

**Meeting of Eye Parish Council held in
Leeds Hall, High Street, Eye on Thursday 16th November 2023 at
7pm.**

Consultation with the public until 7.10pm – 1 present, no issues

Attendees: Ms J Edge, Mr A Goodsell, Mr A Martin, Mr A Short, Mr A Smith,
Mr G Walker and Coun S Allen, Coun R Ray & Coun J Peach.

192) Apologies for Absence

Mr C Lester, Mrs D Magnus, Mr R Taylor & Coun N Simons

193) Declaration of Interests

Mr A Short Agenda item 199(i) Voucher 91

Mr A Smith Agenda item 199(i) Voucher 97

194) Items for City Councillors

A Review of Community Buildings in Peterborough is being undertaken by the City Council – 70 in all. Eye Youth Club and Library building is part of this. There is a petition in the village with a public meeting on Friday at the Youth Club to try to stop the sale of these premises. The building is used three evenings each week and is also used by the Girl Guides and Brownies and would be difficult to accommodate in other buildings in the village because of their regular users and lack of storage space.

The Junior Youth Club is run by volunteers and is very popular. It is hoped to revive the Senior Youth Club. The Police & Crime Commissioner has funds that may assist. The Asset Transfer programme has been ongoing for several years.

The area around the Bottle Bank at Manor Farm has now been secured with Harris Fencing and repairs are in hand.

Manor Farm Footpath from Hodney Road Bridge is well overgrown and Coun Allen has been trying to resolve the issue since the summer. The City Council believe that the path is the responsibility of National Highways and are trying to get them to take responsibility and clear under their maintenance programme.

Poppies put up on lampposts throughout the village as a mark of respect for Remembrance Day.

The clerk to ask the number of passengers using the minibus.

The Marigold Tavern in Eye Green has received positive reviews.

195) Policing

Improved communications with the Police is encouraging.

There will be Police surgery in the Leeds Hall on Thursday 7th December from 5-7pm, with PC Main – who is the officer for the rural area.

ECops – Email on increasing number of ram raids over the winter. Stamford and Whittlesey been hit recently. The public asked to look out for unusual movement of plant vehicles, especially at night and call the police on 999.

Coun Peach is the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner and suggests we invite Darryl Preston, The Police and Crime Commissioner to one of our Parish Council meetings.

196) Speed Watch – Nothing further to Report

197) Minutes of the meetings of 19th October 2023 & Matters Arising –

Not included in this agenda

Agreed and signed as a True Record

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198) Church Commissioners - Land off Hodney Road, Eye

Deed of Surrender to review and sign

Each member been sent a copy. All agreed that the document should be signed sent to Savills. Holts and Turves farmland remains.

199) Finance

(i) Accounts for Payment – Agreed to pay payments below

<i>Creditor</i>	<i>Voucher Number</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Nett</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Payment</i>
B Stanojevic	90	Wages - October	£651.11	-	£651.11	BACS
S Short	91	Wages - October	£821.68	-	£821.68	BACS
J Fisher	92	Wages - October	£188.60		£188.60	BACS
SMC	93	Leeds Hall & Pavilion	£110.00	£22.00	£132.00	BACS
Veolia	94	Refuse – L/Hall Cemetery	£76.24 £57.12	£26.47	£158.83	BACS
M Pinfold	95	Grass Cut – Cemetery C/Yard	£400.00 £65.00	-	£465.00	BACS
St Matthews Church	96	Wreath Festival Donation (S137)	£10.00	-	£10.00	BACS
RBL Poppy Appeal	97	Donation S137	£50.00	-	£50.00	BACS
B Stanojevic	98	Postage stamps Stationery	£38.40 £20.97	£4.20	£63.57	BACS
National Allot Soc	99	Annual membership	£55.00	£11.00	£66.00	BACS

(ii) Report of Finance meeting of 2nd November

External & Internal Auditors Reports considered. New Scribe Accounts System being installed. Assets to be checked – Village Sign to be included.

Recommended that a Desk Top Asset Valuation of the Leeds Hall and the Pavilion be undertaken at a cost of £280+ VAT. All agreed.

Staff appraisals will be completed in January

The Auditors Reports recommendations are being implemented - this will be completed by the year end.

All charges reviewed from 1.4.2023 All Agreed.

Copied to members and list attached to these minutes.

Staff wages - ***Mr Short declared an interest.***

Recommended increase by 10% from 1.12 2023 in line with Local Government Pay Awards. All agreed. The next review due in April 2025.

iii) **Agreement for Precept for 2024/2025**

Recommended that the Precept be increased by 3% for 2024/2025 to **£71,000.**

All agreed

(iv) S137 Payments –

St Mathews Church £10, RBL Poppy Appeal £50

200) Planning

Applications:

REF:23/01398/HHFUL Single storey garden workshop (part-retrospective) at 6 Little Close, Eye, PE6 7TG. No comment

REF:23.0384/LBC Replace 3 rear attic windows with new Heritage Dormer windows at 29D High Street, Eye, PE6 7UP. No comment.

