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Minutes of Cavendish Parish Council Meeting on 10th November 2021

Meeting in the Memorial Hall, on 10th November at 7.30pm

Attendees: Parish Councillors Malcolm Halliday, Annette Williamott, Mark Freeman, Ted Gittins, and Nicky Welch. Chris Turner (Clerk) and two members of the public.

Apologies received from Parish Councillor Danny Rowe

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked them for attending

Open Forum

A question was asked about the parking of vehicles outside the Memorial Hall, on the road and pavements. This was an agenda item (see below). There have been comments made by residents in Peacocks Road complaining of parking, in places where it is legal to do so. Nick Clarke mentioned he had information of 2 PCSO's which he will send to us if we need help dealing with this. Reported that fly tipping may be taking place locally, and the Council will look into this and deal with as necessary. Complaint made about the standard of grass cutting in Pentlow Drive. This is the responsibility of West Suffolk DC as its not Parish property.

CC Bobby Bennett's Report- See attached. This had been circulated to the Councillors

District Councillors Reports - See attached. This had been circulated to the Councillors

Additionally, it was mentioned by the District Councillors that monies were available for celebrating the Queens Jubilee. The Community Council are involved in this and information to be passed onto them.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting as follows:

1. Co-option of new Parish Councillor - Richard Dawkins had put his name forward to fill the vacancy on the council. All present were in favour of Richard becoming our new Councillor, papers were completed, and Richard joined the other Parish Councillors.
2. Minutes of last meeting - All satisfied that the minutes in order and signed by Chair.

3. Clerks resume of the position of outstanding matters from the last meeting- Confirmed he had reported to West Suffolk DC that each Councillor should show on their individual interests that they are Trustees of the Finbow Ambrose Trust. Cllr. Gittins will report on traffic and planning on the old Avent site. Clerk has reported the errors in the “Sustainable Settlements Matrix”. All other matters are in hand.

4. Financial Report -

i) External Audit Report - this had been circulated amongst the Councillors. The main issue was that the confirmation and report of the previous year’s audit had been advised to the parishioners a day late. We had completed the form on 30th Sept.2020 and it should have been before that date, 29th September or earlier. This has happened again this year as the external audit was delayed by the auditors. We can therefore expect the same comment next year. Other issues have been dealt with by the Finance Committee.

ii) Acceptance of financial report for the 2 months to 31st October - All in favour and signed by Chair.

iii) The annual precept form for 2021-22 will need to be completed and signed off at our next meeting in January and in this regard, we may need to budget for additional expenditure for a possible new speed warning sign on the Clare side of the village, cleaning of the War Memorial and possible repairs to the kitchen floor in the Memorial Hall and redecoration.

iv) Santander Bank have now confirmed that all our complaints have been closed. In total we received recompense of £450. Cllr Williamott has been looking at alternative providers and it would appear that Lloyds Bank would be our preferred choice and she will now start the account opening procedure.

v) We have received a request from Suffolk Accident Rescue Services for a donation. Agreed we would donate £50 to this charity.

A Financial Committee meeting is to take place on 20th December at the Memorial Hall at 7.30.

5. Councillor Reports -

Councillor Gittins mentioned that following our last meeting he had been looking at plans for the former Avent factory which borders ourselves and Glemsford. As it is situated in Glemsford, Babergh District Council dealt with the planning application and as such did not have to refer to ourselves. However, it was felt that as it does affect traffic through Cavendish, we could have been consulted. The plans have been seen and it was felt that we should write to Babergh and comment. It was felt that insufficient details for traffic had been obtained although the car park is being reduced in size as is the staff numbers, but slightly more traffic is expected at peak times.

Councillor Williamott together with the clerk have been looking at the Cemetery rules and have made these simpler. Details of the new rules and current charges will be on the Council website and on the notice board under the Lych Gate. Details to be provided to councillors. Councillor Freeman then gave an up-to-date presentation of all the traffic and parking problems in the village, this also included pedestrian crossings. In addition, the village signs on entering the village were in need of some maintenance (County Councillor stated the County Council would not be repairing these, it would have to be sourced locally). Agreed that we would need to prioritise what needs doing and ascertain who would be willing to pay the costs. This is ongoing and once we have a suggested priority list we need to consult with the residents.

