



Minutes of Parish Council meeting on 12th January 2022

Attendees:

Parish Councillors M. Halliday, A Williamott, Nicky Welch, Richard Dawkins and Danny Rowe.

District Councillor Nick Clarke

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Chris Turner-Clerk.

Apologies DC's M Rushbrook and Karen Richardson, CC Bobby Bennett, PC E Gittins

Cllr Halliday welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

Open Forum-

Issues from the public- Question about the hole in the road for gas leak and traffic lights that have been in the High Street for a long time. We have received confirmation that it will be finalised by 21st Jan (Completed on 14th). Some of the streetlights are covered by organic growth. Details being sent to County Council. Still having problems with parking in Nether/Peacocks Road. Police have been informed.

DC Nick Clarke's report- Highpoint prison has submitted plans for expansion. This will impact further afield than Stradishall with local services, for example, more police required. He will keep us updated. There is likely to be changes in regard to waste bins with more re-cycling to take place, W. Suffolk DC don't use "Land-fill" as they make use of the incinerators they have built, which saves money. There have been some problems locally with some areas of Parking enforcement with some areas with yellow lines not having the appropriate paperwork completed. At this point we talked about the "warding" of W< Suffolk. We originally had our own District Councillor who also dealt with other villages we now have 3 DCs and are part of a larger area. It was felt that there are both pros and cons with the current position but overall, we would rather revert to what we had previously. Cllr Williamott is to draft our reply.

Meeting closed for the Parish Council meeting:

1. Minutes of last meeting- These were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
2. Financial Report
 - a. The report to the 31st December had been circulated to each Councillor and accepted as in order and signed by the Chair.
 - b. The minutes of the last finance committee meeting had been circulated for the Councillors to be aware of details for the discussion about the precept. The clerk gave some further

information to the full council and advised that the suggested precept would mean a rise of £0.36p in April, 0.56%. To achieve that figure, it was budgeted that we would need to use £7000 from our reserves. The precept was agreed overall, and the form signed by the Chair. c. There has been no increase in our charges for Cemetery Fees, Allotment and Hall charges for some time. Although we do have reserves the finance committee had suggested rises in our charges as we cannot continue to use capital funds, we need to increase our income. The suggestion was that Cemetery fees should rise by 20%, Allotment fees incl. hosepipe use by 10% and Hall fees by 10%. A vote was taken and approved by 3 votes to 1 to go ahead with the rises. There was a counter proposal that no increase should take place as we are holding reserves, but this was rejected.

3. Councillor Halliday's Report - Enquired about the First Aid box in the Memorial Hall. Cllr. Welch advised that the one we need is out of stock currently but will obtain when she is able. Thanked both Nicky and Barry Welch for the work that they have undertaken in the Hall including internal decoration. Went onto mention that the Hall needs more work to be undertaken on dampness in the main hall and flooring in the kitchen.

4. The Village Orchard - We have been advised by Mr George Hardy who has been managing the orchard since its inception, that he has decided to step back from the day to day work he has undertaken on our behalf. We would like to thank him for the sterling work he has done to keep the orchard in good condition. He has given 6 month's notice to enable the Council to find a replacement. We are to advertise in both the village magazine and on the village Facebook page for a replacement and we also need to contact George for information as to timings etc.

5. Councillors reports -

Cllr Williamott - She has been in touch with Lloyds Bank re opening an account there, however they are only dealing with accounts that are being fully closed and then re-opening. As such we cannot open an account currently, Cllr Williamott will keep an eye on the situation. An e mail had been sent round by Cllr. Williamott relating to priority lists for the numerous highway issues. Few replies and will send it again. A suggestion was made about setting up a Highways sub-committee. Cllr Dawkins - Has been dealing with the pond with Cllr. Halliday. He is to get in touch with Emma Black. Also asked about plans for the Queens Jubilee. This is being dealt with by the Community Council with our support. The hall is available on 5th June as is the village green. Cllr Rowe - Footpaths are muddy but to be expected this time of year. Allotments are looking good. A few now vacant which clerk has to fill, there is a small waiting list. Also, to arrange a skip to get allotment holders to remove unwanted items. To arrange in early Spring and advise allotment holders when skip will be there.

6. Planning decisions - No contentious applications. See schedule attached.

7. Memorial Wording for the tree commemorating Rosemary Silver, Agreed we would get a plaque with the following, "In memory of Rosemary Silver and her service to Cavendish".

8. Pond restoration - This to take place on 19/1/2022 with a number of volunteers. Memorial Hall toilet facilities available.

