

LEVINGTON AND STRATTON HALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

4th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15 PM

Present: Councillors: David Long, Chairman ('DL'); Julian Mann, Vice-Chairman ('JM'); James Ramsay ('JR'); Andrew Abram ('AA'); John Bailey ('JB'); David Pryke ('DP'); Parish Clerk: Lucy Buckle ('LB');

• COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FROM:

Communities are being invited to have their say on the **Green Access Strategy** - Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The plan, which looks at rights of way access up until 2026, details why green access is so relevant to Suffolk's population and its visitors, and it focuses on how green access can benefit quality of life.

On 10 July 2019, an event was held at one of Suffolk's most sustainable business centres to celebrate the **carbon reduction efforts** of over 400 Suffolk and Norfolk businesses.

Lord Deben, founder of Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County partnership in 2007, was a guest speaker.

Professor Nic Bury, Professor of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Suffolk, was also a guest speaker at the event, and said:

"This event recognises the excellent work businesses in Suffolk are making in reducing their carbon footprint to Create the Greenest County. These organisations are inspirational and show what can be achieved. We face numerous environmental issues, widespread environmental pollution and biodiversity loss".

On 5 July 2019, the **Ipswich Northern Route Consultation** began. Eleven drop-in sessions were held throughout July where members of the public could find out about the project and speak with the team.

The three potential routes for a new east/west link between the A12 and A14 corridors are:

- An inner corridor from Martlesham to Claydon
- A middle corridor from Woodbridge to

..... An outer corridor from Melton to the A140 near Needham Market

The consultation information and questionnaire are available at www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk and the consultation will run until Friday 13 September 2019.

I attended a meeting in Woodbridge on 22nd August run by the Campaign to **STOP** the Ipswich Northern Route. Dan Poulter spoke and the two leaders of the campaign.

I am against this ill thought out proposal which appears to be solely to cure the holdups/accidents associated with Orwell Bridge. A simple solution, presented by many voices, is to place high barriers along the bridge or to stop high vehicles using when there is a high wind!

I had a phone call from Paul Geater (EADT) to tell me the news that Gladman Development had withdrawn their proposal for **2,700 houses** between Purdis & Bucklesham. He asked for my

reaction and I am pleased that he quoted “ I just hope this withdrawal is for good – and that it is not something that comes back to the council again in a different form”.

Locality budget available for Parish Councils.

• DISTRICT COUNCILOR’S REPORT –

East Suffolk to battle climate change:

East Suffolk Council voted unanimously to step up its positive work on environmental issues to help fight climate change at its Full Council meeting on 24 July.

While the Council recognises there is a good record of taking action on environmental issues across East Suffolk, it has now joined other local authorities in recognising the fact there is a climate emergency – and committed itself to doing more to reduce its own carbon emissions and to encourage communities to help fight climate change.

What next?

- The Council is commissioning an independent review of its progress to-date which will identify opportunities for further work to reduce carbon emissions which will feed into an action plan that will help us monitor progress towards meeting this challenging new target.
- The Council will be setting up a cross-party member task group to consider the results of that independent review and to recommend future priorities for action on climate change, building on the progress that has already been achieved.
- The Council will continue to work with its partners across the county to ensure a coordinated approach, joint working in areas where we can deliver more by working together and to ensure a strong voice to influence and encourage others to act.

What have we achieved already?

- We have moved to new more energy efficient council offices in Melton and Lowestoft which are more compact, well insulated and utilise renewable energy sources including air-source heat pumps at East Suffolk house and solar PV at Riverside Road
- We have helped businesses and residents to reduce their energy bills through free advice and improvement grants
- We are refurbishing our leisure facilities building in renewable energy generation
- We have been running campaigns across the district to improve air quality and reduce plastic waste and littering.

Funding is available for community projects

Groups and organisations providing activities for the benefit of local communities have been invited to apply for East Suffolk’s ‘Enabling Communities Budget’ to help support local projects. A total of £412,500 has been allocated for 2019/20 from the New Homes Bonus (funding generated through new houses built in the District). Distributed equally amongst each of the Council’s 55 members, each councillor has a £7,500 Enabling Community Budget to spend on community projects or to develop new projects which tackle community needs in their area.

In addition, larger grants of up to £10,000 is also available through the Enabling Communities ‘Exemplar Grand Programme’ – enabling community groups to deliver ‘flagship’ projects which have a positive impact across communities at a ward, multiple wards or district level. £160,000 has been allocated from the New Homes Bonus for the programme for 2019/20.