6. Report by Parish Council Chair - We are awaiting a quote for the repair of the Lych Gate. Further repair/maintenance needed on the Memorial Hall. A decision as to the future of the village grass cutting contract needs to be made and this will be discussed at the forthcoming Finance Committee meeting.
7. Planning Issues - There have been 8 applications since the last meeting, the majority being pruning and maintenance of trees, and we had no objection. The other two were work on a listed building and a conversion, again no objections. (See attached)
8. Wildflower Area in Peacocks Close - The area has been cut and raked as per the advice we received. Volunteers are expected in January to clear the ditch and pond area.
9. Website - The change of the village website is now well advanced, and the website will be moved to Suffolk Cloud by the end of November and will then be managed by the Parish Council with Councillor Mark Freeman dealing with the non-parish items.
10. Lorry Routes-A meeting took place in Clare of the 3 villages/town along the A1092, Stoke by Clare, Clare, and Cavendish. This was attended by the Chair and Clerk. The A1092 is currently classified as a strategic route and we are looking to downgrade the route. A response to a survey will need to be done by the 17th December and the council would like parishioners to have an input and let us know of their concerns.
11. Parking at the Memorial Hall - Recently a larger number of cars have been using the car park at the hall for both daytime and overnight parking. This has meant there is insufficient room for vehicles to park for events at the sports field and in the hall. It is assumed that part of the extra parking is because part of the High Street is coned off due to work taking place by Cadent and therefore not available for parking. We are to remind residents that the car park at the hall is for people attending functions and not for general use. There was talk about putting up signs/notices on cars and perhaps, if available, using excess parking in the sports field.

Next meeting 12th January 2022

Meeting finished at 9.28pm

A meeting of the Finbow Ambrose Sports and Recreational Trust was then held - see separate minutes.

CR Turner- Clerk

Payments made in 2 months to 31/10/21

DATE	TO WHOM	Chq No.	AMT
06/09/21	J Murcott Aug 21 cleaning	982	112.50
ditto	Wicksteed Leisure-New seat	983	66.60
14/09/21	Waste collection Village	d/d	50.11
ditto	ditto Allotments	d/d	30.78
ditto	ditto Cemetery	d/d	25.06
21/09/21	B Gas re Hall	d/d	4.79
27/09/21	M Halliday Misc Hall exps	984	177.63
29/09/21	C Turner Pay Sept 21	985	469.60
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 44-47	986	478.00
ditto	J Murcott Sept 21 cleaning	987	97.38
ditto	J Gunn Website costs	988	258.90
ditto	Anglian Water re Allots	989	19.52
ditto	JRB Enterprises re dog bags	990	78.60
ditto	Chubb F&S Hall	d/d	19.74
05/10/21	Gift to S Kemp-plant	991	30.00
ditto	Suffolk Comm F/dation Grant repaid	992	1294.70
ditto	HMRC re PAYE to 30/9	993	332.60
ditto	SALC re Payroll fee	994	54.00
08/10/21	Maynard re PAT test hall	995	96.00
14/10/21	Waste collection Village	d/d	50.11
ditto	ditto Allotments	d/d	30.78
ditto	ditto Cemetery	d/d	25.06
19/10/21	Computer Ink/ McAfee sub	996	140.51
ditto	void	997	0.00
ditto	PKF Littlejohn Audit fee	998	360.00
ditto	SALC re training	999	30.00
20/10/21	B Gas re Hall	d/d	94.60
21/10/21	C Turner Pay Oct 21	1000	469.60
22/10/21	D Kirkman Inv 48-50 +exps	1001	360.47
ditto	Chubb F&S Hall	d/d	19.74
31/10/21	Total		5277.38
	b/fwd		13992.20
	Total		19269.58

NB Balance on accounts as at 31/10/21 £65769.56

**Response by Cavendish Parish Council
to West Suffolk Council Planning Applications – November 2021**

DC/21/2030/LB – Listed Building planning application – replacement window to front elevation – Mumfords, Stour Street, Cavendish

Consultation expiry date 29th November
No Objection.

DC/21/2127/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one Lleylandii; crown reduction - one acer; crown thin - one Lleylandii hedge; reduce height - one hazel; coppice – The Cottage, Poole St, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/2100/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one Plum; pollard – Old Romney, Lower Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/2101/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one silver birch; crown reduction – Seymour House, Lower Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/1943/HH – Householder Planning Application – conversion and single storey side extension to existing garage to create annex – Kendea, Melford Road, Cavendish

Consultation expiry Date 10th November
No Objection.

