



EYE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING OF EYE TOWN COUNCIL held using video conferencing, On Wednesday 20th January 2021 @ 7:30 pm

Present: Cllrs Walker (Chair), Berry, Brandon, Byles, Evitt, Gould, Hudson, Mann, O'Mard, Potter, Smith, Talbot, Turner and Town Clerk, Wendy Alcock. No members of the public present.

1.0 Opening of the meeting

2.0 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Henderson

3.0 Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations

None received.

3.0 Public Participation - Meeting to be opened.

3.1 County Councillor Report – Cllr. Guy McGregor Full report in Appendix A

Vaccination meeting - Cllr Evitt – asked why Hartismere was overlooked as a vaccination hub. Cllr Mc Gregor responded the question was asked but no response was given.

3.2 District Councillor Report – Cllr Peter Gould – Full report in Appendix B

Local Reports

Staff and resources have been diverted to Covid related work. Both the District and County have been acknowledged for their work in previous lockdowns, this commitment continues.

HGV Issues – meeting planned for 27th January with SCC to start implementing the project plan.

Previous note has been circulated to Councillors on progress with Paddock House.

Update on 2 Cross Street – Cllr Berry has been assisting on this project with the district and has seen the plans. He gave some feedback on these presented at a recent meeting. In his opinion the design and renovation proposed is of a high quality. Externally it will be more aesthetically pleasing, and thermal efficiency factors are creditable. This project will be a considerable investment by the MSDC and will be a great asset to the centre of the town and as a community facility and to raise the profile of the Town Council.

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Planning issues – Langton Green application. Cllr Gould has raised a number of concerns and will be meeting the planning team to discuss these tomorrow.

Persimmon Development – The land deal is going ahead between Persimmon and the local landowner. A reserved matters application will be submitted by persimmon is anticipated when completed. Once this has been approved discussions can begin with development of Victoria Mill land.

Cllr Berry asked to confirm if the elections were still going ahead and if the Neighborhood Plan would go to referendum at the same time. Cllr Gould confirmed that plans were still going ahead for the elections to take place but dependent on restrictions there might be a postponement. There are now several Neighbourhood Plans which have backed up during the Covid lockdown but hopes that these will all go ahead.

Cllr Byles asked about which vaccine people would get. Is there a choice over which you receive and is there a requirement for shots on both? Cllr McGregor that he believes it is two for both vaccines responded that it is really is what's made available to the hub on the day and the individuals clinical circumstances.

3.3 Members of the Public – to receive questions and matters of concern from those present.

Meeting to be closed for public participation.

4.0 To receive and confirm the minutes of the **Town Council** meeting held on the 14th December 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Mann seconded by Cllr Brandon - All in favor motion carried.

5.0 To receive and confirm the minutes from the **Town Hall Committee** held on 14th January 2021.

5.1 Proposed that Council agrees for the development of a Town Hall logo up to the value of £200.00.

Proposed by Cllr O'Mard seconded by Cllr Byles - All in favor motion carried.

Cllr Potter asked if any other quotes had been obtained? Cllr Brandon agreed to obtain additional quotations in line with the financial standing orders.

5.2 For Council to note that the Committee reviewed its fees and charges and agreed that they should remain at the current rates for 2021/22.

Proposed by Cllr O'Mard seconded by Cllr Evitt - All in favor motion carried.


6.0 To receive and comment on planning applications and appeals as follows (and consideration of late applications)

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6.1	DC/20/05903	17 Magdalen St, Eye	Construction of dropped kerb
No comments. It should be noted that the plan shows the dropped kerb along the full length of the property should it be restricted to the width of the drive.			
Proposed by Cllr Smith seconded by Cllr Mann - All in favor one motion carried.			

7.0 Council to note the Mid Suffolk DC planning decisions or appeals received since the last meeting.

7.1	DC/20/04183	6 Church Street, Eye	Planning permission has been refused
7.2	DC/20/05098	46/46A Castle Street, Eye,	Discharge of conditions, approved conditions
7.3	DC/20/05279	50 Church Street, Eye,	Does not wish to object
7.4	DC/20/05840	46/46A Castle Street, Eye,	Discharge of conditions, approved conditions
7.5	DC/20/05362	Alder Carr Lodge, Park Lane, Eye	Listed building consent refused.

