

Minutes of the Cavendish Annual Parish Meeting – May 23rd, 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm in Cavendish Memorial Hall under the Chair of Councillor Halliday.

Present: Parish Councillors M Halliday, A Williamott, E Gittins M Freeman N Welch and R Dawkins. Absent D Rowe
County Councillor Bobby Bennett
District Councillors Marion Rushbrook and Nick Clarke
Also present: 4 Parishioners. In attendance Chris Turner (Clerk).

Councillor Halliday welcomed those present and made a short speech. (It was unfortunate that the Village magazine had printed an incorrect date for the meeting, but both the website and notice board showed the correct details)

Apologies received from PC Danny Rowe and DC Karen Richardson

Minutes of the meeting in 2021 were accepted as correct and signed by the Chair.
Proposed Cllr Gittins, Seconded Cllr Williamott

County Councillor Bobby Bennett gave a short resume of the CCs Annual Report (Copy available and held with minutes and on website). Specific items relating to Cavendish was the new Speed Indicator Device (SID), she is willing to give £1000 towards the cost. We are to write to her sending a copy of a letter that was sent to the County Council about the removal of the old sign and the electricity. Comment made about the ANPR system; there is no schedule as to when we will be receiving this for use for a short period of time.

District Councillor Nick Clarke mentioned the local plan consultation that will be taking place shortly and hopes people will take the opportunity to comment. More houses are required the main tranches will be in towns, but a few are earmarked for Cavendish (10), on the site at the end of Nether Road, next to the footpath leading to the Bowls Club. A question was asked about an increase in buses, but this is unlikely to happen. (A full report by the District Councillors is held with the minutes and is available on the website).

Various representatives from local groups made reports detailing activities during the last year:

Horticultural Society - Report by Chris Oliver read out by chair

Cavendish Local History - Report made by Nick Young

Sports Club - Report made by Nick Young

Cavendish Care- Report from Pat Verrinder read out by Chair

Village Shop - Report made by Liz Graham

Stour Astronomical Society - Report made by Glynn Parsley

Cavendish Speedwatch - Report made by Vicky Spears

Bowls Club - Report made by Annette Williamott

Cavendish Pre-school - Report read by Chair

Overall, most clubs and societies were seeing smaller attendances at meetings following the Covid19 pandemic and would welcome more members. There are various ways to advertise events and for members/volunteers with the village website, magazine, and Facebook available.

The Chair gave an overview of the last 12 months and what the council were hoping to achieve in the forthcoming year. The Memorial Hall was continuing to receive attention with the toilets and kitchen having been repainted. There is further work still needed to be carried out. The hall is well booked during the week, less used at weekends. Planning is revolving around the local plan and will continue under the watchful eye of Cllrs Gittins and Halliday. The cemetery is looking tidier this year with the grass being kept under control. Work is needed on the Lychgate roof.

The clerk gave an overview of the financial position over the last 12 months. Overall, the Councils expenses were covered by the income received in the year, and there was a surplus which was due to a grant received from the Covid 19 fund. We have earmarked additional expenditure this year for the Memorial Hall refurbishment, traffic management schemes and the War Memorial, that needs cleaning, overall, a total of £23000, which will be met from reserves.

There were no further issues, and the meeting was closed at 8.45. Next PC Meeting on 13th July.

C Turner-Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

From West Suffolk District Councillors for the Hundon, Clare and Kedington Ward Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook.

West Suffolk Council has once again performed well this year. We have fantastic officers who we work with keeping us updated, many of you have worked with them.

Guess we were all hoping to see the end of Covid but it seems we have to learn to live with it. Now with the increase in inflation it is vital to support our communities.

Warm homes

West Suffolk Council has been successful in a £7.1m bid made on behalf of all of Suffolk district councils for money from the Government's Sustainable Warmth fund. This fund is designed to support improvements to low income, low energy efficiency rated homes.

The money will enable work to be carried out to 750 homes in Suffolk. In West Suffolk, we will use £1.6m of the funding for works that will benefit residents in more than 150 homes. This is more important than ever with the growing energy issues residents are feeling.

The latest funds will enable the installation of various energy saving measures including loft, cavity wall and external wall insulation, solar panel systems, air source heat pumps to heat multiple homes, and a shared ground source heat pump which will provide heating to a cluster of properties.