DC/21/1992/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – two cherry; crown reduction - two silver birch; crown reduction etc - one birch; reduce crown - one ornamental cherry; trim – Charterhouse, Melford Road, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/1908/TPO – TPO Tree preservation order – work to six trees as per schedule – St Mary’s Church, Peacocks Road, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/1894/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one Oak; lateral crown reduction – Little Oaks, High Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

C R Turner – Parish Clerk

Date; 5 November 2021

Suffolk County Council Report
November 2021

New Suffolk campaign asks, ‘What’s It Worth?’ to keep virus safe this winter

- High COVID cases and critical pressure on hospitals as Suffolk becomes an Enhanced Response Area
- New public safety campaign aims to get people to consider what small acts they can do now to keep safe and enjoying the things they love most

The Suffolk Resilience Forum has today launched a new campaign asking people what motivates them to follow the actions that best reduce the spread of Covid-19 and other viruses this winter.

The ‘What’s It Worth?’ campaign encourages people to consider what small acts they can do now, such as wearing a mask or regular testing, so we can continue enjoying the things we all love doing – like going to the pub, meeting friends and having family for dinner.

It comes as Suffolk becomes an Enhanced Response Area (ERA) because of high covid rates and increasing pressure on the NHS. Suffolk is currently seeing 400 new cases each day, with particularly high rates in Ipswich and West Suffolk, especially in the over 60s age range.

Face masks back as additional measures brought in to reduce Covid-19 transmission in Suffolk schools and education settings

Face masks and restrictions on visitors are to be reintroduced to Suffolk schools to help slow the current rate of transmission in education settings.

SCC are advising that the following measures be implemented from the 1 November 2021.

- **Staff** in all education settings (primary, secondary, and higher education) to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.
- **Students** in all secondary and higher education settings to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.
- All education settings to restrict entry to their site to essential visitors only.
- Any visitors to wear a face covering while on-site, this includes adults collecting children in the playground.

On October 6, SCC introduced a new sibling policy, which advised children and young people aged between 4 and 18 years to stay at home when a sibling they live with tests positive for COVID-19. This applies to schools with an outbreak of Covid-19 and is still in place.

The number of cases within children and young people aged 10-14 has increased by almost 15% and cases amongst 15–19-year-olds has increased by 32% in the past week of data. This means that in October alone schoolchildren in Suffolk have lost 26,264 days of education due to positive cases of Covid-19. There has also been an increase in cases amongst other age ranges across Suffolk, which may be due in part, to family transmission.

These measures will be reviewed during the week commencing Monday 15 November 2021.

Planning permission granted for new recycling centre in Haverhill

Plans to build a new recycling centre in Haverhill have been approved.

Suffolk County Council and its partner FCC Environment, which manages all of Suffolk’s 11 recycling centres, are to relocate the Chalkstone Way Recycling Centre to a new site within FCC’s Waste Transfer Station at Homefield Road.

Permission has been granted by county council planners for the new recycling centre, together with the granting of an environmental permit, which will eventually replace the current centre in Chalkstone Way.

Construction for the new site is currently out to tender, with work anticipated to start this winter and opening expected to be during 2022.

The site will feature a modern split-level recycling centre designed to make access for residents easier and to maximize the recycling of household waste.

The benefits of this scheme will be:

- A new, purpose-designed recycling centre
- A raised mezzanine platform to provide customers with an elevated position from which to safely dispose of waste - removing the need for steps
- An easy-to-use layout allowing customers to access clearly marked recycling bays
- Reduced queuing on the highway
- Removing the need to close the facility to service the containers
- Improving accessibility and increasing capacity
- Introducing greater separation between public vehicles and larger vehicles
- A covered facility

The new design will provide queuing capacity within the site and improved access from the public highway compared to the Chalkstone Way site.

The raised level construction will improve access to the containers for site users by removing the need for stairs. It also means containers can continue to be emptied without the need to close the site.

The replacement recycling centre will overcome increasing demand at Chalkstone Way and meet the needs created by forecasted housing growth in the area.

