



ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on JULY 30th 2024 **at the Reading Room, Eriswell**

Present

Cllr G Tolmie

Cllr J Foster

Cllr B Foster

Cllr A Bibbey

Cllr L Hall

Cllr R Hall

In attendance: N Glading (Parish clerk), Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton, Andrew Blenkiron (Elveden Estates) and 3 members of the public

2024/ 35 **CHAIRMANS WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING**

Chairman to clarify whether any person will be recording the meeting

2024/ 36 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- a. Councillors received apologies for absence from Cllr A. James D/Cllr G Kelly and C/Cllr Noble
- b. Councillors consented to accept the apologies received

2024/ 37 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

2024/38 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25th 2024**

- a. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on June 25th 2024 were unanimously AGREED as an accurate record and the Chairman was authorised to sign
- b. Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none

2024/39 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public may speak about specific items on this agenda or suggest future items. Please note: an individual's time is limited to 3 minutes (Standing Order 1.8.5) No discussion shall take place on any question put or comment made.

- (i) A resident commented that it is impossible to walk down to the bus top because of overgrown hedges. Hedge cutting is prohibited until the end of August. Blenkiron will look at the issue.
- (ii) The hedge by Victoria Terrace looks lovely

2024/40 **UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- a. An update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton was **RECEIVED**
- b. Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble: had given apologies

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- c. Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr Gerald Kelly and /or D/Cllr Tracy Whitehead: D/Cllr Kelly had given apologies. A Councillor pointed out that D/Cllr Kelly had been more proactive about our concerns.
Clerk to find out if D/Cllr Whitehead has resigned because EPC have not seen her except for the first meeting, just after she was elected.
- 2024/41 **LORDS WALK UPDATES**
- a. The grass remains uncut: area is really dry; it is thought to be a fire hazard.
- b. Radcliffe Road streetlights
On 18/03/2024. Clerk had received a phone call from Richard Webster Asset Manager - Street Lighting at Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Highways, confirming that the Radcliffe Road lights should have been adopted by Suffolk County Council when the Lords Walk houses were released. He agreed that the ball was dropped some years ago. Mr Webster said that he will task Andy Last, local Highways engineer, to inspect feasibility next week. So far, this has not happened, Councillors are very disappointed with the lack of any progress.
- 2024/42 **MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING**
- a. Noted: the West Suffolk Notification - DC/24/0953/EIASCR
Notification only- not a consultation
- b. The Eriswell woods silvicultural strategy v1 RS 030724 (sent to cllrs 07.07.24) was considered; Chairman to send response
Mr Blenkinsop told the meeting that beetles are eating Spruce trees; need the right trees in right place
- 2024/43 **FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS**
- a. The July 2024 itemised expenditure/ invoices for payment were considered and AGREED. Signatories were authorised to sign the relevant cheques
- b. Quarter One 2024 -2025 accounts: deferred to next meeting
- (I) Amounts paid
- (II) Amounts received
- (III) Bank Reconciliation
- 2024/44 **SID REPORT**
- a. Report from SID management volunteers Cllr R Hall and G Tolmie
SID still opposite Volvo garage there are a couple of vehicles at 65 mph random times – peaks result will show when/ transgressions early in morning, weekend lunch times
- 2024/45 **REQUESTS FOR GRANTS/ PROJECTS**
- a. Cllr Bibbey requests £200 budget for planting at the War Memorial
For around 50 years, two residents have planted the bed along the War memorial, paid from own pockets. Bear in mind to VE day celebrations next year. It was unanimously **APPROVED** to allow a budget of £200 for planting around the War memorial.
- 2024/33 **CHAIRMANS and OTHER REPORTS**
- a. Chairmans itinerary and report (on the night)
The current biggest issues is the Anglia Water works and road closure.
Cllr Tolmie and Jane Seaney were interviewed by a BBC reporter about BBC looking at problems at Lords Walk. This is still available on line.
Councillors were asked to phone Anglia Water if you spot seepage into concrete, as this may lead to a gush
- b. Clerks report

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- a) Online banking: Lloyds have sent online details but these are in the name of Mildenhall High Town Council. Card and machine to be sent within two weeks.
- b) EPC Emergency Plan update: the clerk distributed example templates, and Cllr Tolmie agreed to work with the clerk to produce EPC Emergency Plan (give out example and ask for partner)
- c) B1112 Road closure: Clerk had asked Nigel Plumb for the times that traffic lights will be used. There have been several incidents where the public have moved bollards and forced their way through. This has led to a hardening of their position, and Nigel Plumb had written to the clerk:

“Unfortunately, due to the nature of the works and width of existing carriageway we are unable to facilitate the use of traffic lights for the duration of the scheme. All of our works must comply with Safety at Street Works and Road Works – Code of Practice [8815 Safety at Streetworks v1 12.indd](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))

Unfortunately we cannot meet the minimum lane width and safety Zone requirements to use traffic lights.”

