

Annual Parish Meeting 2014 – Chairman’s Report

- Sadly we lost Councillor Tom Gee this year – he had been a member of Eye Parish Council for many years and we miss both him and his experience
- The Parish Council has continued to work with organisations in and out of the Parish for the benefit of our village. Planning is one area that affects us all and we continue to work with Peterborough City Council on planning matters and how they may affect Eye and how we can work with developers to benefit our residents
- We responded to a consultation from The Boundary Commission to say that Eye and Eye Green should not be separate and be considered as one.
- Policing continues to change but we still have two PCSOs – Yane Pokun and Mary Webber who can be seen regularly throughout the village and attend our council meetings and visit the Parish Office as often as they can. The Police Panel meeting meets quarterly to which the public are welcome to attend – the next meeting is Monday 7th July in the Manor Farm Community Centre at 7pm.
- The Parish Council maintain close links with the Primary school; the clerk has visited on several occasions and both she and members have been invited to join the children for lunch. We worked with the City Council and installed bollards along Eyebury Road outside the school to make the area safer for our children. The Parish Council objected to the closure of the Children’s Centre.
- The allotments are looking much better this year – and we have a few new but very keen allotment holders. There have been problems in the area with vandalism on allotment sites and the Parish Council would ask everyone to just be alert and report anything suspicious to the police.
- There is a defibrillator on the wall outside the Leeds Hall and in the foyer of the Manor Farm Community Centre. We now have a first responder unit based in the village which provides 24/7 cover.
- The Community Leadership Fund is through our Ward Councillors and is for the benefit of organisations in the village. Unfortunately this has now been reduced to only £1,000 per annum due to costs cuts imposed by Peterborough City Council.
- The Cemetery did have problems this winter in certain parts caused by flooding. Some remedial work has taken place and more is planned. A tree survey was undertaken and as a result some tree work has taken place in the cemetery and in the churchyard. Wherever possible the Parish Councils policy is to replace any tree that has to be removed.
- To commemorate the commencement of World War 1 there will display boards in the school, library, Leeds Hall and the Parish Council are also working to have the War Memorial cleaned and relettered.
- Thank you to the team of councillors and staff for all their help and support through the year.