

Chairmans Report 2013

Another busy year for Eye Parish Council.

- The Parish Council has continued to work with organisations for the benefit of our village. Planning is one area that affects us all and we have seen, considered and commented on all the planning applications made from the village as well as looking at larger planning proposals in and around our village before they have been made.
- We welcomed Sir Graham Bright, the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, to our April meeting after we wrote to express concern that crime figures were rising yet we had lost a PCSO. Sir Graham told the meeting what happened, why and reassured us that Eye is well covered by the police all the time. He went on to explain his role and what he hopes to achieve.
- The local PCSOs attend our meeting and call into the office on a regular basis
- Parish Councillors attend various meetings representing Eye – Policing Panel, various Peterborough City Council meetings, Pode Hole and Eyebury Quarries, Dogsthorpe Landfill, Eye Nature Reserve and the North Level Drainage Board annual open day.
- The Parish Council maintain close links with the Primary school; the clerk has visited to judge the Year 6 public speaking competition and also sampled a school lunch. We are currently working with the school council on a project to reduce dog fouling. We are working closely with the City Council and others to make the road safe outside the school and prevent nuisance parking by installing bollards here as well as outside Eye Cemetery.
- It was a difficult year nationally for allotments and the Allotment Committee recently did an inspection of both sites. Those that have not been worked have been sent warning letters and rents are being collected. There are several that are vacant. The roadway at Hodney is in need of repair and we are obtaining quotes to get this work done.
- The Community Leadership Fund is through our Ward Councillors and is for the benefit of organisations in the village. Last year we helped 8 village organisations as well as purchasing 2 defibrillators which will be shortly placed in cabinets outside the Leeds Hall and the Community Centre. From our own funds we made a donation to a villager who has just trained as a first responder and will be on call evening and weekends in the village and had to purchase his own equipment.
- The Old fire station building was repaired and the Parish Council received a design Award from Peterborough City Council for this.
- We now have a grass cutting contractor who cuts the grass at the cemetery, churchyard and the recreation ground as well as looking after our planters in the village. This has made a big difference and these areas look neat and tidy.
- The Community Pay Back Team have repaired and repainted the cemetery railing – our thanks to them for doing such a good job.
- The Leeds Hall is continually busy with regular booking and parties, weddings etc. Thanks to our caretaker – Sandra Short for looking after the hall so well.
- The Open Space Group continues to work hard but the Parish Council had to get involved with the building of their pond when members of the public raised Health & Safety concerns. The concerns has now been resolved but this sort of concern is exactly what Eye Parish Council is here for.

3) Any other matters

None

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.07pm.