

# Parish Council Chairman's Report 17th May 2012

## Annual Parish Meeting 2012 – Chairman's Report

- Another year in the life of Eye Parish Council. Special thanks go to Audrey for taking over as chairman in my illness and doing such a splendid job and to the members who were all supportive of both me and Pauline and of the clerk.
- Welcome to Steve Booth who has rejoined the Parish Council
- Thanks to Ray Dobbs for his help and support as a Ward Councillor, we all wish him well for the future. Welcome to Dale McKean as our new Ward member and we look forward to working with him as well as Ward Councillors David Sanders and David Harrington for the benefit of our residents.
- We said goodbye to Elaine Buddle as our PCSO. Elaine was a very good officer and worked really hard on our behalf and she is sorely missed. We now have PCSO Donna Grummitt and PCSO Yane Pokhun who cover Eye and Thorney and PCSO Mary Webber covers Eye Green, Newborough and Peakirk
- Brian Lucken who has worked for us on a casual basis for a number of years is moving on to other work and we wish him well. Adam Watts has now joined us, he is a very pleasant young man and keen to have Eye looking neat and tidy. If you see him in the cemetery or in other areas please stop to say hello. He will soon be planting up the planters - in red white and blue of course.
- A16 opened – traffic calming in Eye Green is in place but still being fine tuned to get right! We are working with the police and the City Council to ensure that traffic keeps to the speed limit, especially in Crowland, Thorney & Eyebury Road.
- Parish Councillors attend various meetings representing Eye – Policing panel, Neighbourhood Committee, Pode Hole and Eyebury Quarries and the North Level Drainage Board annual open day.
- Visitors to the Parish Council included Peterborough Garden Park with their expansion plans, REG Windpower with their wind turbine proposals for French Drove, and various officers from Peterborough City Council
- Members look at every planning application received by the City Council for the Parish and make comments when necessary. They also inform the City Council of any suspected breaches of the planning regulations for them to investigate.
- The Parish Council maintain close links with the Primary school and the children were closely involved with what types of new play equipment are being installed at Little Close
- The allotments are all let and the rents were increased this year for the first time in ten years but are still competitively priced. All the taps were stolen at the Hodney Road site and have been replaced but the hosepipe ban means that they cannot be watered using a hosepipe.
- The Old fire station building has been repaired in a joint project with Eye Church and some funding from the Neighbourhood Committee
- The cemetery has benefitted from a new notice-board, no parking signs at the gate, new leylandi being planted to shield the new area and some of the older trees being professionally pollarded
- The Leeds hall refurbishment is nearly complete mainly funded by WREN. There is now a new energy efficient boiler and lighting, cooker, kitchen cupboards, worktops, crockery, refurbished bar area and worktop, redecorated hall, new tables, projector, outer and interior doors and new curtains. Thanks to all who have helped with the refurbishment and special thanks to Sandra Short the caretaker for her work throughout.

**3) Any other matters**

None

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.10pm.**