8.0 Other Planning Matters

8.1 Help Shape Guidance for New Housing Developments in Suffolk

8.2 Sunnica Energy Farm – Statutory consultation

8.3 Update and future strategy for DC/20/02052 – Chicken rearing sheds, Castle Hill Farm, Thorndon

A report for these items can be found on the Planning Committee Minutes from 18.01.2021 which are available on the Council's website at <https://www.eyesuffolk.org/town-council/working-committees/planning-committee/>.

9.0 To receive and confirm the minutes and recommendations of the **Environment Committee** meeting held on 5th January 2021.

9.1 For information the Environment Committee has agreed within its authorisation levels urgent repairs to the Remembrance Chapel at the Cemetery up to £1500. £1216 from existing budgets, balance from the Covid Business Grant Currently held in reserves.

To enable an assessment of the second chapel the contents will be cleared to see the work required.

10.0 To receive and confirm the minutes and recommendations of the **Finance & Governance** Committee meeting held on 7th January 2021.

10.1 Full Council agrees the Budget for 2021/22 as presented.

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There were no further questions on the budget proposal.

Proposed by Cllr Evitt seconded by Cllr Gould - All in favor motion carried.

10.2 Propose that Full Council makes a precept claim to BMSDC of £131,076 as included in the Budget proposal agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Evitt seconded by Cllr Gould - All in favor motion carried.

10.3 Propose that Council approves the review of the following procedure and policy: -

10.3.1 Grievance Procedure

10.3.2 Storage of Valuables Policy

Proposed by Cllr Evitt seconded by Cllr Mann - All in favor motion carried.

11.0 The minutes of the **Events** Committee held on the 4th January were received.

Please note the following proposed dates for future Events if restrictions allow: -

11.1 Great British Spring Clean – Eye Litter Pick – 30th May

11.2 Mayor Making – 13th June.

11.3 Annual Town Meeting – 27th April.

12.0 To receive and confirm the following Financial Matters:

12.1 To receive and note the bank balances as at 31st December 2020 (Appendix C)

12.2 To receive and approve invoices presented for payment on the 21st January (Appendix D)

12.3 To approve payment of Staff Salaries for Dec 20 by bank transfer payable on the 21st Jan 21.

Proposed by Cllr Gould seconded by Cllr Brandon - All in favor motion carried.

13.0 To note the attached items of correspondence.

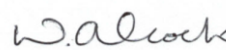
CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COUNCIL – TO BE NOTED AND CONSIDERED	
<i>Details of Correspondence</i>	<i>Actions Taken/Required</i>
Compliment from a member of the public on the refurbished toilets.	Passed to Councillors for information
Invitation from Suffolk County Council to consult on the Post-16 Travel Policy for 2021/22	Cllr Talbot to make a response on the behalf of the Council.

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Compliment from a member of the public regarding allowing an extension to the Christmas lights beyond the 7th January to enable festive celebrations under the Julian calendar.

Passed to Councillors for noting.

14.0 Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th February 2021.


Meeting closed at 20:20

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Appendix A
County Council Guy McGregor

I think that we are all feeling a sense of relief with the announcement that the vaccination against Covid-19 is being rolled out.

I know that both the Eye and Fressingfield GP practices made a bid to be local centres but the centre is to be the Community Centre, Debenham.

No one locally is able to offer an explanation and my request for answers to this via Dan Poulter remains unanswered.

Congratulations to Eye TC for organising a Zoom meeting on 27th January to discuss the issues of HGV through traffic through the town.

The day before on the 26th January SCC Cabinet meets with the main item is the discussion of the 2021/22 Budget. Cost pressures continue and the main issue will be how these extra demands are to be financed. The Settlement from Central Government has been announced. For SCC it is in the middle of the various options.

There will be increases in the Council Tax. Even with the increase in the Adult and Social precept this will not be sufficient to cover this Service's Budget and there will be additional support from the Council Taxpayers.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has already made his case for an increase in his precept.

The A140 constructions is proceeding well but delays are anticipated because of unusual weather conditions.

Guy McGregor
Suffolk County Councillor, Hoxne and Eye Division
20th January 2021.

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Appendix B
District Councillors report
January 2021
Cllr Peter Gould

As you know, you are currently receiving [regular updates](#) on our response to COVID-19 in our districts and **we suggest that you review the latest update to see the most up-to-date situation** in terms of our support for local business, communities and impact on our services ahead of your town or parish meetings.