Meeting finished at 8.40. Next meeting on Wednesday 9th March 2022

Payments in period, authorised by Parish Council

DATE	TO WHOM	Chq No.	AMT
09/11/21	Suffolk.cloud re website	3002	310.00
ditto	Remembrance wreath	3003	25.00
ditto	J Murcott Oct 21	3004	112.50
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 1/2	3005	225.32
14/11/21	Refund of hall deposit	3006	25.00
15/11/21	Waste collection Village	d/d	50.11
ditto	ditto Allotments	d/d	30.78
ditto	ditto Cemetery	d/d	25.06
21/11/21	D Kirkman Inv 3/4	3007	239.00
ditto	AW Goddard Fencing- Orchard	3008	240.00
ditto	C Turner- Nov salary	3009	469.40
09/12/21	J Murcott Nov 21	3010	87.04
ditto	D Kirkman Inv 5/6	3011	161.60
20/11/21	B Gas Elec Hall	d/d	207.08
16/12/21	D Kirkman Inv 7/8	3012	139.00
ditto	Glasdon re Bags/key	3013	265.55
ditto	Reimbursement for 2 x gifts	3014	42.50
15/12/21	Waste collection Village	d/d	50.11
ditto	ditto Allotments	d/d	30.78
ditto	ditto Cemetery	d/d	25.06
24/12/21	B Gas Elec Hall	d/d	480.22
26/11/21	Chubb F&S re Hall	d/d	19.74
26/12/21	Chubb F&S re Hall	d/d	19.74
30/12/21	Nick HP Ltd re Hall Insurance	3015	275.00
ditto	C Turner Dec Salary	3016	469.60
ditto	HMRC re PAYE	3017	332.60
31/12/21	Total		4357.79

**Response by Cavendish Parish Council
to West Suffolk Council Planning Applications – January 2022**

DC/21/2113/LB – Application for Listed Building consent – internal alterations – The Nook, High Street, Cavendish

Consultation expiry date 6th December
No Objection.

DC/21/2237/HH – Householder planning application – pergola to front of property - Church Farm Barn, Peacocks Road, Cavendish

No objection, but comment: ‘The pergola will be seen through the entrance gate to the property and further reduces the visual and former functional connection between these two heritage sites. We suggest that the pergola be set back to be in line with the neighbouring Church Farm outbuilding in order to retain the openness of the former farmyard.

DC/21/2353/HH – Householder planning application – Demolish workshop structure and brick walls etc – Chinnerys, The Green, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/2354/LB – Application for Listed Building consent – Various internal works, remove partitions etc – Chinnerys, The Green, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/246/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one silver birch - fell – Seymour House, Lower St, Cavendish

No Objection.

DC/21/2468/TCA – Trees in a conservation area – one oak lateral crown reduction etc– Little Oaks, High Street, Cavendish

No Objection.

C R Turner – Parish Clerk

Suffolk County Council Report January 2022



More Scammers are operating in Suffolk – Don't be their next victim.

See attached article

Suffolk County Council waives fees for Platinum Jubilee events

To mark the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Suffolk County Council will be waiving fees associated with applications to close roads for street parties and other local authority led public events.

On Sunday 6 February 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service. To celebrate this milestone, events will be taking place across the Country, particularly over the four-day Bank Holiday weekend, between 2nd and 5th June 2022. This bank holiday gives communities and people throughout the UK the opportunity to come together and celebrate with their neighbours.

For all events on Sunday 5 June 2022, which is being referred to nationally as the 'Big Jubilee Lunch', Suffolk County Council will not be charging fees normally associated with road closures.

The following website has been set up for those who are looking to organise a street party as a group of residents, or as a local authority, for an event in a large public space, such as a park:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent>

As part of the main criteria for a road to be closed, the road must be residential with no through traffic (i.e. a cul-de-sac or traffic not able to access another road from the event road, etc.) and only resident traffic will be affected.

To be allocated traffic management to assist with an event, all applications must be received before 11pm on Sunday 27 March 2022. Traffic management will consist of 5 traffic cones, 1 road closure sign and an advance warning sign, which may be delivered to the chosen drop off point, up to Thursday 2nd June 2022.

If any applications are received after 11pm on Sunday 27 March 2022, these may still be processed. However, Suffolk County Council cannot cover the costs of Traffic Management for the event, nor will Suffolk County Council be able to provide any form of Traffic Management equipment. This is due to possible supply chain constraints and other operational demands.

For full details, including street party event criteria, information on insurance and licences, please ensure you visit this link <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/PlatinumJubileeEvent>

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

- 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

Suffolk County Council has outlined how it plans to spend money on public services in 2022/23,

with more resources to support the health and wellbeing of everyone in Suffolk.

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.

The proposals will be presented at a scrutiny meeting in January, then put forward for approval by councillors in February.

Contact Suffolk County Councils Customer Services team on 0345 606 6171 or email customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk

Over 10,000 new LED streetlights installed across Suffolk

Suffolk's LED replacement programme has reached a new milestone, with over 10,000 streetlights upgraded with new, sustainable LEDs as part of the project to replace all 43,400 streetlights in the county.