Water based bollards will be replaced by cement and CCTV. Car insurance will not be valid.

c. Councillors’ reports (on the night)

None

d. Reports from other groups

- a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee: Cllr Bibbey reported that the grass cutting / fly tipping sign seems to be working. The Gate re-set. Clerk to chase grant money
- b) Reading Room Committee: Cllr Bibbey reported that people being in the building is causing damp; there is no eaves ventilation. He will remove the cover over fireplace. More gardening working party are planned
- c) Poors Charity: Cllr B Foster reported that Cllr R Hall had helped cut down trees and put the gate back in place with a lock on.
- d) Report from Cllr G Tolmie, Eriswell Footpath Warden GT and Andrew Blenkiron had a walk round, and will mow routes, and look into the provision of way markers which can be scanned to tell people e.g. whats growing

2024/34 **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:** Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman) none

Meeting closed 8.12

Update from Sqd. Ldr. Adam Eaton
RAF Lakenheath report to Eriswell Parish Council July 2024.
Operational Update.

1. The annual turnover of command positions is now complete. Of note:
 - Col Jack Arthaud assumed command of 48th Fighter Wing on 21 June vice Brigadier General Jo Campo.
 - Col Glen Cameron assumed command of the 48th Fighter Wing Mission Support Group on 12 July vice Col Shonry Webb.
2. Lakenheath Alliance for Peace established a Peace Camp outside the Main Gate between 15 and 25 Jul. The protest was largely peaceful with no disruption to 48FW's mission.

Administration.

3. The closure of the B1112 due to works being carried out by Anglian Water is likely to increase traffic flow at peak times through Eriswell as vehicles that would otherwise approach from the South and enter via the Main Gate, have been advised to use Gate 2 as an alternative.

4. The USVF school summer holiday finishes on 19 Aug. There will be an increase in traffic at peak times, compounded by the road closure

The peace camp was well policed; any sign of issues were controlled immediately. There were two arrests.

Apologies, having said that the cameras were nothing to do with us at a previous meeting. I subsequently found out that the cameras had been installed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

A resident is concerned about the condition of air brought about by the planes.

A blockage of the A1065 would cause real problems Sometimes there is a huge back log, it can take 20 minutes to get on Base.

Appendix B

Application no: DC/24/0953/EIASCR

Request for Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 (1) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Proposal EIA screening opinion under Regulation 6 (2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017 (as amended) on the matter of whether or not it is considered that there are likely significant environmental impacts from the proposed development for which an environmental statement would be required - on the matter of Development as per table 3-1 of submitted EIA Screening report for 33 projects at RAF Lakenheath, Brandon, Suffolk comprising a package of upgrade works from 2024 to 2030

Location Raf Lakenheath Brandon Road Lakenheath Brandon

I write with reference to a recent request for a Screening Opinion to this authority, for the above-mentioned proposal. To assist in determining the environmental impact of the proposal and whether or not the submission of an Environmental Statement is required, the Local Planning Authority would be grateful for any comments on the information provided as part of request, such as:

☐ The potential environmental impacts of the proposal and their mitigation; and

☐ Any alternatives that you consider should be investigated

The screening opinion request and associated documents can be viewed online through the Council's Public Access pages at the following link:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk

Due to the timescales set out in the Regulations, I would be grateful for your comments within **14 days** of the date of this request. If you are likely to be unable to meet this deadline, I would be grateful if you could advise me as soon as possible.

Britta Heidecke Principal Planning Officer

Appendix C

Dear Sirs

I write as I am preparing a Woodland Management Plan for the Elveden Estate, covering the management of its woodlands over the coming ten years. As many of the woods lie within Eriswell parish, and are adjacent to public rights of way which will be used by your fellow parishioners, I would like to seek the Parish Council's feedback on the management proposals below. In deciding what to do, I have weighed up what needs doing to maintain the current trees, but also to make sure that the woodlands are fit for a future climate with warmer, wetter winters and hotter, drier summers.

The work areas within Eriswell parish are shown on the attached map, and proposals are as follows:

1. Maintain thinning on woods which are still growing strongly, increasing space for the stronger trees and light to the understorey.
2. Where woods are over-mature and beginning to decline, fell up to 20% of these areas in the next ten years and replant with a mix of species well-matched to the site and fit for the predicted future climate.
3. Where shelterbelts are incomplete or contain only one age of trees, supplement with additional planting to extend their life expectancy for the protection of soil.

