



## ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES

#### **of the Eriswell Parish Council Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Reading Room, Eriswell**

Present:

Cllr L Hall (Chairman)

Cllr A Bibbey (Vice Chairman)

Cllr B Foster

Cllr J Foster

Cllr R Hall

Cllr A James

Cllr G Tolmie

In attendance: N Glading, parish clerk and Sqn Ldr Geary, no members of the public were present

2024/ 127	<b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING</b>	
	The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. No recording declared	
	Chairman to clarify whether any person will be recording the meeting	
2024/ 128	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
a.	Apologies for absence had been received from C/Colin Noble	
b.	Councillors consented to accept the apologies received	
2024/129	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
	<p>(i) Query from member public re installation of walls at Lords Walk: email copied the cllrs 22/03 (post agenda) Can the Parish council get in to contact with forest heath planning or whoever and enforce the legally restrictive covenants on the estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To put up a satellite dish or similar receiving aerial at the rear of the house if possible rather than the front unless it is absolutely necessary</li><li>• Not to alter the external colour scheme of the house</li><li>• Not to alter the fencing as provided at the front of the house</li><li>• Not to put up any fence over 6 foot high on any boundary away from the road.</li></ul> <p>It goes on to say not to use the property as to cause a nuisance to adjoining occupiers this is defined as unreasonable behaviour which is annoying or damaging and interferes with the use and enjoyment of another property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No caravan boat trailer or similar static item either on the property or any part of the estate.</li><li>• Not to keep an unroadworthy vehicle at the property.</li></ul>	

	<p>It goes on to say that basically the open feel of the estate is to stay as is, I have noticed over the years and particularly of late the shabbiness of the estate.</p> <p>Fencing being put up out the front of property's where there never was any, when they were brought or sold, and now people are putting up fences, this is against the deeds of the estate.</p> <p>I have attached my copy, I have spoken to a solicitor who has advised me to contact the parish and the parish to contact the west Suffolk planning to get this enforced.</p> <p>The Councillors considered the matter: Cllr Foster told the meeting that this is nothing to do with the council.</p> <p>It was agreed that restrictive covenants of this type are enforceable by the developers, so that the character of the development during the selling process for the whole estate is maintained and can have an expiry date; namely the date all properties are sold, otherwise they are enforceable by the other homeowners against their neighbours. So if you own a property and the covenant says no front garden fences and your neighbour puts one up, you could go to court to enforce that covenant and make them take it down. As a buyer, you can take out insurance against someone enforcing a covenant which may have been breached by a previous owner.</p> <p>The bottom line is that it's all very unattractive and expensive to get into this with your neighbours.</p> <p>Should the resident wish to do so, they should seek a solicitors advice, this is a civil matter.</p> <p>(ii) A resident had asked for another litter pick. This is arranged for Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Lords Walk shops. Clerk to speak to the base to ask for military volunteers.</p>	
2024/ 130	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	<p>To receive Members' declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (as defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012)</p> <p>None</p>	
2024/131	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>	
a.	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 <b>were unanimously APPROVED as an accurate record and the and the Chair</b> authorised to sign the same	
b.	Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: None	
2024/132	<b>UPDATES FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>	
a.	<p>Update from Sqn. Ldr. Stew Geary</p> <p>He has been looking at surface, width of roads, vegetation i.e. general unsuitability and sheer volume of traffic. PCC have been involved.</p> <p>Recent concerns about lasers, the potential impact is catastrophic</p> <p>Sqn Ldr Geary's replacement is Adam Eaton, the handover is in early April 2024, he will take over completely in May. He lives in Suffolk</p> <p>Radcliffe Road lighting- Ross Jack CE dept for historical plans which show controls, cuts</p> <p>Delivery area- brought a new officer from CE and talked him through the line marking, he is in liaison with car lot owner</p>	

