

2009 – UPDATE ON ERISWELL PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY DOCUMENT  
AS AMENDED IN 2000, 2004 AND 2007

MEMBERSHIP OF PARISH COUNCIL

Delete:- Mrs. T. White and add Mr. A. Jonas

Present day Councillors' occupations:

Mrs. P. Brunning – Retired

Mr. D. King – Foundry Worker

Mr. B. Foster – pt. time Suffolk Probation Service and pt-time Self-employed

Mr. A. Jonas – Retired

Mrs. S. Leech – Retired

Mrs. T. Smith – Pre-School Assistant

Mr. H. Spencer – Self-employed

In 2007 the Chairman of the Parish Council Mrs. P. Brunning became the first winner of the Campbell Cup awarded to the individual who had made the most outstanding contribution to their community.

PLAYINGFIELD

In May 2009 The Children and Young Peoples Play area was refurbished totally on the young children's former site at a cost of £31,595.00. Grants were received from Forest Heath District Council (£15,099), Suffolk Environmental Trust (£7,900 – upon receipt of £790 from Eriswell Reading Room Committee as a Third Party Contribution), WREN £7898 (upon receipt of £868.78 From County Councillor C. Noble's locality budget); the Parish Council meeting the balance of £698. The new items of equipment from Wicksteed Leisure were Multi-Play Systems– Ice-Storm, and Dragon's Canyon and Swing with 2 flat and 1 cradle swing.

Wicksteed Leisure supplied free of charge metal seat, bench, picnic table and litter bin.

The site was fenced with galvanise 1.0 m high bow top fencing and gated at a total cost of £3075.91 with a grant of £2,700 from County Councillor C. Noble's locality budget, £200 from Gerda Securities and £175.91 from Eriswell Recreation Ground and Changing Rooms Management Committee. Installation free of cost from Elveden Farms Ltd.

The Official Opening on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 to be combined with a mini-fete , grant of £100 received from District Councillor T. Waters.

HIGHWAYS

The strengthening of Weir (Schillings) Bridge completed in 2008 as part of the refurbishment of all the Suffolk bridges over the Cut-off-Channel.

1<sup>st</sup> June 2008 new Lords Walk gate named the Nathan gate in memory of Senior Airman Jason Nathan killed in Iraq and traffic flow redirected.

B1112/C602 – further safety scheme because continues to be accident black spot. Associated Orders for the A11 Fiveways to Thetford Improvement finally received for comment following being given go-ahead from Department of Transport. The B1112 to pass under the A11 with no direct access to it.

March, 2009 trial initiated designating Wangford Road as a lorry route from the A1065 instead of the B1112. Watch this space!

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

2009 Confirmation received on route of Public Right of way No. 10 which replaces permanently stopped-up No. 6.

### PLANNING

2008 – Approval given to a grain store and drier at Chamberlains Buildings Farm

- Noted with pleasure that Elveden Properties Ltd. had lost the Appeal in respect of the development of land south of RAF Lakenheath primarily on the grounds that there was no evidence of an urgent, current need for housing for USAF military personnel families and the fact that the proposal did not accord with national policies regarding the choice of sustainable locations for development and the efficient use of land.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

The Spring Clean has become a well-supported annual event.

Agreed to apply for adoption of Red Kiosk if B.T. are successful in making it redundant.

### EMERGENCY PLAN

Nov. 2007 Updated.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

The Parish Council backed the ‘One Suffolk’ option.

### BUSINESS

Freedom of Information Act - adopted the new Publication Scheme 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009

Agreed to appoint representative to Locality Pilot Scheme in Forest Heath

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Present day Councillors' occupations:

Mrs. P. Brunning – Retired

Mr. D. King – Foundry Worker

Mr. B. Foster – Placement Manager Norfolk and Suffolk Probation Trust

Mr. A. Jonas – Retired

Mr. T. Leedham – Self employed Industrial Chemist

Mrs. S. Pope

Mr. P. Thomas – RAF Officer Retired

The Chairman, Mrs. P. Brunning together with her husband Michael had the honour of attending Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Garden Party in July 2010.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

In December 2009 the Chairman received a commemorative plaque and a cheque for £250 as winner of the Forest Heath District Village of the Year Award.

WELCOME LETTER

All newcomers to the village now receive a Welcome Letter which is updated as personnel and facilities change

PLAYINGFIELD

The refurbished Children and Young Peoples Play Area was officially opened on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 by The Countess of Iveagh.

Mrs P. Brunning, Messrs. B. Foster, D. King and A. Jonas appointed Trustees of the Eriswell Recreation Ground and Changing Rooms.