The waste transfer station – which takes waste collected locally and prepares it for either disposal or recycling – will continue to operate at Homefield Road.

Cabinet backs £50 million bid to boost Suffolk bus services

A £50 million bid to transform bus services in Suffolk has been backed by county councillors.

Wider coverage, cheaper fares, improved ticketing, and better evening and weekend services are among proposals under the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) approved by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet today and which will now be submitted to the Government by the end of the month.

Following on from the submission of the BSIP, the council, bus operators and other stakeholders will work together to establish a countywide Enhanced Partnership.

This will enable the BSIP proposals to be delivered, building on experience gained from the existing Ipswich Quality Bus Partnership.

The funding bid is being made to the government's £3 billion fund under its Bus Back Better national bus strategy for England outside of London.

SCC will be asking for a minimum of £50m over three years - £15m each for the first two years and £20m for the third.

Youth Focus Suffolk puts young people at the heart

It has been announced by Suffolk County Council that 18 youth projects from across the county have been awarded a share of just under £240,000 to respond to the gaps faced after covid for activities and services for young people.

Almost 2.5 times over-subscribed, the Youth Intervention Fund, hosted by Suffolk Community Foundation, attracted an array of bids and has successfully granted both rural and urban projects from Lowestoft to Newmarket, Hadleigh to Eye.

It is expected that an additional 1,900 young people will benefit from these activities offered through the voluntary and community sector over the next 12 months and the schemes include performing arts to increase confidence, mentoring programmes to support mental health, forest schools and construction skills.

More information about the project, and resources to support those working with young people, can be found at the new online platform www.youthfocus.suffolk.gov.uk

Work begins to replace street lights in Suffolk and save energy in the County

Suffolk County Council (SCC) and Bouygues Energies & Services (Bouygues E&S) have started work replacing 43,400 street lighting lanterns in Suffolk with LED lanterns.

SCC and Bouygues E&S joined forces to create a flagship partnership with the aim of reducing energy, minimising light pollution, bringing down ongoing maintenance costs for the Authority and providing the best value to residents. SCC expects to reduce its annual electricity costs on these assets by around 76 percent, saving more than 1.7 million pounds a year.

The upgrade of the lighting system will include a further rollout of SCC's central management system which will allow lights to be switched on or off and dim individual or groups of lights. This smart technology will increase the control the Authority has over its power consumption which will further reduce costs. The system will also automatically flag any lights that are not working which reduces the need for night-time inspections.

Illegal Cigarettes Seized in Trading Standards Crackdown

Thousands of illegal cigarettes have been seized from shops in Lowestoft and Beccles as part of a Trading Standards crackdown.

More than 12,000 cigarettes were sniffed out by tobacco detection dogs at three shops in the town, with over 8000 of the cigarettes and 8kg of hand rolled tobacco found under a manhole cover in the rear of one the premises. The operation was supported by Suffolk Police, Norfolk Trading Standards and Wagtail UK.

A total of 12,440 cigarettes and 18.45kg of hand rolled tobacco were seized from the stores. All the items are suspected to be illegally imported into the UK without duty being paid and do not comply with the legal packaging and labelling requirements.

Several of them are also suspected to be counterfeits of popular brands, which are likely to contain harmful substances and may not self-extinguish - presenting increased health and safety risks.

The seized products will now be fully assessed as part of the investigation to determine the exact offences that have been committed.

Test purchases had been carried out before the raids with all three selling to covert officers.

People are urged to look for:

- Packaging that is not plain olive green
- A lack of health warnings
- Text on the packet that is not in English
- Cheap prices
- Unknown brands

If you suspect someone is selling illegal tobacco in Suffolk, please report it to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Suffolk demonstrates commitment to Climate Emergency through Public Sector Leaders Group

As part of their meeting today, Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders committed to accelerate efforts across the county towards delivering the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan that will set Suffolk on the path for carbon neutrality by 2030. A key forthcoming campaign will focus on helping people understand what simple changes they can make to their

home to help reduce carbon emissions, including details of what help and support is available across Suffolk.