Bouygues Energies & Services, the contractor leading the programme has successfully installed 10,799 new lanterns and counting. These lanterns use less energy and produce a more natural and focused light than the traditional orange glow of streetlights.

The project, which is due to complete by the end of 2022 will also allow opportunity for other streetlight owners within Suffolk such as Parish and District Councils to upgrade their streetlights as part of this process.

This upgrade supports Suffolk County Council's ambitions for becoming a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030. The benefits include; supporting a reduction in carbon emissions by saving energy and reducing light pollution, as well as providing clearer images on CCTV, traffic cameras and dashcam footage for the benefit of public safety.

The teams have been working their way through the west of the county and are making progress in Stowmarket and Sudbury.

Aside from the reduction in energy usage and minimising light pollution, the project will also bring down ongoing maintenance costs for the authority. The County Council expects to reduce its annual electricity costs on the streetlights by around 76%, saving more than £1.7 million a year.

By upgrading the lighting system with smart technology, this will increase the control the County Council has over its power consumption which will further reduce costs.

Prior to commencing in towns or parishes, Suffolk Highways is contacting those councils in case they wish to upgrade their parish-council owned streetlighting at the same time. All heritage-style lanterns which have been identified will be upgraded towards the end of the programme.

Bobby Bennett

Report to Cavendish Parish Council January 2022

Joint report from Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk Councillors.

Update from West Suffolk Council (WSC) regarding the pandemic

WSC has been working to support residents and businesses throughout this pandemic, and to date have administered more than £120m in business grants and rate relief.

Omicron variant of COVID-19 is now having an impact on our businesses, WSC will once again be working to administer further Government support to businesses, through grants and rate relief, over the next couple of months.

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG)

Launched on 17 January 2022, this is one-off grant of up to £6,000 for hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses in the business rates system, whose trade has been impacted by the rise of the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

The grant is subject to Government criteria, referenced in the guidelines at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support/upload/COVID19-Omicron-Hospitality-and-Leisure-Grant-Scheme-Eligibility-Criteria.pdf

Due to fraud prevention and Government pre-payment checks that WSC have to adhere to, they are unable to make automatic grant payments to previous grant recipients on this occasion. Businesses will instead need to make a new application for this payment.

Businesses should apply at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business. The closing date for applications is 18 February 2022. Grants will be paid out once pre-payment checks have taken place. All OHLG grants are to be paid out no later than 31 March 2022.

Omicron Additional Restrictions Grant (Omicron ARG)

The Government has given WSC £310,000 to offer discretionary grants to West Suffolk businesses. They are currently working through the detail given by Government and are aiming to launch a local discretionary scheme early in the week of 24 January 2022.

Due to the limited level of funding available WSC will invite applications to be made by 20 February, after which they will decide on grant amounts based on evidence of the scale of impact on trade and other criteria. This does mean that no ARG grants can be paid until March 2022 and based on modelling of numbers from previous applications they expect the levels of payment may be relatively small compared to those paid previously.

Businesses should look on the www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business webpage as well as the Council's social media for updates nearer the time.

In line with Government advice, all the previous ARG money allocated to the Council by the Government in late 2020 and early 2021, has already been paid out to help businesses survive last winter, reopen in a COVID-secure manner and to support business recovery.

COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)

The Government has announced the above to help businesses that have not previously been eligible for rate relief during the pandemic.

The fund will support councils in delivering a local discretionary scheme. WSC will be going through the Government guidance and modelling a scheme to distribute the rate relief to those businesses that need it the most and who have not already been helped.

WSC aim is to implement this rate relief to businesses ahead of their annual billing in March. Please see www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business webpage where the council will have more detail to share.

Police Survey

Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, would like to hear your thoughts on his proposal for the policing element of your council tax for the next financial year.

[Council tax precept survey 2022/23 \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

The survey will close at 9am on Thursday 27th January 2022.

WSC collect the council tax on behalf of all the bodies mentioned below. In 2021-22 West Suffolk residents paid £104.91 million in Council Tax. The money was distributed as follows:

Suffolk County Council gets £77.32 million (73.7 per cent of the total)

Suffolk Police Authority gets £13.15 million (12.5 per cent of the total)

West Suffolk Council gets £10.08 million (9.6 per cent of the total)

Parish and Town Councils get £4.36 million (4.1 per cent of the total).

Under regulations introduced from 1 April 2013, the council collects business rates locally and retains a proportion to spend on local services

Consultation

Transport Strategy for the East have launched a consultation (closing on 30 January 2022). They still keen to hear from anyone who is interested in improving the transport networks across the region.

All the materials are available on their website – www.transporteast.org.uk/public-consultation, an [animation video](#) to explain their approach.

Through this strategy, they aim to overcome some of the transport challenges the region experiences, while also delivering a fit for purpose, high quality, inclusive and sustainable transport network that will be able to accommodate future growth.

Best wishes for 2022 and we look forward to working with you.