Carbon emissions

West Suffolk is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030 as well as supporting residents and businesses through schemes such as the Green Home Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme, Solar for Business and the Greener Business Grant.

Last year, as part of its delivery of its Climate Change Action Plan, the Council secured £1.43m grant from the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and agreed to invest a further £370,000 in renewable energy technologies and energy saving measures at some of its key sites.

Work that will save or offset a total of 124.95 tonnes of carbon emissions is being carried out over the next month to deliver on these environmental improvements. This includes:

335 solar panels to be installed at Vicon House in Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, saving 45 tonnes of carbon emissions per year

128 solar panels to be installed at Provincial House in High Street, Haverhill, saving 17 tonnes of carbon emissions per year

256 additional solar panels to be installed at Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, saving an additional 35 tonnes of carbon emissions per year

A battery energy storage system at West Suffolk House in Bury St Edmunds which take the excess electricity generated from existing solar panels at the Council building and use it to supply power during peak demand. It means even in the event of a power cut, the site will have an uninterrupted power supply, while it will generate an income by selling renewable energy to the National Grid. It also adds capacity for additional renewable energy generation to be installed in the nearby area, helping further reduce carbon emissions. This will save at least 9 tonnes of carbon emissions

Air source heat pumps to replace gas boilers at Bury St Edmunds Bus Station and Nowton Park Visitor Centre saving 10.3 tonnes of carbon emissions per year

New glazing at Provincial House, Haverhill to reduce heat loss, saving 8.65 tonnes of carbon emissions per year.

The measures will eventually deliver financial savings as well with around £80,000 a year expected to be saved.

We are investing in our properties – both those where Council services are based and those that we own and lease to tenants. This will not only improve their environmental performance, but also deliver year on year financial savings which will help support both the ambitions and the day-to-day work of the Council as we face the challenges ahead.

As stated, all of these are in relation to West Suffolk Council owned sites. If you have any queries about these or other sites, please contact the team by emailing environment@westsuffolk.gov.uk

For more information on West Suffolk Council's environment work: [Protecting our environment](#)

How we are helping Ukrainian refugees

West Suffolk Council are helping with the overall County and national effort to support Ukrainian refugees.

Suffolk County Council and the district councils are working together as a partnership to respond to this challenge and provide help to people.

As you would expect the situation is still fluid, but organisations are pulling together to either fill any gaps or clarify Government guidance. A case management system has been set up for organisations across the county to have access to and therefore better co-ordinate responses.

A number of teams across West Suffolk Council are playing a role supporting Ukrainian refugees who are coming to our district and this will evolve over the coming months from response, to longer term community support.

Our immediate priority is to carry out property checks and to support Suffolk County Council by checking documents for DBS and safeguarding purposes. This involves staff from the Private Sector Housing and Environmental Health Team visiting the homes of potential hosts to ensure that they are suitable to welcome refugees. There are currently just over 50 potential hosts in West Suffolk.

The Families and Communities Team is working with partners to develop a package of support for hosts, refugees and community groups who want to provide assistance. This builds on the strong links we developed with partners during the Covid pandemic. Teams are also supporting people to access housing and benefits services advice for those arriving via both the Family Scheme and Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

There is a frequently asked questions page on the Suffolk County Council website which is being updated as more questions come in. It can be found at [Frequently Asked Questions | Suffolk County Council](#)

Locality Budget

The three of us spent most of the annual budget we are given. We have ensured all our parishes and town have benefitted from it. It is easy to apply for and someone in the Families and Communities team is there to help if any is need. Examples of where the money has been spent:

Jubilee events. Working with the many volunteer groups in our area our budget has assisted towards free events in the communities in the next few weeks.

Speed sensors. speeding is an issue we are all aware of.

Notice boards. Our rural communities rely on these to find out what is happening in their area.

Defibrillators. Another important asset of us on the rural parishes. The money has gone towards the machines, installing them, providing training and the cost of running them.

Benches, Sea Scouts (equipment), tablecloths, senior citizens tea party, sports group etc.

Please apply for this grant or ask us if you have questions.

We continue to work with Bobby Bennett (County Councillor) as some of our work crosses over.

