

**The Annual Meeting Minutes of Eye Parish Council held  
in the Leeds Hall, High Street, Eye on Thursday 15th May 2025  
Following the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm**

***Consultation with the public – 12 present***

Loss of the School Crossing Patrol – several residents attended to express their concern that this service is being withdrawn at the end of the school year. Concern for the safety of the children and the community. The crossing patrol has been in place for a number of years. There are plan for a pedestrian crossing but no date for when this will happen. The residents are to do a petition to keep the Crossing Patrol until the crossing is in place. The Parish Council fully support the residents and are disappointed that yet again another important facility is being withdrawn in the village with no infrastructure improvements despite S106/CIL funds generated by housing developments.

Both Ward Councillors Allen and Ormston present told the meeting that they have funded the crossing patrol from their councillor budgets until July and are working with City Council Officers on this issue.

Peterborough Rangers Football Club – members of the team apologised for the state of the changing room left by their opponents. Made clear that the Lindisfarne Road site is an Open Space and a Recreation Ground – not a football field, and is for the use of all Eye villagers.

Parish Council members will discuss further at the end of the meeting in closed session and the club will be notified on Monday as to whether they will be permitted to play there next season.

Attendees: Ms J Edge, Mr D Hansen, Mr A Martin, Mr A Short, Mr A Smith & Mr R Taylor. Also in Attendance- Coun S Allen and M Ormston.

**85) Election of Chairman**

Mr A Short was nominated as Chairman, no other nominations received so Mr Short was duly elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Office.

**86) Election of Vice-Chairman**

Mr A Martin was nominated as Vice-Chairman, no other nominations so Mr Martin was duly elected as Chairman

**87) Declaration of Interests**

Mr A Short – Item 97 Voucher 22

**88) Apologies for Absence**

Mr A Goodsell & Mr G Walker, Mr D Buckman (Eye Primary School)

**89) Items for City Councillors**

Building Work at 82 High Street has now finished. The City Council will ensure that the verges are reinstated, vehicles will not park there and the replacement tree will be planted.

The Draft Local Plan is out for Consultation.

The Conservation Officer is checking that the signs etc at the min- mart in the High Street complies with the regulations.

The traffic light sequence at the junction near Blue Diamond still gives cause for concern despite PCC Officers saying they are fine. Clerk to write to MP for assistance with liaising with the Road Haulage Association.

#### **90) Policing**

None present. No updates

No up-to-date crime statistics available.

ECops – Knife amnesty for the week commencing 19th May. Amnesty bins at Thorpe Wood Police Station, and Parkside Police Station Cambridge

Neighbourhood Watch AGM 14th June at Honeyhill Centre, Peterborough at 10am

#### **91) Eye Primary School**

7 children from Eye unable to get a place in September. Parents appealing. Children will have to go to other schools in the area and transport will be paid.

Any Expansion not to include classrooms.

Year 6 SATS going well. Next governors meeting is 4th June and the governors are keen to keep the school crossing.

#### **92) Speed Watch**

New Co-ordinator, more volunteers required.

3 people per “watch”. They have to have a safe place with a wide pavement area. Current “watch” sites are – Crowland Road, Thorny Road and 2 in Peterborough Road

#### **93) To appoint members to serve on the following committees -**

**a. Allotments**

**b. Planning**

**c. Cemetery**

**d) Finance**

**e) Leeds Hall, Leisure & Amenities**

**f) Transport, Roads & Footpaths**

#### **94) To appoint representatives to the following bodies -**

**a. Parish Council Liaison**

**b. Eye Community Association**

**c. Pote Hole Quarry Liaison Committee**

See list attached showing committee members for the above for the next year

#### **95) Minutes of the meeting of 17th April 2025 & Matters Arising – Not included in this agenda**

Coronation Beacon Licence completed

Agreed and signed as a True Record

#### **96) Peterborough Draft Local Plan – To discuss and decide the Parish Councils response. Response will be submitted to PCC by 29th May 2025.**

The next stage will then be to the Planning inspectorate, who doesn't know the area.

Mr Martin and Ms Edge reported on the briefing they attended by The Parish Liaison Committee.

The Parish Councils main objections to the plan are on the infrastructure –  
 School places, Doctor's surgery capacity. Sewage/drains. Roads.  
 To preserve the Green Wedges

## 97) Finance

(i) Accounts for payment – The following accounts were approved for payment

<i>Creditor</i>	<i>Voucher Number</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Nett</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Chq/ BACS</i>
B Stanojevic	21	Wages - April	£975.80	-	£975.80	BACS
S Short	22	Wages- April	£951.14	-	£951.14	BACS
M Pinfold	23	Wages - April	£372.90	-	£372.90	BACS
Amazon	24	Ink Cartridges Copy paper	£49.36 £20.54	£9.87 £4.11	£83.88	BACS
North Level IDB	25	Drainage Rates – Green Road Allotments	£24.11	-	£24.11	BACS
Tony Bennett Services	26	New taps at Pavilion	£180.00		£180.0	BACS
Britannia	27	L/Hall - Emergency lights replacements New Fire extinguisher	£167.56 £83.73	£50.26	£301.55	BACS
Veolia	28	Refuse – L/Hall Cemetery	£101.04 £86.41	£37.49	£224.94	BACS
SMC	29	Legionella checks – L/Hall Pavilion	£55.00 £55.00	£22.00	£132.00	BACS
Maples Solicitors	30	Beacon Licence witnessed	£5.00	-	£5.00	BACS
Scribe	31	Cemetery accounts	£29.00	£5.80	£34.80	BACS
Clerks/Council Direct	32	Annual Subs	£15.50	-	£15.50	BACS
Mrs B Bryan	33	Refreshments – VE Day <b>S137 payment</b>	£25.16	-	£25.16	BACS
BT	34	Phone Bill	£202.64	£40.52	£243.16	DD
Mark Pinfold	35	Landscaping - Cemetery Rec Ground Churchyard	£575.00 £245.00 £150.00	-	£970.00	BACS
Locality/Ground work UK	36	Refund of underspend of N/Hood Grant	£1,866.13	-	£1,866.13	BACS