HIGHWAYS

March 2011 approval given to the route of the A11 Fiveways to Thetford Improvement – the B1112 will as proposed be an underpass to the dualled A11.

Wangford Road not designated as a lorry route.

A Local Safety Scheme for the A1065/B1112 junction was completed in 2010.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

A 'No fly tipping' sign was erected in Field Lane in 2010.

The Annual Spring Clean goes from strength with more members of the public getting involved.

BT have not been successful in making the Red Kiosk redundant but Elveden Farms Ltd. painted both it and the Letter Box in the former Post Office.

### NOTICEBOARD

A new Parish noticeboard for The Square commissioned in 2006 was delivered in September 2011. The board was made by Mr. Robert Webb of Thetford and the Council were very sorry to learn of his accidental death in early November.

### EMERGENCY PLAN

Updated September 2010.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The dedicated taxi service to Mildenhall was withdrawn in 2010 and replaced by the Brecks Bus and Dial-a-Ride response services both under the auspices of The Voluntary Network.

### PLANNING

Planning approval was granted in 2009 for the erection of a canopy and signage at both Gates No. 1 and 2 RAF Lakenheath.

### RURAL CARAVAN INFORMATION PROJECT

The Rural Caravan Information Project was invited twice in 2010 and once in 2011 to the Thursday Community Coffee Morning and much useful information was available.

### BUSINESS

Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were adopted in 2010.

Mr Crane Clerk retired November 2011.  
after serving village for 35 years.  
Bob Shumman became clerk on 1/12/2011

## **2012**

Noise nuisance from Motor Cycle events being held at a field in Holywell Row being dealt with by the Enforcement Officer.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee celebrations were a village picnic, church service exhibition of events during 60 years in Eriswell and a tree planted by Mr. J. Lawson and Evie Wilkinson the oldest and youngest residents. A damp day. Bonfire organisers of the event Mrs. B. Foster, Mrs Neild and Mrs. Brunning.

Seventeen Diamond Jubilee coins were given to the children of the village.

Twenty eight bags of rubbish collected in the spring clean of the village verges.

New member Sally Wilkinson co-opted to council on resignation of Mr. A. Jonas.

## **2013**

Gate 8 opened at R.A.F. Lakenheath entry for lorries and vans.

Concerns over night closure on Fiveways roundabout due to A11 work.

Annual Meeting speaker was Mark Hinman archaeology dig on All dualling.

Emergency plan not updated very few replies received to enquiries.

Council agreed to support Holywell Row in a bid to seek a speed reduction on all the C602.

Tim Leedham Vice Chairmain died in November.

## **2014**

Mrs. P. Thomas updating village website.

Diamond Jubilee tree has died. A replacement is to be obtained and it has been suggested being planted in a different location.

James Waters offering £500.00 donation for a Lords Walk noticeboard.

Chairman met Matthew Hancock re damage to the church wall but highways could offer no protection from the traffic.

Letter of complaint sent to Andrew Francis of Elveden Estates re the condition of the sheep on the land they hire to a shepherd.

Research and details of all the names of the War Memorial which was cleaned for 100 years anniversary. Special service held at St. Laurence Church.

Planning application for 750 homes at Caudle Farm, Lakenheath to which the Council objected due to all the traffic through the village and no road infrastructure proposed.

## **2015**

Parish Council election year member co-opted P. Thomas, S. Pope and A. Jonas forgot to put in nomination forms before election date.

Enquiry made to Suffolk County Council regarding standing area for bus passengers on the left side of Earlsfield bus stop as buses are being used by people from Earlsfield houses now being sold.

Minutes silence in remembrance of Mrs. Doris Eriswell reporter for many years.

C602 proceedings going through for 40 m.p.h. speed limit.

Presentation regarding outline planning permission on 63 hectare site in Little Eriswell by CSMS Consultancy on behalf of Elveden Estates.

Jubilee tree replaced.

Mr. Bowman stated Forest Heath holding meetings re the future of R.A.F. Mildenhall after its proposed closure in 2019.

## **2016**

Electoral role now increased to over 400 with the new residents at Earlsfield.

Numerous problems as Earlsfield have no facilities such as bins, more lights, play area and recycling area.

Notice board ordered grant received from James Water's recycling budget.

Tarmac put on bus stop area so many more people using the buses plus all the school children.

Extra Ordinary Meeting to discuss Little Eriswell plans being submitted by Elveden Estates. Council opposed as no infrastructure improvements given.