Chair of Suffolk Public Sector Leaders, Cllr Suzie Morley said: "Every organisation in Suffolk has its own plan to deliver against this important agenda, and as a group we are fully committed towards working collaboratively to address the Climate Emergency declared in 2019. The forthcoming COP26 event will be a significant moment in the race to achieve Net Zero for Suffolk, as well as its impact at national and international level. In the run-up to the conference, Suffolk has been hosting a number of different events to keep the climate emergency at the forefront of people's minds. Suffolk recently welcomed the Zero Carbon Tour, a roadshow led by an electric bus visiting places around the country on its way to COP26 in Glasgow.

"We are now investing this funding in a number of key projects including the delivery of a range of communication channels to inform and support Suffolk's residents so they find out how to access online services and resources to help us all make a positive change.

"Everybody can play their part in helping us achieve our Net Zero ambitions across the county."

During the meeting, leaders also discussed the continued work of the Suffolk Inclusive Growth Investment Fund (SIGIF) which was established in September 2020 to support the investment in positive economic growth across Suffolk's towns and business communities.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the fund is providing a catalyst for Suffolk's economic recovery and investment support as part of Suffolk's public sector commitment to addressing many of the challenges that local businesses, individuals and communities are currently experiencing.

Since the fund began, it has supported 12 projects with over £1million, with more to follow as part of future allocations. The Fund is managed by Suffolk Growth on behalf of Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

Suffolk continues to create the greenest county with £150,000 for new trees

A joint bid by a number of Suffolk's authorities has secured funding from the Forestry Commission to plant around 3,000 trees this coming planting season.

Suffolk County Council submitted the bid on behalf of itself, Ipswich Borough Council, Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and West Suffolk District Council. The successful bid will see £149,712.55 come into the county for new trees, from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund.

The fund targets treescapes that have been neglected or suffered damage in the past, including disused and vacant community spaces and those affected by tree diseases such as ash dieback. The locations are chosen where they are likely to be experienced directly by people, as well as on improving the age structure of trees in all the project areas. One of the interesting methods being adopted to re-establish woodland as part of this project, is the Miyawaki method.

It is regarded as one of the most effective tree planting methods for creating cover quickly on neglected land, or land that has previously been used for construction or agriculture. It uses natural principles, such as using trees already native to the area and replicating natural regeneration processes, and is particularly effective in the urban environment.

Councillor Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment at Suffolk County Council, said:

"I'm delighted to have secured this funding, as it means Suffolk will benefit from even more tree planting this coming season and we can make more progress towards the county's joint ambition of Net Zero by 2030. We are also supporting our wildlife and biodiversity, and offering more green spaces for people to get in touch with nature and support their health and wellbeing.

"Last year, the county council committed £228,000 to treeplanting and hedgerows, with 100,000 planted already and the same amount to be planted this coming season. With the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, we are following the 'right tree, right place' policy, to be sure that the planting is effective and has the best chance of establishing itself."

One example of tree-planting with this project, is the planting of over 100 trees at Needham Lake. The lake is actually a flooded gravel pit close to Needham Market, with part of the site a nature reserve with wetland areas, meadows and a small woodland. The project will create an area of wet woodland alongside the river to link two small, wooded areas together. The trees will include Alder, Downy Birch, White and Grey Willow.

The planting will also contribute to Suffolk's commitment to support the Queen's Green Canopy project. Suffolk is working towards linking up existing woodland with the planting of new trees and hedges to connect communities and encourage natural corridors for biodiversity, aiming to plant a tree for every resident.

Report for Cavendish Parish Council. Wednesday 10 November 2021

Joint report from Nick Clark, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk District Councillors

Covid-19

Suffolk has just been granted the extra national resources that it asked for to help fight the rising number of cases of COVID-19 that we are facing.

West Suffolk Council (WSC) was part of the Suffolk Local Outbreak Engagement Board discussions that backed this request to Government and was on the call with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Vaccines and Public Health Maggie Throup on Friday 29 October when the additional support, funding and resources to help the NHS avoid unsustainable pressure, were agreed.

The additional support includes:

- Extra localised COVID-19 testing, often known as ‘surge testing’
- Logistical support to maximise vaccine take up and help deliver door knocking campaigns
- Additional control measures in schools
- Communications funding and support
- Fast tracked escalation of issues through the Government’s emergency response decision making processes

The environment

West Suffolk Council (WSC) has been named Regional Council of the Year in the Energy Efficiency Association, East of England Energy Efficiency Awards, for its work in helping residents and businesses cut carbon emissions and save money.