You have continued to receive all media releases as they are issued and can [see them on our website here](#), but to assist you in giving your towns or parishes a rundown of activity during December, we include all recent announcements below:

An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk

Regular bulletins are being produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins through existing fortnightly updates for councillors, or [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

Rapid rise in COVID-19 cases and pressure on health and care force Suffolk into Tier 4 restrictions

An alarming rise in COVID-19 infection rates across Suffolk and pressure on hospitals, care homes and social care has resulted in the county entering Tier 4.

[Read the full story](#)

Support payments available for those told to self-isolate on low incomes

More residents on low incomes or benefits can now get financial help if they are told to self-isolate due to COVID-19 as Suffolk councils extend support payments to help more people.

[Read the full story](#)

Councillors to consider budget for 2021/22

Councillors are set to discuss the first draft of Mid Suffolk District Council's budget for 2021/22 – designed to deliver a healthy future for post-Covid Mid Suffolk.

[Read the full story](#)

Councils look to slash fleet emissions

Babergh and Mid Suffolk will consider proposals to cut their fleet's carbon emissions by up to 90% – supporting the councils' carbon neutral aims.

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[Read the full story](#)

Vision for Stowmarket takes shape

Councillors are set to discuss future plans for the John Peel Centre as part of Stowmarket's emerging town vision at their next cabinet meeting.

[Read the full story](#)

Lights, Camera, Action for 2021!

The new look Regal Theatre in Stowmarket is starting to take shape with the construction of two additional auditoria and a new café area in recent months.

[Read the full story](#)

Green light for Emergency Services Hub funding

Mid Suffolk District Council recently approved £431,740 in funding from housing growth to progress plans for a shared Emergency Services Hub in Stowmarket – paving the way for collaborative working and enhanced 999 services.

[Read the full story](#)

Mid Suffolk residents to benefit from slice of Government Green Home funding

Residents in Mid Suffolk are set to benefit following recent Government announcements about its Green Homes Grants.

[Read the full story](#)

Voting safely at next year's elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021, residents in Suffolk will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them at Suffolk County Council and who will represent them as the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner. The elections may be a way off, but we are already making plans to help residents stay safe while casting their vote.


[Read the full story](#)

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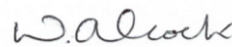


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Bank Reconciliation at 31/12/2020

	Cash in Hand 01/04/2020	148,591.20
	ADD	
	Receipts 01/04/2020 - 31/12/2020	144,409.05
		293,000.25
	SUBTRACT	
	Payments 01/04/2020 - 31/12/2020	121,505.28
A	Cash in Hand 31/12/2020 (per Cash Book)	171,494.97
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements	
	Cash	31/12/2020 128.69
	1. Barclays Current Account	31/12/2020 91,579.52
	Barclays Business Account	31/12/2020 49,264.90
	Barclaycard	31/12/2020 -477.04
	National savings investment account	31/12/2020 31,016.90
		171,512.97
	Less unrepresented payments	18.00
		171,494.97
	Plus unrepresented receipts	0.00
B	Adjusted Bank Balance	171,494.97
	A = B Checks out OK	

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Appendix D

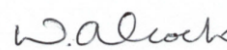
EYE TOWN COUNCIL						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE to 14.1.2021						
Vch	Pay Type	Code	Name	Description		Amount
322	BT	58 - Allotment general maintenance	Philip Liverton Ltd	Grass Cutting		96.00
327	BT	35 - Donations Section 137	Eye Scouts	Grant		100.00
329	CC	22 - Technical Support	Echo Internet Ltd	IT support		18.00
330	DD	23 - Phone	O2	Phone		42.22
331	DD	142 - Broadband	Zen	Broadband		38.40
332	CC	46 - Street Cleaner Sundries	Amazon EU S.a.r.l	PPE		17.49
333	CC	20 - Office costs postage,stationery,copying	Amazon EU S.a.r.l	stamps		12.98
334	BT	27 - Training Councillors/Mayor	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Councillor training		90.00
335	BT	62 - Grass and hedge cutting	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	Grass Cut Contract		720.00
		Staff cost codes	All Staff	Wages		4,224.24
		Staff cost codes	HMRC	PAYE/NIERC		1,158.47
346	DD	19 - Pensions	NEST	Pension		145.64
347	DD	105 - Gas	Crown Gas & Power	Gas		118.25
348	DD	159 - Office Rent	Zen	Broadband		38.40
349	BT	1 - Christmas lights	Pearce and Kemp Ltd	Christmas lights		378.00
350	BT	73 - Grass Cutting	Hartleys Garden Services	Grass cutting parks		75.00
					Total	7,273.09

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