Annual Suffolk County Council Report 2021/22



Dear All,

I am delighted to enclose my Annual Report for 2021/22. Since being elected last May I have been honoured to work as your county councillor and below are summaries of some of the work we have be doing.

In March this year I was delighted to be invited to join the Cabinet at Suffolk County Council and am now the cabinet member for Equality and Communities.

As always please email or telephone me if you have an issue that you would like my help with.

Best wishes,

Bobby Bennett

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State-of-the-art vehicles join Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's fleet

In May 2021, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service unveiled three new vehicles, packed with the latest technology, to support firefighters at emergency incidents.

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The Command Support Vehicles will typically be used as a hub at large, complex incidents, from which officers can manage operations and work with other emergency services.

Suffolk County Council launches the new Cassius service

In early June 2021, it was announced that SCC are partnering with Alcove, Rethink Partners and Provide CIC to deliver their innovative care technology service to people in Suffolk over the next 3 years.

From July 2021, the Cassius service gives our social work practitioners, occupational therapists and other front-line professionals, new ways to support people to live better and independent lives.

Independent review of aspects of Suffolk's SEND services to be carried out

It was announced in June 2021 that A multi-agency team from Lincolnshire will carry out an independent review into SEND provision.

The SEND (special educational needs and disability) review focused on the processes, communication protocols and family-facing elements of SEND services within Suffolk County Council. It will not look at specific cases or the provision given to specific children.

Leaders earmark major investment as part of Suffolk taking its first steps on road to Covid recovery

It was announced in late June 2021 that a significant investment of £6.238m was approved to support Suffolk's long-term recovery beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders (SPSL) approved a significant investment of £6.238m towards a range of strategic, community focussed projects and programmes that support efforts in Suffolk's long-term recovery beyond the Covid-19 pandemic. This money will be used to increase the offer for young people and families, to improve access to housing, to help local businesses get back on track, to address the climate emergency commitment and to drive future public engagement plans.

Combined with investments previously made last September, this means SPSL has invested a total of £9.788m to support Suffolk's longer-term recovery from Covid-19 in the key areas of economic growth, supporting communities, community safety, tackling climate change, housing and in listening to local people.

Suffolk County Council begins procurement process for next Highways Service contract focusing on developing local skills and talent

In Early July 2021 Suffolk County Council began the process of finding its next long term Highways Services partner.

The council was looking for a partner to deliver key operational projects after the current contract ends on 30 September 2023.

The whole contract development process will take just over two years to complete.

Suffolk says thanks for going the extra mile

In July 2021, residents were thanked for their sacrifices during the pandemic.

Voluntary organisations, local councils and others who are part of the Collaborative Communities Board presented the new Suffolk Says Thanks badges to Suffolk residents who have gone above and beyond during the coronavirus pandemic.

New Suffolk Recycling Centres online booking system improvements to deliver greater customer experience

It was announced in September 2021 that Suffolk County Council has developed a new, more user-friendly booking system which enables residents to book slots for recycling.

Customer survey results show overwhelming support for the use of a booking system and the Council has gathered feedback from customers and site staff on how the booking system can be further improved, which have shaped the design of this new system. Through the use of bookings the council can avoid the frustration of long queues at peak times and increase the overall throughput and efficiency of the service for residents.

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

It was announced in October 2021 that a joint bid by a number of Suffolk's authorities secured funding from the Forestry Commission to plant around 3,000 trees.

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.

Government funding boost for Suffolk community schemes

In November 2021 two Suffolk schemes received Government funding totalling more than £940,000

Enabling Self-Employment in Suffolk and the Suffolk Road to Net Zero business support programme are among 477 schemes across the country to receive backing from the Community Renewal Fund.

This is a £200 million pot set up by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities aimed at boosting skills training for the unemployed and investing in businesses developing low-carbon technology.

The two Suffolk schemes, which are both being led by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) and which were put forward by Suffolk County Council, receive a total of £945,974.

Suffolk County Council investing £12.8m to decarbonise its buildings

It was announced in November 2021 that properties, including fire stations and libraries, will receive investment as the council continues to drive its ambition to be Net Zero by 2030.

