

# EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Highlights of the Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

The meeting heard reports from various Cllrs and groups in the village.

**Parish Council Chairman's Report** included SCDC had rejected the **planning** application for the solar park in Hacheston, an appeal has now been received by SCDC. **Safety** near the school and at Pound Corner is being addressed with both SCC Highways Dept and the Police. Council has received money for repair work required in the **Car Park** due to damage by an SCS Ltd vehicle. A bench has been, and a safety sign and litter bin will be installed in the **Play Area**. The **Youth Bus** is back in the village fortnightly. Council are looking into a path from Pound Corner to Harriers Walk and the traffic problems near the school – both areas identified in the **Village Plan**.

**2012-2013 Accounts Summary.** Clerk reported that the accounts have been completed and are ready for the internal auditor.

**County Cllr Bellfield's Report** included information about SCC Leaders, Budget, Council Tax, Libraries, Education, Residential Care Homes, Broadband, Energy from Waste, Fire and Rescue Service, Future Back Room Office Requirements, Records and Heritage Functions and major Construction Sites. Residents were encouraged to contact their County Cllr if they felt that he could help them.

**District Cllr Snell's Report** included Financial Efficiency, Housing/Planning, Local Economy, Environment and Community Well-Being.

**Harriers Hunt Kennels Report** included that the Hunt master felt that the dogs were better controlled and quieter than a year ago. That he regularly collects dog waste from between the kennels and the 30mph sign on the road to Easton Farm Park. That the hounds are wormed very regularly and their waste should be disease free.

**Cricket Club Report** included that Jolyon Kimmerling was the new Chair, about 100 juniors had signed up for the 2013 season, that the club house is being improved with verandah repairs and redecoration and that the club would like to focus on strengthening ties with the local community.

**Bowls Club Report** included that the club coach the local school children during the summer. That the club has been granted planning permission to extend the pavilion improve, facilities (especially the toilets) and build a new equipment store.

**Easton Pre-School Report** included there have been committee changes and although children numbers were low in the autumn they have now improved. The VHMC were thanked for their work.

**Neighbourhood Watch Report** Residents were encouraged to lock their vehicles and outbuildings/sheds to reduce opportunistic crime; not to respond to emails from Banks/HMRC asking for personal details and that further crime reduction information will be in the Parish Magazine as it becomes available.

**Village Hall Management Committee.** Their report and accounts will be first given at their AGM on May 7<sup>th</sup>. residents are welcome to attend. These will then be published on the Village Hall website.

During the **Public Forum** 2 topics were discussed

- 1. School Parking.** The Police will issue fixed penalty notices to cars parked illegally. Suggestions to improve the issue included a 'lollipop' person, marked passing places and greater use of the village car park.
- 2. Dog Fouling.** Dog fouling in a 30mph zone is a reportable offence. A suggestion to improve the problem was for Council to reassess the number and location of 'dog bins' in the area. Dog walkers were encouraged to collect their dog's waste and deposit it in a dog bin or in their **own black bin** (not someone else's).

Council will discuss these at their next meeting.

After the meeting attendees were invited to have a drink with their Parish Councillors.

If anyone wishes to see reports and correspondence referred to above please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th May at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

If you wish to make any comments or ask any questions relating to Council matters, please contact the Clerk on 07789 538430 or [pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@easton.suffolk.gov.uk). She works 4 hours a week during Monday – Thursday.

