 10.00am. Eyke Parish Council had previously objected to this application in terms of extra traffic and lack of infrastructure. It was noted that these comments may be read out at the enquiry.

Finance:

1. Cheques: Mr A Comber: website services - £23.00; Mrs J Pooley: salary, 4th quarter - £432.36; HMRC: 4th quarter - £108.00.
- 2 Account balances: BPA: £118.53; Community Account (current) £16,185.54; Rate Reward: £8590.24.

To receive Items for Information:

1. Scottish Renewables: Preliminary Meeting at Snape on 24.3.20 – details via e mail from the clerk
2. East Suffolk proposed parking tariffs: online survey – details via e mail from the clerk.

Date of Parish Council Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting:

Parish Council Annual Meeting: 11th May 2020 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.45pm.

In the absence of other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.