Accommodation to be provided for rough sleepers

East Suffolk Council has been awarded £292,316 following a successful application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to provide accommodation for rough sleepers and those facing homelessness in Felixstowe and Lowestoft.

The funding will be used to deliver two interlinking projects, providing specific housing ‘pathways’ for those who are vulnerable to homelessness, including people with mental health issues, those experiencing domestic abuse, ex-offenders and care leavers.

The first project, called 'Somewhere Safe to Stay', will provide emergency beds in 'hubs' in both Felixstowe and Lowestoft. Available for up to 72 hours, the emergency accommodation will ensure the users are safe whilst also having their needs assessed and appropriate support made available. The second project will be a Supported Lettings scheme, which will see the Council employ dedicated officers to help former rougher sleepers move on from emergency accommodation into supported, temporary or longer term housing.

Framlingham goes digital with official launch of a free public WiFi system

Framlingham went digital with the launch of a new free public WiFi system on 3 August.

The market town was chosen to pilot the new scheme, called 'Digital Town, to help people access the internet and make use of digital technology.

The new WiFi system is the first phase of the scheme, which will trial different interventions to enhance the town's economic development and wellbeing – making Framlingham the first of what could be a long line of towns in East Suffolk to receive free WiFi and other digital solutions.

The innovative scheme is delivered in partnership between Framlingham Town Council, Framlingham Business Association and East Suffolk Council.

Sprinkler system completed at St Peters Court

The installation of a brand new sprinkler system has been completed at St Peters Court in Lowestoft at a cost of around £275,000.

Following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in July 2017, the Council undertook a thorough examination of the building's fire safety measures and at a subsequent meeting with tenants – hosted by Mark Bee, the Council Leader at the time – it was announced that the system would be installed to provide additional reassurance and enhanced safety for everyone living in the 16-storey building.

The Council appointed BMS Sprinklers to undertake the work and on Friday 5 July the system went live and is now operational in every flat. This work follows the installation of new 'one-hour' fire doors for every flat and other improvement works to ensure East Suffolk's fire safety procedures meet the highest possible standards.

Leiston Leisure Centre is open for business

Leiston Leisure Centre fully reopened on Saturday, 10 August – marking the completion of the £4 million redevelopment. The centre was closed in August 2018 to undergo the works over two phases as part of East Suffolk Council's programme to improve leisure facilities in the District and encourage more people to become active.

Phase One reopened in June 2019 and included the swimming pool, reception and soft play area, as well as a brand new addition to the centre – a thermal suite with sauna and steam room, feature showers and relaxation area.

Phase Two included a new spacious fitness suite, two new dance studios and cycling studio, as well as improvements to the squash courts and sports hall.

We will now be focusing on the third project in the programme, which is Bungay Leisure Centre. The centre is due to close for redevelopment on 12 September 2019 and the work is expected to take ten months to complete.

Residents are reminded only rain goes down the drains

Residents and businesses are being encouraged to dispose of their waste correctly and reduce the pollution caused by litter entering the draining system.

The 'Yellow Fish' anti-pollution project is delivered by community charity Groundwork Suffolk, the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and East Suffolk Council to raise awareness of the importance of preventing litter from entering the surface water drainage. Unlike foul water systems which feed into sewage treatment works, surface water drains usually lead directly to natural watercourses. Any waste entering these drains can therefore end up polluting the watercourses, harming fish and other wildlife.

To help spread the project's message of 'Only Drain Down the Drain', Groundwork 'Green Champions' visited homes in Felixstowe, Lowestoft and Woodbridge in mid-August.

As part of the project, Groundwork has also been raising awareness of the Refill scheme, which encourages people to take their reusable water bottle with them when they go out. There are now over 20,000 businesses, shops, cafes and public buildings in the UK registered as Refill Stations where people can refill their water bottles for free, including the Council's offices in Lowestoft and Melton.

Funding boost for new community centre:

Plans to provide Woodbridge with a new youth, art and community centre has been given a funding boost by East Suffolk Council.

Jetty Lane, the Community Interest Company (CIC) behind the project, has been granted £188,800 from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is the biggest CIL grant issued to date. This will cover pre-construction costs for the new community centre and the remaining funds are being supplied through donations and other fundraising efforts. The work is expected to start by the end of 2020.