	<p>Amazon says no requirement for a box, this was challenged and Amazon asked to reconsider</p> <p>Flying over Eriswell Church: the Standardisation and Legislative Team are looking at imposing a no fly area over the Church if they can, they will. (trying to resolve issue)</p> <p>Sqn Ldr Geary thanked Councillors for their support, it has been a genuine privilege to work with EPC, wished all well</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Sqn Ldr for all his help, and wished him well in his future role.</p>	
b.	Update from C/Cllr Colin Noble: not present	
c.	Update from West Suffolk D/Cllr G Kelly and /or D/Cllr T Whitehand: not present	
2024/133	<b>GRASS CUTTING</b>	
a.	<p>Update on grass cutting verges along B1112</p> <p>Clerk had questioned the absence of scheduled grass cuts along the B1112 at Lords Walk. The reply (see Appendix A) indicates that these verges are cut by SCC Highways.</p> <p>Clerk to ask Highways to pick up cutting again-, it is thought that US used to do it, and ask SCC for a plan of where they are cutting</p>	Appendix A
2024/134	<b>DECARBONISATION INITIATIVE FUND</b>	
a.	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the proper officer should sign the Grant Offer Agreement from West Suffolk Council.	
2024/134	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING</b>	
a.	<p>Noted: communication from West Suffolk Council</p> <p>Appeal Decision - APP/F3545/W/23/3324341: Land adjacent to 42 Earls Field, IP27 9QT. We have received an appeal decision for Land adjacent to 42 Earls Field. The appeal has been dismissed.</p> <p>Proposal - Planning application - one dwelling as amended by plans received 20 February 2023.</p> <p>The appellant being Mr D Shipp of Vintegga Homes</p> <p>The case officer was Connor Vince, the appeal type is written representations, and the case was refused under delegated powers.</p>	
2024/135	<b>FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS/ DONATIONS</b>	
a.	The itemised expenditure/ invoices for payment were <b>AGREED</b> and signatories authorised to sign the relevant cheques	Appendix B
b.	Streetlighting: <b>AGREED</b> Unit 4 Little London Eriswell Quotation - SCC quotation to replace the above obsolete PC unit streetlight with a new LED type For The Sum of £442.21 + VAT	
c.	Streetlighting: It was <b>AGREED</b> to pay the annual running cost of streetlights at £1706.15 + VAT: invoice from Suffolk County Council for	
d.	Update on Lloyds Savings Account and online banking: clerk to follow this up	
2024/136	<b>SID REPORT FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
a.	<b>NOTED:</b> Report from SID management volunteers Cllr R Hall and Cllr G Tolmie	Appendix C
2024/137	<b>GOVERNANCE</b>	
a.	The EPC Asset Register was reviewed and <b>AGREED</b>	Appendix D
2024/138	<b>REPORTS</b>	
b.	<p>(i) Chairmans report: will follow up on horse and rider signage</p> <p>(ii) Clerks report</p> <p>a) Update on streetlights at Radcliff Road:</p>	

	<p>18/03/2024</p> <p>Phone call to clerk from Richard Webster Asset Manager - Street Lighting at Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Highways, The Radcliffe Road lights should have been adopted by Suffolk County Council. Agreed that the ball was dropped some years ago. Mr Webster will task Ady Last, local Highways engineer, to inspect feasibility next week. Will confirm figures LED project with Logan Malpass.</p> <p>b) Update on BHF grant application for a defibrillator: the clerk has been told that this will be announced by BHF on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.</p> <p>(iii) Councillors' reports: none</p>	
c.	<p><u>Reports from other groups</u></p> <p>a) Eriswell Recreation Ground Committee: held a meeting to look at running costs</p> <p>b) Reading Rooms Committee: looking at refurbishment, Cllr Bibbey will write to Elveden and arrange a meeting</p> <p>c) Poors Charity: none</p> <p>d) Report from Eriswell Footpath Warden (Mr G Tolmie): on going</p> <p>e) Thermal Imaging project update (Mr G Tolmie): Borrowed camera had shown some interesting results. No remedial advice as such was given, Mr Tolmie shared a list of potential help</p>	Appendix E
2024/139	<b>EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:</b> Information may be shared (with the permission of the Chairman) none	
	<p><b>Meetings 2024 (Reading Room 7pm)</b></p> <p>May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Annual Assembly, Annual Parish Council meeting, First Ordinary meeting, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2024,</p> <p>August no meeting, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2024, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2024, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2024, December 2024 no meeting</p>	

## Appendix A

Email from clerk  
Dear Mr Miller  
Many thanks for the update.



