

# **Minutes of a Meeting of Eye Parish Council held in the Leeds Hall, High Street, Eye on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7pm.**

*Consultation with the public until 7.10pm - 1 present, no issues.*

*Mr Andrew Pakes, MP in attendance*

- Concern expressed at the Planning application for 265 houses near Eye Primary School being passed for outline planning despite objections from the MP at the time, Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors and many members of the public.
- Details are now being dealt with for the development.
- Main concerns is for the infrastructure of the village which has not kept pace with recent years developments ie roads, schools, etc - despite the Planning Inspectorate recommending that the infrastructure should be improved before any further development takes place.
- Eye library is still open, Eye Youth Club is run by volunteers from the village. Concern that Eye village is slowly joining Peterborough and losing its Green Wedges.
- Eye Primary School is at capacity now - plans were drawn up for the schools expansion in 2018 which are now out of date. One planning meeting with the City Council and the school held recently but much more work need on the plans.
- The Local plan for Peterborough is being reviewed and if all the proposed development for Eye is permitted there will be 2,8750new housed being built in Eye.
- Police presence has been minimal at the Parish Council – keep Mr Parkes informed on this. Police Surgery for the public to be held in the Leeds Hall next week.
- Mr Parkes was thanked for his attendance and promised to return to the Parish Council meetings periodically

Attendees: Ms J Edge, Mr A Goodsell, Mr A Martin, Mr A Short, Mr A Smith & Mr G Walker. Mr D Buckman and Mr M Wells, Eye Primary School.  
Coun S Allen & Coun M Ormstom.

## **1) Apologies for Absence**

Mr R Taylor and Coun R Ray

## **2) Declaration of Interests**

Mr A Short – Item 10 Voucher 107

## **3) Eye Primary School**

427 pupils on roll

The proposed expansion plans are for a 2 storey building with 4 new classrooms. Allocated budget not believed to be adequate, at least September 2026.

## **4) Items for City Councillors**

- Email received from the organisers of the Thorney and Eye Food Bank asking for assistance as they have been given notice to vacate their premises by the City Council.
- Coun Ormston explained that the premises must be closed due to Environment Health concerns and the City Council are working to find premises for the foodbank in the short term and a long term permanent solution.
- Thorney Library is not closing as has been reported.
- The Manor Farm Community Centre roof is still leaking.
- Disappointment expressed that emails to City Council Officers often go ignored.
- Half of the Skate Park Lights are now working – Coun Ormston still chasing
- Police aware of residents door being tried to gain entry.

- The manhole cover at Millort Drive is not a City Council one.
- The asbestos seen dumped at Storey Barr Road is being dealt with, although not in Eye Parish thanks to member for reporting it.
- Earth on the grass verge/footpath at Daltons Seed been investigate, used as a bund.
- There is an issue with flooding in Crowland Road at Sue Ryder due to the fall of the road, Highways aware but no funds to repair.
- The clothes bank in Lukes Lane is being looked into by PCC as they do not know who owns it.
- Planning application for Enterprise cars in Peterborough Road has been objected to and is with the Planning Department.
- Issue with 37 bus service no longer going into Blue Diamond Garden Centre and not informing customers.
- Number of patients for Eye Surgery requested for Neighbourhood Plan but no response received.
- Developments on High Street has meant contractors parking on the grass verges and mud on road, should reinstate when work completed.
- Still concerns with shop in the High Street selling vapes to children.

### **5) Policing –**

Latest crime statistics – none available

Police Surgery at the Leeds Hall on 22nd January, 5-7pm. Noted

New Police and Crime Plan for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Noted

ECops – Throughout December 86 drink/drug driving arrests made in the county of which 23 were in Peterborough. Confidential hotline for reporting drink/drivers available 24/7 – 0800 032 0845.

Noted

### **6) Speed Watch Report – nothing to report**

### **7) Minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2024 & Matters Arising –**

#### **Not included in this agenda**

The agricultural land has all now been returned to the Church Commissioners via Savills and the allotment site in Green Road all duly signed.

### **8) New Parish Charter for Peterborough - New Parish Council Representative and a substitute for the Parish Liaison Committee is required**

New Charter issued to all members. Representative will be appointed at Februarys meeting.

### **9) Coronation Beacon**

Request from PCC that the Parish Council need to formally agree to hold the licence for the Coronation Beacon situated on Manor Farm Park.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to be the licensee for the Beacon on the park at the rear of the Manor Farm Community Centre.