'Bin the butt' and help keep East Suffolk tidy

Residents and visitors to Lowestoft have been encouraged to dispose of their cigarette butts correctly to help reduce littering in the town centre. The East Suffolk Communities Team and East Suffolk Norse were in Lowestoft town centre along with Groundwork Suffolk and the East Suffolk Plastic Action Champions on 17 August to raise awareness of cigarette butt littering. The event was also supported by Lowestoft Town Council.

Cigarette butts are the most common form of littering. In a survey carried out in Lowestoft in 2018, 53% of all litter was smoking-related waste and across the country, one in 10 people do not consider putting a cigarette down the drain to be littering.

As well as harmful plastic, cigarette butts contain toxic chemical ingredients including arsenic, lead and nicotine which can all be released when the butts break up in the environment.

Anyone seen littering, including dropping a cigarette butt, can be fined £80 via a Fixed Penalty Notice. Failure to pay this can result in prosecution, a criminal record and a further fine of up to £2,500.

Children celebrate reopening of play areas in Felixstowe

Children flocked to Gosford Way play area to celebrate the reopening of two popular play areas in Felixstowe following refurbishment.

Cavendish Park and Gosford Way play areas were officially reopened on Wednesday 7 August to mark the completion of a £265,000 project to improve the facilities. The project also included improvements to Allenby Park play area, which reopened on 12 August.

Around 150 people attended the event, which was led by Felixstowe Mayor, Cllr Nick Barber who cut the ribbon and opened the gate for the many children waiting to try out the new play facilities.

Money saved from fraudulent activity

East Suffolk Council's Corporate Fraud Service, supported by the Council's Housing and Legal Services, has prevented, identified or recovered fraudulent activity totaling £1,823,485 between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

The Corporate Fraud Service investigates a variety of frauds which the Council may be vulnerable to, including fraudulent Right to Buy and Gateway to Homechoice applications, social housing fraud, false council tax discounts, business rates and housing benefit claims.

As part of fraud investigations, 5 council-owned properties were found being inappropriately used by tenants, such as being sub-let which is a breach of the tenancy agreement. These properties have since been made available again to those in housing need.

One of the main areas of work for the Corporate Fraud Service is ensuring robust checks are made on all 'Right to Buy' (RTB) applications submitted to the Council. As a result of these checks, 20 RTB applications were cancelled following fraud intervention. The properties relating to these RTB applications, with a market value of £2,821,500, have remained available for housing tenants.

Ipswich Northern Route exhibitions attracted over 2,000 people

Public information events to consult on route options for a new road to the north of Ipswich have attracted more than 2,000 people. In total 11 events have been held at village halls and community centres across Suffolk since the consultation period launched on July 5. The events gave the public the opportunity to view the proposed route maps, junction options and speak to officers from all authorities about the project and ask questions.

The consultation is being jointly led by Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough Council, East Suffolk and Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils. It is also supported by West Suffolk Council. Whilst there is no plans for any further public events, the materials used are now set to travel the county allowing people the opportunity to view them and encourage them to have their say online.

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

East Suffolk Council has inherited the HRA from the old Waveney DC, this account has over 4400 units of housing for rent at either social rent or affordable rent, an ongoing maintenance programme is in existence to keep properties in very good condition. A further 20 units have just been developed at Southwold by East Suffolk Council and have been let to people with local connections at affordable rent.

This account will enable East Suffolk to further develop new homes across the district or purchase properties if appropriate to enhance the existing stock, a significant development budget is available during the term of this Council.

Planning round up

1) There has been a lot of concern from residents in our ward objecting to the EDF (Sizewell B) application. I am having a site visit on the 2nd September. If anyone would like to comment on this please forward to planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

2) Withdrawal of the planning application for outline planning application as 'Orwell Green Garden Village', was submitted by Gladman & Orwell Settlement Trustees to East Suffolk Council on 15 May 2019.

An extended consultation period took place in June and July and following consideration of consultation responses and feedback from the council the applicants have now chosen to withdraw the application as of 22 August 2019. Councillor David Ritchie, Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Management said:

"The council has clearly expressed to the applicants that this unplanned proposal is not needed and not in accordance with the current development plan or the emerging Local Plan for the former Suffolk Coastal area. The Council was in the process of preparing a report for the 9th September Strategic Planning Committee, recommending refusal of the application".

3) Both Richard and I will be attending the local plan examination next Thursday for Innocence Farm at ESH.