I am sure to be asked by the Eriswell parish councillors about the verges along the B1112 at Eriswell/ Lords Walk as I can't seem to see them on your list?

Be really grateful if you could let me know when they will be cut

We have a meeting next Tuesday evening, be great if you could respond swiftly

Email from Damien Parker 25.03.2024

Update on grass cutting verges along B1112

[Damien.Parker@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Damien.Parker@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Cc:Miller, Mark

Dear Nicola,

The verges along the B1112 in Eriswell are maintained by Suffolk County Council's appointed contractor not the district council. West Suffolk Council cut the highway verges on behalf of SCC if they are located within a 30MPH residential zone.

Having checked our records we don't appear to be maintaining any grass areas in the Eriswell Parish boundary, they either appear to be maintained by the military basis or SCC Highways.

SCC Highways appointed contractors carry out 2 cuts per year on A and B roads and 1 cut per year along quieter C and U class roads, for more information on how the County Council maintains its highway verges please refer to their guide: [Grass Cutting - updated 3 April 2023 \(suffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/grass-cutting)

## Appendix B

EPC ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MARCH 2024		
Payee	Item	Amount
Suffolk County Council	Streetlights	£2,047.37
CAS	Fee website hosting	£60.00
clerk	Postage 2023-4	£23.10
clerk	office expenses home working Jan-Mar	£79.00
clerk	salary March 2024	£466.45

## Appendix C

On 31 August 2023 at 15:00 the SID was installed on the B1112 on the pole positioned at the start of the village of Eriswell. The SID was positioned to monitor traffic coming from the A1065 on the B1112 heading towards the St. Laurence church in Eriswell.

Traffic speed was measured from 00:00 on 12 February 2024 up until 13:00 of 20 March 2024.

There are between 2700 and 2900 vehicles per weekday passing this point heading towards Eriswell.

There are between 1700 and 2400 vehicles per day over the weekend heading towards Eriswell.

The busiest times during the week are 07:00-08:30 (Avg. 320 cars p/h) and 17:30-18:30 (Avg. 280 cars p/h).

The 85th Percentile Speed (most people) travel at or below 34.13MPH past his point.

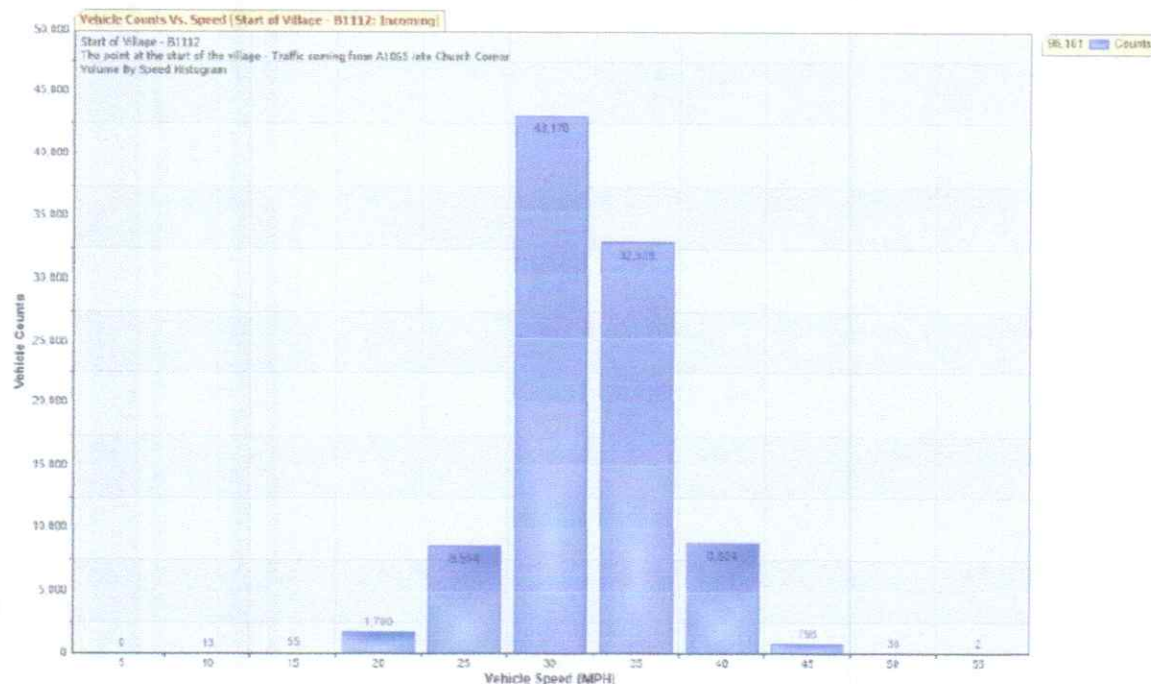
The 50th Percentile Speed (half the traffic) travel at or below 29.4 MPH past his point.