(ii) **Report of Finance Meeting of 6.5.2025**

1) **Receipts & Payments 2024/2025**

Noted

2) **Bank Reconciliation To 31.5.2025**

Noted

**71/2025**

3) **Fixed Assets/Asset Register**

Updated – Agreed

2 X defibrillators installed – on private property but permission given.

Details of defibrillators to go into every Eye Scan issue.

Parish Council General & Earmarked Reserves - Agreed

4) **Audit 2024/2025**

Internal Auditor Report.

Comments from Finance chairman added

Noted.

5) **Parish Council Bank Account**

Balance as at 31st March 2025. Noted

6) **Parish Council Investments**

The Clerk is to investigate short term deposit investment possibilities

7) **Dedicated email addresses**

Still needs to be done – there is funding for this.

Clerk will action.

8) **Matters to be Considered**

Latest Finance Regulations were adopted at Full Council meeting 24/11/2025

Recommend to Full Council that staff salaries be increased as per Local Authority increase.

3.2% increase for all staff from 1.4.2025

All Agreed.

(iii) **To approve the Annual Return 2024/2025 -**

AGAR - Statement One

AGAR - Statement Two

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept both statements One and Two and to send the AGAR to the External Auditor.

To Note the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights -

**Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Monday 14th July 2025. Noted**

(ii) S137 Payments – Voucher 33, Mrs B Bryant £25.16. Donation VE Day Cakes

**98) Planning**

*Applications:*

REF:25/00490/ADV & 25/00518/LBC Consultation for Listed Building Consent and for Display Advertisements for Shop Fascia sign and smaller information sign (retrospective) at 21 High Street, Eye. PE6 7UP. The Parish Council support this application.

REF:24/01555/WCPP Variation conditions C4 (maximum building heights, C18 (site access) and C25 (plans) pursuant to outline planning permission 18/00080/OUT.

Object – building far too high – in the countryside, part of the green wedge close to Oxney Grange, which is a listed building and to Eye village.

REF:25/00115/FUL Change of use from recording studio and offices to 6no.bedroom care home for up to 6no.children aged 8-10 years (C2) – part retrospective at 4 Crowland Road, Eye, PE6 7TN. The Parish Council have concerns with this application as the building is in a Conservation Area and previous applications submitted had work undertaken without consent from the Planning Authority.

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We would like to see the building be restored to its original state and to the satisfaction of the City Council Conservation Officer. The Parish Council have concerns that isn't enough parking on the site for staff and for cars/taxis/minibuses collecting/dropping off the children for school etc. The road at the front of the property is very busy and close to a busy junction and is not suitable to park vehicles safely. We also have concerns that the premises will be operational and the effect on neighbouring properties. There is still a very large rubbish heap at the rear of the building which needs urgently removing.

#### *Decisions*

REF:25/00133/HHFUL Proposal for 1.5x2.3m porch at 83 Pioneer Caravan Site, Thorney Road, Eye. Refused

#### *Planning Appeal*

REF:25/00133/HHFUL Appeal reference APP/J0540/APP//J0540?D/25/3364734  
Proposal for 1.5x2.3m porch at 83 Pioneer Caravan Site, Thorney Road, Eye.  
Appeal made to The Secretary of State.

#### **99) Review of Standing Orders**

One amendment – 18b replaced with find a tender service  
Reviewed

#### **100) Cemetery –Report**

No issues

#### **101) Allotments - Report**

Only one rent outstanding. Final reminder to be issued  
Inspection by committee to commence shortly  
Our new tree area has been weeded.

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

Review of Senior Football Team playing at Lindisfarne Road  
This will be discussed at the end of the meeting “In Committee”  
Little Close Play equipment. PCC have said they cannot afford repairs.  
The Parish Council has asked for a quote. The two bins outside the supermarket have no liners.

#### **103) Eye Festival – update**

The Organiser will attend the next Parish Council meeting

#### **104) Transport, Roads and Footpaths**

Speed signs – PCC Officer waiting for update on costs

#### **105) Neighbourhood Plan – update**

Consultation now open until 20th July

#### **106) Other Correspondence**

#### **107) Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th June 2025**

#### **108) Meeting was EDI Compliant**

**73/2025**

***The Public and Press were excluded from the meeting in accordance with the provision of section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960, the items to be discussed being of a confidential nature.***

Mark Wells was unanimously co-opted to the Parish Council

Review of Senior Football Team playing at Lindisfarne Road

All Agreed that the team could play for next season on a trial basis and be then this would be reviewed.

The team would not have their own keys – the caretaker would open and close each time.

A contract would be issued to them with all the conditions.

Fixtures to be notified to the clerk.

***74/2025***