Suffolk County Council will be committing £12.8m towards reducing the carbon produced by buildings in its corporate estate.

Cabinet members today (9 November 2021) approved a report to commit to this investment, as well as implementing the SCC Energy Management Strategy, as recommended by the Climate Emergency Policy Development Panel.

Suffolk County Council approves extra £20m investment in highway drainage and footpaths

In December 2021, Cabinet members committed an extra £20 million over the next three years into further improving Suffolk's highway drainage systems and footpaths.

In recognition of the increasing maintenance demand on these areas, councillors approved the use of £10 million to specifically deliver an increasing number of drainage schemes that deal with problems that affect larger numbers of people, and a further £10 million to improve footpath quality and access.

Suffolk Highways will use the drainage investment alongside funding from the Department for Transport to increase the number of highway flooding sites which are resolved, providing a highway network that is more resilient and accessible during heavy rain and severe weather events.

The footpath investment will be focused on urban areas and busy footpaths in rural areas - providing a safer and more accessible network that supports people accessing local bus services, health care services and local shopping precincts.

Children's services and adult care at the heart of Suffolk County Council's new budget plans

In December 2021, Suffolk County Council outlined how it plans to spend money on public services in 2022/23.

- More money to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Extra resources for adults in need of care
- Additional funds to prevent flooding and fix footpaths

Under the proposals, the council's budget for 2022-23 would rise by 4.5% (from £598.2 to £625.4m). This additional money is generated by a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, and an increase in grants received from the Government.

Alongside this budget the Suffolk County Council published proposals for its first-ever full carbon budget, as it strives to be a Net Zero organisation by 2030.

The Net Zero Carbon Budget will allow the council to measure its carbon emissions and monitor and evaluate the impact of decisions it makes. This will mean it can report each year on its progress, tracking its ambitions towards Net Zero.

Warm Homes Suffolk Fund to heat up cold homes this winter

It was announced in late January 2022 that residents can cut energy costs and reduce their carbon through a new scheme.

Suffolk residents who are struggling to keep their homes warm, can contact a new project which offers funding and free advice at www.warmhomessuffolk.org.

The work of Warm Homes Suffolk will also help the county towards its target of Net Zero by 2030, as the project aims to better insulate homes and provide more efficient heating, meaning less carbon is released into the atmosphere.

A successful bid was made to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for £2.7 million pounds of funding to run Warm Homes Suffolk - The Warm Feeling Fund. This is part of the Government's (Local Authority Delivery phase two) LAD2 Scheme, designed to improve the energy efficiency of Britain's homes.

The bid was led by Suffolk County Council, on behalf of all councils in the county.

More details and further information about eligibility can be found in the on the Warm Home Suffolk website www.warmhomessuffolk.org, or by calling **03456 037 686**. Lines are open Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Suffolk cements commitment to keeping its communities safe

A new strategy was published in February 2022 outlining how Suffolk will address Violence Against Women and Girls has been published today.

The strategy has been prepared collaboratively by the Safer Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) – consisting of representatives from Suffolk County Council, district and borough councils, the police, Suffolk's Police & Crime Commissioner, community safety partnerships, health and probation services, the Norfolk & Suffolk Criminal Justice Board and Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership.

All board members hold a shared ambition to tackle the incredibly important issue of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) which includes, but is not limited to, domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking, coercive and controlling behaviour, and revenge porn – all of which have a devastating impact on victim-survivors, families, and communities.

Good news for Suffolk as Government gives the green light to negotiate a County Deal

Announced at the same time as the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper, we heard the news that Suffolk was successfully chosen as one of nine areas across the country to have been given the opportunity of negotiating a new County Deal.

Equality and communities to get higher profile in Suffolk County Council cabinet changes

A new cabinet role was established in March 2022.

Equality and support for local communities are to get greater focus among Suffolk County Council's Cabinet team when a new cabinet member starts on 7 March.

Councillor Bobby Bennett will join Suffolk County Council's cabinet as cabinet member for equality and communities, where she will take specific responsibility for the authority's policy decisions on safer and stronger communities, community safety (including domestic abuse, prevent and violence against women and girls), equality, libraries, the voluntary sector, arts and heritage, coroner services, customer services, Citizens Advice, gypsy and traveller services and human resources.