Deben Estuary Partnership are looking for new members to join to help raise funds for work to be carried out on the saltmarshes which affects Waldringfield, Kirton, Newbourne, Hemley in our ward. Please contact Sarah Zins at sazins@gmail.com . They will also be at the Maritime weekend in Woodbridge 8/9th September.

Memory Lane Dog Walk – raising funds for Dementia

Sunday 29th September, 11am meeting at the pier. Approx. 2.5 miles walking to Cobbold Point. Please circulate

- **VILLAGE FORUM**

An opportunity for residents to give comments on any issues *on the agenda*. (Per standing orders: Max 15 minutes unless otherwise directed by the Chairman; a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).

A local resident enquired if the Parish Council had heard when the café caravan would be removed from the Old A45 now that planning had been rejected. The Clerk took an action to raise with East Suffolk Council.

The formal meeting of the Parish Council started at 7.42pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

2. CODE OF CONDUCT & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations where made

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8th JULY 2019

The minutes were approved and signed by David Long (Chairman)

4. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LAST MINUTES (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) - None

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Listed Building Consent - Following a fire in March 2019 which, destroyed the thatched roof. A schedule of work has been developed to repair, renew and conserve as much as possible of the existing roof structure. Then when complete it will be thatched once more. This roof suffered a similar fire in 2001. - The Ship Public House Church Lane Levington Ipswich IP10 0LQ.

Ref. No: DC/19/2594/LBC | Received date: Thu 27 Jun 2019 | Status: **Application Permitted** | Case Type: Planning Application

It was noted that Adnams had published an opening date of the pub for Winter 2019.

- b) Stationing of mobile caravan and decking for cafe use (A3) including change of use of land. - TS Bar Lay by Felixstowe Road Levington Suffolk Ref. No: DC/19/1692/COU | Received date: Wed 24 Apr 2019 | Status: **Refused** | Case Type: Planning Application

- c) Eastern Structures' site: Retrospective Application - Continued use of land and building as depot for construction company - Storage Land Felixstowe Road Levington Suffolk.

Ref. No: DC/19/2148/COU | Received date: Tue 28 May 2019 | Status: **Refused** | Case Type: Planning Application

- d) Orwell Green Application No: DC/19/1988/OUT Proposal: 'Orwell Green Garden Village' - 2,700 homes at Land to the North of the A14 and West of the A12 Near 7 Hills Junction

Application now withdrawn.

It was noted that for planning items b and c that the applicates could appeal.

6. FINANCE

a) Bank balances at 31st July 2019: agreed and signed off by the Chairman.

- Current account: £20,574.95;
- Deposit account: £7,190.52.

The Clerk has spoken to Barclays about setting up a new account for the Solar Farm Funds, this has to be done via a signatory and the Chairman agreed to do this.

b) Income since last meeting:

- Nil

c) Income anticipated before next meeting:

- second precept payment

d) Payments made since meeting & approved at that mtg and/or budgetted:

- Nil

e) Payments due to be made before next mtg requiring approval:

- Salary for Clerk for July & Aug £466.44 and HMRC amount £286.40
- Homeworkers allowance £64.00
- Newsletter printing £89.50
- Envelopes £2.40
- Stamps x2 = £29.28
- Printing paper £3.50
- Uncontested Election £54.40
- Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal on the 1st October 2019. Cain & Co have based the renewal quotation on the sums insured (index-linked by 4%). The Council's renewal premium is £324.88, including insurance premium tax (IPT). This takes into consideration the Council's long-term agreement which expires on 30th September 2020.

f) **Internal audit:**

The internal audit has now been returned. The audit has come back satisfactory and that appropriate accounting records have been kept throughout the financial year 18/19. There are some recommendations that the auditor has suggested, and these will be reviewed at the next Finance Advisory Group (FAG) meeting in October.

g) **External audit:**

The internal auditor has signed off the exemption return for 18/19.

The AGAR was reviewed and agreed by the Parish Council and signed off by the Chairman.

h) **New Finance Regulations:**

NALC have published an updated Model Financial Regulations for England and Wales. The changes from the 2016 version are listed below:

- Restriction added to Regulation 11.1.a.ii Clarifying disapplication of contract regulations to legal professionals limited to those ***acting in disputes*** only – not general legal work
- Update to limits under Public Contract Regulations – footnote to Regulation 11.1.b
- Minor change to heading Regulation 12

To be noted and approval required for 2019 at October's FAG meeting.
Documents attached for reference:



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7. SIZEWELL STAGE 4 CONSULTATION

On Wednesday 21 August, a Village meeting was held in the Village Hall and attended by around 40 residents. Tom McGarry, George Buxton and Jack Abbotts represented EDF Nuclear.