The fastest speed recorded was 55MPH (x2).

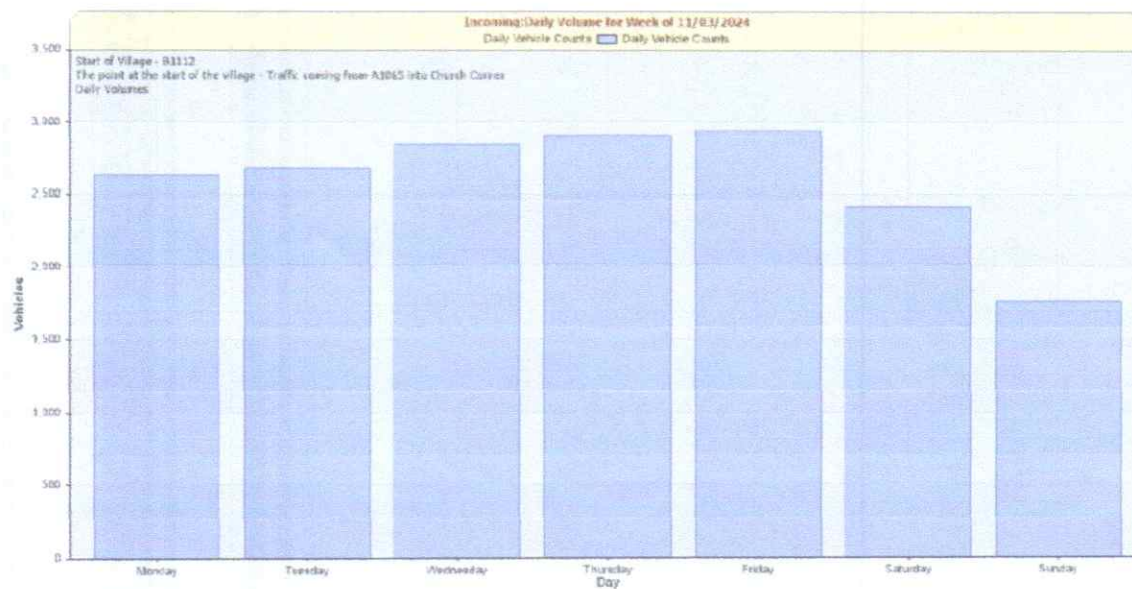
The next pages show:

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- Speed vs vehicle counts at the point listed above.
- Typical hourly volumes (weekdays) passing this point
- Community Speed Watch Team Limit (35MPH) exceedances