The award has been given for a number of areas of their work for example insulation of park homes across West Suffolk.

The award also recognised the Solar for Business scheme. WSC installed more than 10,000 solar panels at 63 business premises, saving them a collective £125,000 a year in reduced energy costs and cutting their carbon emissions by 900 tonnes per year. The scheme is free to businesses with the Council taking care of installation and maintenance costs while it also delivers a small income to the Council. The scheme is being promoted via the media and social media to encourage more businesses to take up this brilliant scheme.

Alongside this work, West Suffolk Council also offers Greener Business Grants which can see local businesses awarded up to £1,000 for eligible energy efficiency measures. This was again recognised in the award.

All of this sits alongside the Council’s wider work to reduce its carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. They have invested in renewable technologies to provide electricity and heat as well as purchasing 100 per cent renewable electricity for their buildings, working to address and improve air quality, installed more electric vehicle charge points in Council owned car parks with more to be installed very soon and last year planted 1,500 trees.

There is still much more that the Council want to do to deliver even more cuts to carbon emissions as well as helping residents and businesses save money.

To find out more about Solar for Business, the Greener Business Grant or other support available to call 01284 757622 or email environment@westsuffolk.gov.uk

For more on the wider environmental work of the Council, visit www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/protecting-our-environment



Community Chest 2022-2023

The deadline for applications has now closed.

If you are interested in applying next year, please see the guidance for this year's application: [Community grants \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Funding to support households

The Government has recently announced funding to support households with housing costs. This briefing note sets out the key funding streams and the criteria used for the allocation of the funds.

In all instances where households are struggling with their housing costs, they should be encouraged to speak to the housing team about their situation who will then identify the best option for financial and other support (if applicable). For other financial advice, WSC will continue to refer customers to the Suffolk Support and Advice Service (SASS), a service set up specifically to support individuals and families to access support since the onset of the pandemic.

The following funding is available for the housing team to allocate, and they will do this sequentially to ascertain if the household situation meets the criteria of the individual funds.

- 1. Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)** – This is not a new fund and has been around for many years. Eligibility for DHP is assessed by Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) but the housing team also have an input. This will be the first fund to be considered by the housing team and must be spent by 31 March 2022.
- 2. Household Support Fund (HSF)** – This is a new fund announced by government on 30.9.21. This is paid to upper tier authorities (Suffolk County Council). The vast majority of SCC's £5million allocation will go to free school meals; holiday clubs; and a targeted approach to the most vulnerable in the county (details of this element of the funding should be directed to SCC. Of the £5million, £1 million has been allocated to district housing teams across Suffolk (the amount per district has yet to be agreed) to help with housing costs. This must be spent by 31.3.22.
- 3. Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) – Winter 2021 Covid-19 rent arrears financial support** – announced on 23 October 2021 under the headline 'support for vulnerable renters', this is a top up of the council's existing Homelessness Prevention Grant. Of the £65 million additional funding, West Suffolk has been allocated £137,593, on top of our existing allocation of £656,214. The government's expectation is that we use the fund to maximise homelessness prevention for low-income private renters in COVID-19 related rent arrears in particular. Whilst there is no deadline for the allocation of this funding, there is an expectation that the top up award is allocated over the winter.

Survey launched as part of Haverhill town centre improvements

Shoppers and businesses are being asked to have their say on temporary measures used in Haverhill to encourage people to back local traders while staying COVID safe.

Partners want to capture views while they are fresh in people's minds to inform any relevant improvements for the town centre that may come forward in the future.

As from the 25 October 2021 the High Street and associated roads returned to their pre-Covid state. the pre-existing Traffic Regulations Order which sets out how the highway can legally be used will fall back into place. This includes restricted access in the High Street between 10am and 4pm except for Blue Badge and permit holders. There will also be restricted access for all traffic in Queen Street between 10am and 4pm. Camps Road adjacent to Pea's Market Hill will return to two-way traffic. Civil Parking Enforcement officers will be enforcing this as per the previous regime.

A survey has been launched and partners are keen to understand the views of town centre users such as shoppers and local businesses on the temporary changes to the town centre, including a barrier enforcing the traffic rules. The views from the survey will be shared with all town centre partners. It can be found at [Haverhill town centre temporary road closures \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk) and will be live from 20 October to 5 December.