We also opposed Lakenheath Caudle Farm planning application.

Plans passed for new houses to replace dilapidated cottages at Little Eriswell.

New bench in Playingfield for Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday replacing old bench.

Diocesan representative Guy Smith, Archdeacon and Churchwarden met re Church Corner with both walls demolished once again. Highways state no money to do any improvements.

Members Mrs. P. Brunning Chairman, Mrs. S. Wilkinson Vice Chairman, D. King, A. Jonas, B. Foster, P. Thomas and Mrs. S. Pope.

## **2017**

Church wall knocked down once again.

Numerous Earlsfield issues referred to the appropriate representatives.

Police no longer attending Parish Council meetings they will however submit reports.

Annual Parish meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March. Guest speaker on the F35's coming in 2021 to Lakenheath.

Squadron Leader Neild gave an update of activity at the base during the next five years will involve 1500 workers the first planes arrive November 2021 and there will be 110 aircraft at the base.

Large housing development at Lakenheath has been approved and will greatly impact on traffic through Eriswell.

Members Mrs. P. Brunning Chairman, A. Jonas Vice Chairman, P. Thomas, D. King, Mrs. S. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. Hall, B. Foster, Mrs. S. Pope resigned, Mrs. L. Hall co-opted lives at Earlsfield so we have a representative from that estate!

## **2018**

D. Bownan gave details of the proposed Mildenhall Hub and West Suffolk Waste Hollow Farm.

Precept signed for £11,130 2018-2019.

Defibrillator Earlsfield proposal.

Planning application for 52 houses on green area at Earlsfield 6 month block put on application, many residents appealing.

April litter pick.

War memorial listed Grade II historical monument.

Numerous cottages up for sale.

Two houses hit by cars at Church Corner. Highways informed.

Man killed in van hitting tree between Sparkes Corner and Lords Walk.

Earlsfield requesting defibrillator raising funds but request grant from Parish Council.

Budget agreed £13,569 0.89% decrease in Parish Council element of Council Tax due to all the new houses.

Members Mrs. P. Brunning Chairman, Vice Chairman Mrs. L. Hall, P. Thomas, B. Foster, D. King, A. Jonas not attending due to sudden loss of his wife, P. Thomas resigned in November, election next May so not worth co-opting new members.

FOR PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS  
Book.

MARCH 2018

ERISWELL WAR MEMORIAL  
NOW GRADR II listed

Building

Entry no 1454112

list of Buildings

of Special

Architectural

of

Historic Interest



## QUESTIONNAIRE

Please circle the answer of your choice

1. Do the children in Eriswell have access to sufficient facilities within the village to give them a good quality of life
  - Yes
  - No
  
2. Do you consider that the existing play equipment on the childrens' play areas is
  - Adequate
  - Shabby
  - In need of improvement
  
3. Should the Parish Council be planning for the future
  - Yes
  - No
  
4. Do you think that additional equipment would encourage greater use of the play areas
  - Yes
  - No
  
5. What in your view would be the most important benefit from enhanced Facilities
  - A more vibrant village
  - Healthier children
  - Less deprivation
  - Up-to-date facilities for the children
  -
  
6. Do you agree that the Parish Council should try to seek capital funding from outside bodies to enable the proposed £32,000 scheme to go ahead
  - Yes
  - No

Signed.....

**To the residents of Eriswell – Jan-March, 2008**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

The recent RoSPA Inspection raised the issue of whether the current swings on the older children's play area needed replacing. The cradle swing and slide have already been removed for health and safety reasons and attention is always drawn to the risk caused by the co-location of the swings to the boundary wall.

The Parish Council currently support the Recreation Ground and Changing Rooms Committee by making a grant to cover the cost of insurance and rent – this currently stands at £400 which equates to approximately £7 per household.

The Council has agreed that it would like to access funding to upgrade the play facilities for both younger and older children and have set aside £500 capital for this purpose in the coming year only. The Committee regularly checks the equipment for safety reasons and maintains the recreation ground free of charge – improved equipment may result in increased insurance costs but it is not expected that this will bring the annual contribution per household to more than £8.

The approved scheme is in the region of £32,000 capital and the Council is currently seeking funding from grant making organisations. Members are, of course, aware that there is a small number of children in the village present but feel that they should take the opportunity currently presented to take advantage of external funding to plan for possible future requirements. The Council will be required to provide evidence that the village supports the improved facilities and to this end members would be very grateful if you would complete and return to Mrs. Pearl Brunning the enclosed questionnaire not later than Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

*Mary Crane*  
*Clerk to the Council*