

EGGESFORD PARISH MEETING

Held 23 June 2021 at All Saints Church Eggesford

In attendance: Chris Rogers Chairman, Eggesford Parish Meeting

Councillor Margaret Squires, Devon County Council

Michael Downward, Church Warden All Saints Church

14 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Peter Heal, Mid Devon District Council; Clive Stringer; Rodney Davies and Nigel Skinner

Minutes from the previous Meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Michael Downward thanked everyone for the tremendous response to the request for volunteers to spring clean the church.

Accounts

The Parish Meeting has no precept. Income and expenditure are zero. However the accounts do need to be published and are posted on the parish website and on the notice board at Eggesford Fourways.

Parish Meeting Website

Chris Rogers reported that the website is now up and running and will give access to Accounts, Minutes, etc. Postings will also be made to update parishioners on matters of interest, news, etc.

Planning Applications

There have been six applications in or adjacent to the parish since the last meeting in Jan 2020. The station platforms have now been extended. Roger Saint, who lives in the Station House, has recently applied for Listed Buildings Consent to make improvements to the property.

A377 at Eggesford Station

Concerns were raised by a number of people about the 60mph speed limit and the number of incidents at the crossroads by the station. Particular issues of concern included queuing traffic on the A377 when the railway barriers are down, poor sight lines at the crossroads, particularly when crossing from the direction of Chawleigh, the number of new businesses in the area contributing to traffic, etc.

Councillor Squires said she does not believe those concerns meet current criteria for reducing the speed limit but will investigate further.

Broadband

Airband are bringing fibre connections to certain properties in the parish. Airband are giving a presentation at the church on 22 July at 7pm.

Nominations for Chairman of the Parish Meeting

Chris Rogers explained that after three years as Chairman, he wished to concentrate on other interests. Peter Court, who recently moved in to the Old Glebe, agreed to be nominated. Peter briefly introduced himself. Chris nominated Peter as Chairman and this was seconded by Mery Freeth and Peter was appointed as the new chairman.

Councillor Margaret Squires

The main issue raised with her is the condition of the A377 through the parish. The Assets Team have surveyed the road. There is not enough money to undertake all the road repairs required in the area but, hopefully, the A377 will be allocated funds. The scheme is at least being costed.

Issues in relation to roads can be reported to the council on 0345 155 1004. Councillor Squires outlined the achievements of the Council in relation to climate change and its plans for the future.

AOB

Chris Rogers was thanked for all of his hard work on behalf of the parish.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

Peter Court

Chairman Eggesford Parish Meeting