

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 13th July 2015 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Fleming, in the chair, Cllr. Abu-Hejleh, Cllr. Cushing, Cllr. Evans, Cllr Stangoe, Cllr Whitmore and the clerk.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Reid, SCC, Mrs Judy Clements.

Declarations of Interest: None

Co-option of Councillor: Mr Sam Clayton, of 3 Myrtle Cottages, Eyke has expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt him onto the council with immediate effect, to fill the current vacancy.

Minutes: Those of the annual meeting of 21st May 2015, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. Playground update. Mr Cushing provided this in Mrs Clements' absence. A meeting attended by the clerk, Mr Cushing and Mrs Clements with Sarah Shinnie, at SCDC was interesting and informative. The application to access the Play Space Fund is with Suffolk Coastal, and the application to access the Sports Fund is in hand. This will fund the purchase of anti-vandal 5 a side goal posts, which cost £940 plus vat each. With the advent of CIL, these funds in their present form will cease, and Suffolk Coastal is looking to allocate the existing monies in advance of this, so it is hoped that all the money in the two pots will be available: £8476.36. In addition, further applications could be made to the Revenue and Capital Grants Scheme to support the Sports Fund application. Various other applications for funding have been made and decisions are expected over the next few months. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to earmark £2000 from parish funds for the scheme if required.
Cllr. Stangoe has raised £36 through a garage sale for the playground, and was thanked for her efforts.
Cllrs. Abu-Hejleh and Stangoe are organising a dog show "Strictly Come Barking" to be held on Sunday, 13th September on the rec. to raise funds. Planning is in its early stages. They have talked to Mrs Scurrall at Eyke School, and she will advertise it to the parents before the holidays. They are also considering using the internet for this purpose. The aim is that it will be a fun afternoon. It was suggested that a demonstration by a qualified judge would be a potential draw. Cllr Fleming offered to cut the grass beforehand.
2. Traffic Calming. The Area Engineer has sent through a design for the village gateway, a sign detail and a photograph of the location. The approximate cost is £4000, subject to confirmation. It was agreed to confirm back immediately that this is acceptable, in the hope that construction can go ahead very soon. Cllr Reid has kindly offered a contribution of up to £5000, which should cover the costs. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Reid, *in absentia*, for his continued and much valued support.
3. Highway Repairs. The replacement gully and grate on Eyke Street and Church Lane have been fitted, and the erosion of the surface in Low Road rectified. However, SCC could not locate the mud encroaching onto the road, near Chilterns. The clerk will contact them again, with more specific details.

Reports:

1. Cllr Reid, SCC. This report had been previously circulated, and was taken as read.
2. Suffolk Police SNT. Two crimes of assault were reported in Eyke in the past month. The current SNT priorities are: youths hanging around cars in Hamblin Road, and areas such as Wickham Market; liaison with dog walkers about keeping dogs under control in rural areas; rural patrols with regards to rural crimes. The mobile police station will visit: 3rd August, 14th September, 26th October and 7th December, between 2 and 3.30pm.
3. Suffolk Coastal Area Meeting. Cllr Cushing had planned to attend, but was unable to at the last minute.
4. Councillor Training. Cllrs Stangoe and Evans attended this event on 25th June. They found it

interesting and quite involved. It included the roles and responsibilities of parish councillors, the conduct of meetings, preparation of agendas. It emphasised what parish councils can do, and the emphasis was on the leaning towards localism.

Other Matters:

1. Better Broadband Programme. Street cabinets have now been upgraded to give fibre broadband in postcodes IP12 2 and IP13 6.
2. Village Fete. This will start at 1pm on Sunday 19th, and help is requested for setting up at 6pm at The Old Rectory on Thursday, 16th.
3. SCDC Public Consultation: Draft criteria for identification of non-designated heritage assets. Responses are requested by 17th August, and information can be accessed on the Suffolk Coastal website.
4. Adoption of SCDC Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. This came into effect on 13th July and further information is available from Suffolk Coastal via a leaflet or on the website.

Finance:

1. Cheques to be agreed: HMRC, 1st Quarter: £108.00; Clerk's salary, 1st quarter: £432.36; Ufford Parish Council, Councillor Training Course: £26.00
2. Account balances at 30.6.15: Current Account: £10,877.06; Business Savings Accounts: £11,330.22 and £117.97.
3. New mandate: Cllrs Fleming and Whitmore signed the mandate to allow Cllr Abu-Hejleh to be added as a signatory. She will return her part of the form to the clerk by the end of the week.
4. Conclusion of Audit: BDO has completed the audit and there were no matters of concern. The council approved and accepted the Annual Return.

Any Other Business:

1. Mrs Stangoe mentioned that it had been suggested at the councillor training evening that to avoid potential pitfalls, *To receive items for information* could replace *Any Other Business*. The clerk will look into this.
2. For the next agenda: the village car park hedge.
3. A planning meeting was arranged for Monday, 20th at 6.30pm to discuss two applications which arrived too late for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next full meeting: Monday, 14th September 7.00pm