## 10) Finance

### (i) Accounts for Approval of Payment

<i>Creditor</i>	<i>Vouch No</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Nett</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Bacs/ Chq</i>
B Stanojevic	106	Wages - December	£975.60	-	£975.60	BACS
S Short	107	Wages - December	£1010.34	-	£1010.34	BACS
M Pinfold	108	Wages - December	£372.90	-	£372.90	BACS
SMC	109	Legionella Checks – L/Hall Pavilion	£55.00 £55.00	£22.00	£132.00	BACS
PCC	110	Premises Licence	£180.00	-	£180.00	BACS
T Clarke East	111	Repair & Test Pavilion Boiler Service & gas soundness test on 2 boilers at Pavilion	£84.00 £320.00	£80.80	£484.80	BACS
Buckle & Co	112	ID Checks on land documents	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00	BACS
Savills	113	Agricultural rent – Final payment 11/10/2024 to 17/12/2024 Allotment rent – 11/10/24 to 17/12/2025	£1001.92 £405.48	- -	£1001.92 £405.48	Cheque 3952
GP Services	114	Annual Pest Control 2025	£300.00	-	£300.00	BACS
Veolia	115	Refuse – Cemetery Leeds Hall	£77.12 £86.24	£32.67	£196.03	BACS
Mrs B Stanojevic	116	Cleaning Materials – Pavilion Postage Stamps	£32.41 £13.20	£6.50	£38.91 £13.20	BACS BACS
Information Commissioners Office	117	Annual Registration	£40.00	-	£40.00	BACS
M Pinfold	118	Landscape – Cemetery -Recreation Ground - Allotment Hedge - L/Hall Rubbish Garden clear at rear	£425.00 £185.00 £250.00 £25.00 £75.00	-	£960.00	BACS
ESPO	119	Hand Towels - L/Hall	£47.80	£9.56	£57.36	BACS
Wave	120	Water – Pavilion Cemetery Leeds Hall Allotments	£58.21 £27.40 £94.87 £14.65	- - - -	£58.21 £27.40 £94.87 £14.65	BACS BACS BACS BACS
T Clarke	121	Pavilion - 5yr electrical inspection	£252.00	£50.40	£302.40	BACS

The above accounts were approved for payment

(ii) Bank Reconciliations to 30th November 2024 and 31st December 2024. Noted

(iii) S137 Payments - None

## **10) Planning**

### *Applications:*

REF:24/01657/WCMM Variation of condition C2 (extend period to import restoration materials) of planning permission 18/02185/WCMM.

### *Decisions*

REF:24/00320//FUL Proposed change of use from recording studio and offices to SEN School at 4 Crowland Road, Eye, PE6 7TN. Refused.

REF:24/01470/HHFUL Single storey rear extension at 33 Thorney Road, PE6 7UN. Permitted. Eyebury Quarry – capping off completed. Not open to public.

## **11) Policy Review – Disciplinary & Grievance Policy. Reviewed.**

## **12) Cemetery – Report**

Conifer tree pruning quotes – to be discussed in Agenda item 22

## **13) Allotments – Report**

Roadway has ruts requiring filling – quote to be obtained.

Although the ditch doesn't affect allotments suggested it should be cleared regularly and residue taken away.

## **14) Leeds Hall, Recreation Ground and Amenities**

Leeds Hall – drains cleared out and checked by Anglian Water.

Recreation Ground – Junior Football Club may be able to get grant funding for floodlights on the front of the building. Parish Council to look at the emissions funding from Cambs & Peterborough Combined Authority of upto £30,000.

Is the bush in the compound at the rear of the Pavilion causing any issues?

## **15) Transport, Roads and Footpaths –**

Email re Interactive Speed Signs for Peterborough Rd and Eyebury Rd – will be discussed in item 22

National Highways – Pavement surveys will be carried between the A47

Dogsthorpe Roundabout and Eye Green Roundabout from 20th January 2025 over 4 nights. Diversion signs will be in place. Noted

## **16) Neighbourhood Plan – Update**

Draft plan and policies worked on and evidence gathered to link in with the Local Plan and Policy Framework. Consultant to review and several other locals to be asked to review. Next meeting 11th February.

## **17) VE Day – 8th May 2025 – Update**

Bright Lights Drama Group will do a themed show in the Community Centre from 7.15pm on the 8th May with a bar and refreshments/ Ticketed event but free.

Beacon lit by the Parish Council Chairman in line with the national tribute at 9.30pm

## **18) Other Correspondence**

PCC – Email advising that grant funding aimed for reducing carbon emissions from the Cambs & Peterborough Combined Authority of upto £30,000, expressions of interest by 31.1.2024. Will apply, may be available for further lighting outside the Langley Pavilion

## **19) Items for inclusion on next month's agenda - None**

## **20) Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th February 2025**

## **21) EDI Compliant**