

Parish Council Chairman's Report 20th May 2010

Annual Parish Meeting – 19th May 2011

1) Apologies for absence

Mr S Booth, Mr P Holmes and Mrs D Parkin

2) Chairman's Report

Mr Holmes began by thanking the hard work this year by my Parish Councillors, Ward Councillors and the clerk. We work together as a team for the benefit of Eye.

Two new members joined us early in the year – Steve Duffy and Phil Holmes and both have fitted in well

We have had numerous extra meetings in Eye and out of Eye with City Council Officers, City Council members, Larkfleet Homes and others. Andy Goodsell has represented us at the Parish Council liaison meetings and we have attended the Neighbourhood Council meetings- despite our reservations.

Thanks to the Open Space Group for securing funding for the area at the rear of the Community Centre – we look forward to the work commencing in July.

The “Eye Society” has now folded and the remaining funds donated to the Parish Council to have the Eye Map of 1821 copied and framed and displayed in the Leeds Hall and the original remaining in the archives at Peterborough Library. We are have had the map copied in colour and are now waiting for it to be framed.

Eyescan continues to be produced quarterly and thank you to all those involved. The Parish Council writes an article each month and this together with our notice-boards and web-site are very good at informing the resident of what is happening in the village and what the Parish Council are up to. The Parish Council office in the Leeds Hall is usually open on Wednesday and Friday mornings as well as having an ansaphone and email facility.

It would appear that the Regional Agencies are to finish and the Regional Plan will also go.

Roads have been a big issue through the year and continue to be. The Cabinet Member and officers from the City Council attended a meeting. With us and parishioners concerning the roads around the new garden centre

and faced some difficult questions – the Parish Council did voice concerns in the initial stages but no-one listened. The Junction 8 roundabout roadwork's are causing havoc at times and will continue to do so for some time. The trench down Crowland Road near Larkfleet has caused problems for residents and engineers from the City Council have been called out to solve the problem. Traffic calming measures will be installed later in the year. The new A1073 is expected to open late in the summer

Police, Law, Order

Thanks go to the police for their help and support, especially to PCSO Elaine Buddle. The Neighbourhood Panel continues to meet quarterly, sometimes in Eye and residents are encouraged to attend and represent the village. The Fire Brigade now attend the panel meetings and have also been outside the school to assist the police with inconsiderate parking.

Finance

We continue to operate under our financial regulations and the accounts are regularly checked and audited annually.

Planning

We have considered many plans this year but the big issue has been the Site Allocations Document Consultation. Thanks to Councillor Sanders, Dale McKean, residents from Fountains Place, The Evening Telegraph and to the public of Eye for attending the meetings and sending their responses to ensure the City Council know exactly what Eye do not want.

Cemetery

The new ground has been consecrated by the Bishop and will be in use very shortly.

There have been reports of vandalism which has been reported to the police but can we all be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious.

Allotments

The allotments are nearly all let and are looking good.

Leeds Hall & Pavilion

The Leeds Hall is well used by various groups as well as for parties, dances etc. Repair work has been undertaken by a local contractor on the roof. It will be redecorated shortly and we are looking at new tables/chairs and refurbishing the kitchen and bar.

The Langley Pavilion has had an exterior water leak resulting in very high water bills but this has now been resolved. There have also been problems with the exterior lights timer and hot water for the building but these are now resolved.

Thanks to all and continue to work together in our village for our village.

3) Any Other Matters

Mr McKean brought the retrospective planning application for an advertisement sign for Larkfleet homes to the attention of the Parish Council. This is in the Conservation Area and refers to the Thorney Road development not the one off the high Street.

Concerns were raised about the volume and speed of vehicles using Eyebury Road. The new 20MPH sign ought to be nearer to the church – the Parish Council did request this. Eyebury Road is to be resurfaced in the school summer holidays. The chicanes were properly measured etc when they were put in. The emergency services have visited the area to check that their safety criteria is met. The road is used as a through route to Eastern Industry but most problems are caused by the school run traffic. The reinstatement of bollards near to the school are being investigated.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.