REF:23/01315/REM Consultation on reserved matters at Land at Red Brick Farm, Edgerley Drain Road, Fengate, PE1 5YG. Landscaping, infrastructure works, new pond for water vole, internal access road, substation, ponds and swales

We note that this on the flood plain. We will be monitoring the road and how it affects the "rat run" through the back of Eye village

REF:23/01316/01317/01318/NONMAT Eyebury Quarry, Eyebury Road, Eye.

Non material amendment to conditions C3 (plans) and C13 (long term management aftercare). No Comment

REF:23/01431/HHFUL Single storey rear extension 84 Hodney Road, Eye, PE6 7YJ. No Comment.

REF:23/01438/ADV Two internally illuminated fascia signs, two externally illuminated hanging signs; window graphics, Hello graphics, parking panels, replacement poster frames and Red Lion vinyl at 49 High Street, Eye, PE6 7UX
Can the Planning Authority ensure that the illuminated lights are not lit when the business is closed.

REF:23/01492/FUL Proposed garage /storeroom 2ith 1bed workers accommodation above at Acorn Lodge Kennels & Cattery, Thorney Road, Eye, PE7UA.

No Comment

Decisions:

REF:23/01244/CTR Trees Sgl24416- Sorbus High Street, Eye – Fell due to H & S. Permitted.

REF:23/01291/TRE TPO Woodland trees to the Rear of 85 Little Close, Eye, PE6 7TQ. Permitted.

REF:23/01337/CTR Works to trees in various places within Eye & Thorney including Eye High Street. Permitted

Eyebury Quarry Liaison meeting report

Mrs Magnus, Mr Martin and Mr Smith attended for the Parish Council.

Waste:

Very little waste is now being deposited on the site. Generally the importation of soil for Blinding and Capping layers, which is expected to be completed by Summer 2024.

Biodiversity:

A Biodiversity area continues to be created in a special area, and is being closely monitored. A future site visit will be arranged, and they will submit an article for a future Eyescan.

Biffa confirmed that they are fully compliant with all Planning Conditions.

Compost Facility:

PCC are expected to give their decision in December, generally in favour, and are likely to approve. Assurances were given that there would be no smells.

Concerns expressed over increased traffic, both from this facility and Red Brick Farm development, but PCC did not have any concerns over traffic, from the Compost Facility. Biffa expect to deal with 2020 tonnes of green waste per year.

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New Area:

Biffa have agreement for a 15year extension for extraction from a new area closer to Willow Hall, but will still use the present infrastructure (ie Offices & Weighbridge.)

Remedial Works:

A new pipe connection between existing lakes is to be laid to maintain agreed water levels. (as per the latest Planning Application)

Next Meeting - Wednesday 7th February 2024

201) Neighbourhood Plan

To consider appointing consultant

Proposals circulated. Meetings with the consultant will mainly be by zoom.

All agreed to go ahead and set up in the New Year

202) Cemetery –Report

New contractor now working well in the cemetery. Grass cutting being done as well as trimming bushes, old graves etc.

He is now cutting the Recreation Ground and the Churchyard.

Will be asked if he can also do the village planter

Letter of thanks to previous contractor to be sent.

203) Allotments Green Road

On allotment holder giving part of his plot at the end of March. Can be split into 3 allotments

204) Trees

60 free trees and 30 free hedges have now been delivered. Very small so will be simple to plant. Will be watered when necessary.

205) Eye Primary School

Nothing to report

206) Leeds Hall, Recreation Ground and Amenities

Date for decorating the Leeds Hall for Christmas

Thursday 30th November at 6pm

Legionella Checks all satisfactory.

Possibility of putting a Defibrillator at the Pavilion – Both Eye Runners and the Junior Football Club may be able to make a donation. Concern is that it would get vandalised.

207) Transport, Roads and Footpaths

See item 194 on Hodney bridge footpath

208) Discussion to consider Twinning Eye with Tonnerrei, France

Further information including and costs involved and will be placed on a future agenda

209) Other Correspondence

Invitation to the Good Neighbours Scheme AGM on 22nd November at 6.30pm at Barnack Village Hall. RSVP by 19th November. Noted

Invitation to Mayors Guided Charity Walk in on – 2nd December 11am followed by afternoon tea. £25. Enquiries at Mayors Office to book. Noted

Consideration to plant an oak tree for King Charles III in the churchyard, St Matthews to be consulted.

210) Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 7th December 2023

211) EDI – All agreed that this meeting covers all of this

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