12/02/2024 to 20/03/2024 into Eriswell – Traffic from A1065



Typical weekday volumes/hour heading from A1065 on B1112 to Eriswell

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
0 - 1	9	14	11	9	13	15	20
1 - 2	4	8	9	6	6	11	13
2 - 3	2	5	3	2	2	11	8
3 - 4	1	4	1	1	5	7	6
4 - 5	5	2	5	1	4	10	6
5 - 6	23	13	15	9	10	7	4
6 - 7	101	97	106	59	78	11	7
7 - 8	111	105	105	94	115	16	15
8 - 9	64	52	63	32	58	32	17
9 - 10	36	33	44	27	31	63	37
10 - 11	27	23	34	20	29	60	31
11 - 12	31	21	25	23	44	43	39
12 - 13	45	29	39	36	44	60	42
13 - 14	38	48	24	30	41	68	49
14 - 15	37	30	28	27	51	55	41
15 - 16	37	30	37	30	57	55	38
16 - 17	64	57	47	35	73	54	47
17 - 18	61	76	41	43	93	58	48
18 - 19	33	26	33	25	32	33	20
19 - 20	29	27	25	18	35	36	23
20 - 21	21	25	15	19	20	20	27
21 - 22	15	35	18	14	17	19	15
22 - 23	17	21	18	15	35	25	15
23 - 24	24	22	8	14	22	23	17
Totals	835	803	754	589	915	792	585

#### Exceeding Speed of 35MPH - March

#### Appendix D

ERISWELL PC FIXED ASSET REGISTER 2024				
	ITEM	PURCHASE VALUE	PURCHASE DATE	LISTED VALUE
<b>DISPOSALS</b>				
	Noticeboard at Earlsfield Shops	£1,080.00	04/06/2020	£1,080.00
<b>PURCHASES 2023</b>	Noticeboard at Earlsfield Shops	£1,837	11/12/2023	£1,837
<b>EXISTING ASSETS</b>	Westcotec Speed Indicator Device	£4,330	19/11/2021	£4,330
	Greenbarnes Noticeboards x 3 IEP	£2,274	29/06/2021	£2,274
	Litter pick equipment	£230	06/04/2021	£230
	Noticeboard at Earlsfield shops	disposal	disposal	£0.00
	Bins at Earlsfield x 3 IEP	£749	01/04/2020	£749
	War memorial	nk		£26,923.00
	Junior Multiplay- Ice storm	nk		£14,121.27

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	Toddler multiplay- Dragon	nk		£5,115.23
	Flat seat/ cradle swing	nk		£3,745.43
	Spring wobble board	nk		£1,117.81
	Metal seat springy	nk		£1,184.58
	Springy elephant	nk		£970.28
	Chain bridge	nk		£607.37
	Parallel Bars	nk		£352.14
	Balance beams	nk		£246.61
	Playground furniture	nk		£2,692.23
	<b>Total assets</b>			<b>£66,495.82</b>

## Appendix E

### RADCLIFFE ROAD STREETLIGHTS 18/03/2024

Phone call to clerk from **Richard Webster Asset Manager - Street Lighting** at Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Highways,

The Radcliffe Road lights should have been adopted by Suffolk County Council. Agreed that the ball was dropped some years ago. Will task Ady, local Highways engineer, to inspect feasibility next week. Wil confirm figures LED project with Logan Malpass.

REPLY FROM SCC Streetlighting re. Radcliffe Road Lighting

Sorry for the delay in responding, the lights we are aware of on Lords Walk are at the base entrance and at the Lakenheath end roundabout, see maps below,

All the assets are owned by SCC, I am not aware of any Eriswell or Lakenheath parish council owned lights at this location.

Following the 9/11 incidents the USAF blocked the access to the Lords Walk both ends and much of the residential estate, it appears the access has now been opened but we were not made aware. No maintenance has been undertaken on the lights within their cordon throughout the time it was barriered off.. I'm surprised anything actually works in the area and we have no records of any changes the USAF made during the closed off period... I have asked that the area is checked but that may take a few weeks to be carried out.

Sorry not much help I'm afraid, but we were not informed when they closed the roads and we weren't informed when they opened them either, so to be honest we've been in the dark...

Many thanks, Andy

**Andrew Allberry Street Lighting Systems Manager**