I would be grateful if you could discuss this with the Council and let me know of any particular sensitivities on these sites, and we can then look at how the Plan might contribute to this. If there are any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Rob Stockley

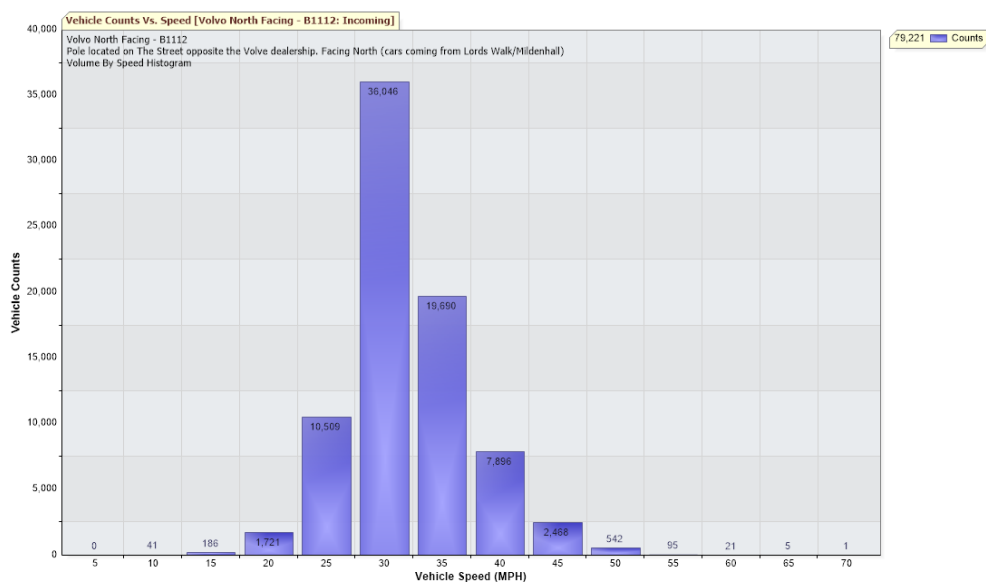
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Payee	Item	Amount
Staff	Salaries July	£466.45
Clerk	office allowance/ expenses Apr- June 2024	£79.00
Reading Rooms	Rent for meetings	£80.00
SALC	Membership fee	£210.03

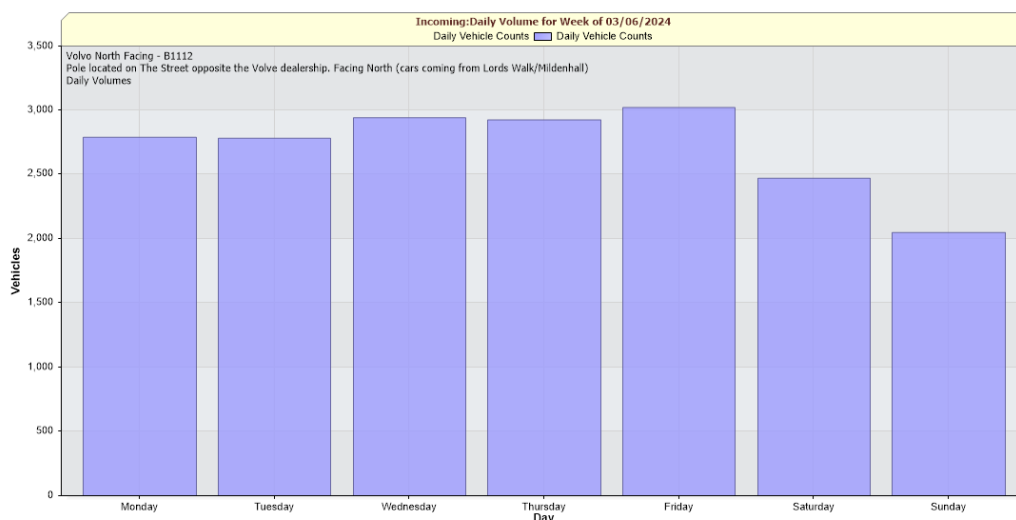
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On 08 May 2024 at 18:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned opposite the Volvo dealership, The Street, in the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic

