

District Councillors Report to Eye Town Council

1. Organisation

Much time has been taken up with the move to Ipswich. There has been issues in regards to this move. However the Chief Executive has today sent an email to say that discussions with the Unions are proving to be positive and they continue to move towards agreement. All staff will be updated of the latest situation for their consideration and Unison will be seeking feedback from their members.

2. Hartismere Hospital

We have had one meeting with the Head of Communications of NHS Suffolk (Andy Robinson and Peter Gould) We are in the process of arranging a Meeting with all relevant parties ie League of Friends, Clinical Commissioning Groups, PPG, GPS , Norfolk NHS,Suffolk Scrutiny Committee, Estate Management etc

As you have heard Guy McGregor has called in Hartismere at the Health Scrutiny Committee re all relevant issues. This meeting will take place in Ipswich on 17th October.

3. Paddock House

Following break ins to Paddock House the whole site has been boarded up from the outside. What a complete waste of money, should have been done in the first place. Now they are going to put a security fence around the whole site.

The Ceo of Mid Suffolk has written to say that we" we should have something to share with the community in 5/6mths time. He is looking to work with them on increasing the level of proper community engagement especially in the context of the Neighbourhood plan work This is totally unacceptable and I only saw sight of this mail today. I will now take this up at the highest level. It just isn't good enough I have to add here that we also asked MSDC about Tacon Close for office space for Clerk. They think now this would be a great idea but have still not given an answer as to when it could happen.

4. Locality Awards

A number of applications have been recd and they continue to come. I would like to remind Groups that they only have now until the 30th Sept to get in their applications

5. Planning

6. Neighbourhood Plan

I have spoken before about the need for Eye to have a Neighbour hood Plan and am delighted to say that we have managed to get a steering group up and running. Again very pleased to report that Peter Gould has agreed to Chair, and many thanks to Andy Robinson for the sterling work he has done not only on the Neighbourhood Plan but also on the Local Plan Consultation

7. Boundary Review

At the last meeting we were looking a Yaxley to include in the Eye ward. In the event it ended up as Occold being the proposal with Yaxley as second option, and Brome and Oakley 3rd

8. Other Matters