

District Councillor Michael Burke Monthly Report to Eye Town Council

July 18th 2017

1. Organisation

Nothing to report apart from move to Endeavour House to take place in September.

2. Locality Awards

The Locality Awards programme has been promoted through the Eye Magazine and should appear in the August addition. Councillors and members of the public are asked to spread the word to all relevant community groups that they are in touch with.

Reminder, deadline for receipt of applications September 30th.

3. Planning

A140 Junction Improvements

Most people will by now have seen the application made by Suffolk County Council for the funding of A140 junction improvements.

If successful estimated timetable as follows :

Start of works	December 2018
Completion of A140 "On Line work	June 2018
Opening date	September 2019

Involves new junctions and access at the Yaxley turn and the Thrandeston turn. Brome junctions will be closed off.

Tacon Close

MSDC have applied to convert the meeting room in Tacon Close in to a "Touch Down "office for council employees. This would accommodate a maximum of 6 working at any one time. Residents were concerned because of traffic and parking on Tacon Close. Residents were encouraged to record and send in their objections. MB also wrote to the council on this issue 1) objecting in view of traffic and parking i.e taking away 3 parking spaces currently used by residents 2) if they did go ahead they should provide more parking from lawned area opposite.

Latest application shows a removal of the claim for 3 parking spots and reliance on public parking in Eye.

Progress Power

Councillor Evitt will update the Council on the meeting which took place at the Community Centre on July 3rd

Paddock House

A meeting was held with the Assistant Director responsible for this development. MSDC were interviewing potential development partners this week with the aim of appointing their selection by end July.

I have been assured that a public consultation meeting will be held at the end of September. This would be well in advance of formal planning application which would not be until nearer Christmas.

4. Neighbourhood Plans

At the last meeting I asked the question “ where were we with our Neighbourhood Plan.” The answer seems to be a stalemate with Mid Suffolk, they appeared to have given no official answers to the Eye submission. Also it appears the two sides have fallen out over the issue of the Airfield Developments.

I firmly believe we need a Neighbourhood Plan for the reasons outlined last time, in particular that we need to input as far as possible how we see the future of Eye and surrounds but also to try and influence as far as possible the major housing developments that are being imposed on many towns and villages across our region.

I would propose that we form/reconvene a Neighbourhood Plan Committee/Working Group and that this group be set up by the end of August 2017.

5. Ward Boundary Review

Separate presentation on this matter

6. Other Matters