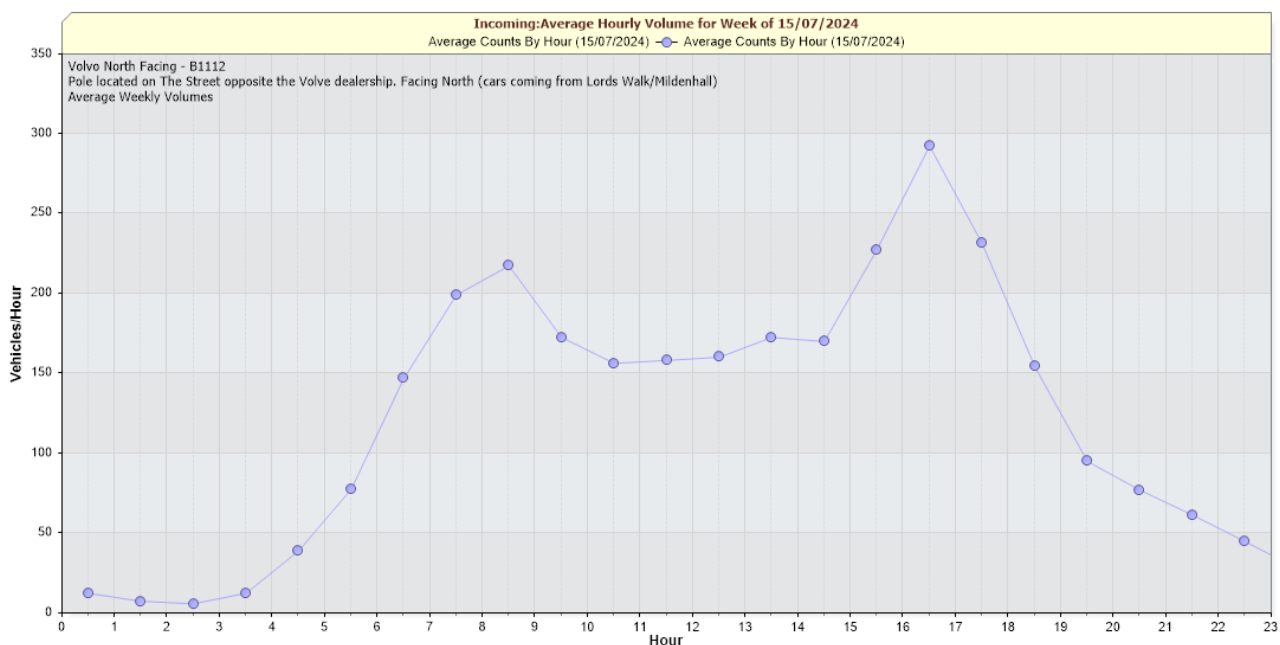
coming from the direction Lakenheath heading South towards Eriswell Village. Traffic speed and volumes were measured from 00:00AM 29th June up until 23:59PM on 30 th July 2024. There are between 2800 and 3000 weekdays passing this point. There are between 2100 and 2400 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards the village. The busiest times during the week are 07:30-08:30 (Avg. 230 cars p/h) and 15:30-17:30 (Avg. 290 cars p/h). The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.8 MPH past his point. The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 28.8 MPH past his point. The fastest speed recorded during this period was 70MPH (x1) and 65MPH (x3). The SID is positioned 670m past where the 30MPH zone starts (460m past the T-junction). The next pages show: - Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above. - Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point - Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances table - SID Location aerial diagram



29/06/2024 to 30/07/2024 into Eriswell village – Traffic from Mildenhall/Lords Walk



Typical weekday volumes heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from Mildenhall/Lords Walk on B1112 into Eriswell village

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	21	14	14	13	16	23	29
2 - 2	13	11	15	9	9	10	16
2 - 3	14	11	10	11	6	17	15
3 - 4	27	24	28	40	40	21	14
4 - 5	71	50	55	47	43	23	28
5 - 6	120	113	77	90	75	35	28
6 - 7	102	89	116	89	83	45	35
7 - 8	106	89	78	76	74	48	33
8 - 9	67	73	62	57	52	52	38
9 - 10	54	74	49	53	53	50	47
10 - 11	61	61	53	57	59	91	53
11 - 12	77	80	46	67	62	79	73
12 - 13	106	70	74	83	66	76	90
13 - 14	102	68	52	61	88	74	82
14 - 15	104	71	79	67	101	67	81
15 - 16	153	91	82	116	98	69	73
16 - 17	177	108	120	121	122	91	92
17 - 18	163	106	101	94	111	88	75
18 - 19	110	76	92	88	104	83	81
19 - 20	72	63	69	76	47	70	59
20 - 21	60	54	51	69	62	60	30
21 - 22	34	39	24	26	35	31	30
22 - 23	40	34	33	38	23	49	29
23 - 24	29	19	22	31	26	37	36
Totals	1883	1488	1402	1479	1455	1289	1167

Exceeding Community Speed Watch Team Limit of 35MPH

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