The meeting commenced with an illustrated presentation by Tom McGarry. He highlighted the Government policy for electricity production, and the important role nuclear produced energy had in satisfying the national demand for electricity. Sizewell C was an option being considered as part of the mid to long term contribution to energy production in this country. It is this option which is subject to public consultation.

The gathering heard about the various means of getting building material to the site and the building of the new plant. Four options for the delivery of materials to the site had been considered:

- Sea led
- Rail led
- Road led
- Integrated led [this fourth option arising from previous consultations] and is a mixture of the first three options, and is now favoured.

The major impact of the construction work, about 10 years, would be in and around Leiston Town. New roads would be provided to bypass Stratford St Andrew, Theberton, and a new roundabout at Yoxford.

Most construction workers, 2,400, would be accommodated on the Sizewell site. A full range of welfare services would be provided. Other workers would use a northern park and ride service based Darsham, and a southern one at the northern end of the Wickham Market bypass, to be transported to the site by bus.

The Integrated and Road led options would require a Freight Management Facility [FMF] site.

A Freight Management Facility is a fancy title for a lorry park. The intention is that all lorries bound for Sizewell [85% of all lorries coming from the south and west – ranging from 260 to 460 daily] would go to the FMF and then be called to Sizewell when required. We understand the waiting time would be around one hour.

Two site options have been identified:

- Innocence Farm
- The Old Felixstowe Road [Old A45] – between the Old Felixstowe Road and the A14, next to the field that has the diagonal path running through it.

The site of the FMF is approximately 10ha [10 football pitches] and will have the capacity for 150 lorries. The average frequency of lorry movements would be one every 1 to 2 minutes with these being spread through the working day of 7am to 11pm, or 24 hours a day at the busiest times. If the road led option was taken, rather than the integrated option, the result would be nearer 1 minute frequency.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, during which the following were highlighted, especially the impact on our locality should the Old Felixstowe Road option be chosen:

- Local support for the rail led or sea led options; but these were unlikely to happen as the complete railway infrastructure would not likely be completed in time. However, partial upgrades would be made as part of the integrated option. The sea led option was too detrimental to the local environment [an 800-meter jetty would be required along with extensive piling]. However, extra large equipment could be delivered by sea transport.
- In respect of the rail led option:

EDF have not been given sufficient confidence by Network Rail for the latter to manage all of the rail-related works in the timescales required. One option being pursued by EDF is for their contractors to:

- build the temporary new rail link into their work site (thus avoiding issues with the housing at Leiston railway station and the adjacent level crossing);
- take over the operation and maintenance of the entire branch line from Saxmundham. Again, any upgrades would be performed by EDF contractors; not Network Rail.

As for the upgrade to the East Suffolk line as far north as Samundham, EDF have asked Network Rail to reconsider their position and then respond to this modified (i.e. smaller) amount of work. Should the rail-led option thus proceed, the requirement for the FMF would disappear.

- Disappointed that the Wickham Market 'Park and Ride' site would not be used as an FMF. It would provide a mini holding area should there be road problems on the A12.
- Deep concern was expressed if the Old Felixstowe Road site was chosen because
 - The route to the FHF would be from the Seven Hills junction via the A1156 from the south and west, and the reverse route when lorries would set off for Sizewell. It was strongly expressed that this route could not accommodate the extra volume of traffic through the Seven Hills junction and the A1156/ Old Felixstowe Road junction, and would result in traffic chaos.
 - No alterations/improvements to this route were proposed.
 - Traffic volumes had been assessed but compared with the heavy volume of port related traffic on the A12/A14, this indicated an additional volume of traffic at around 10% at the busiest time. However, when all the Sizewell traffic leaves the A14/A12, the extra traffic on the local road system becomes a much greater percentage and has far more detrimental impact [see lorry frequencies above].
 - Consideration should be given to the impact on traffic attending and leaving the Seven Hills Crematorium.

- v. Further consideration should also be given to the increasing volume of traffic caused by the proposed adjacent business park and the huge nearby residential developments at Martlesham and Felixstowe.
- Noted that operating times would be from 7am to 11pm, and there would be times of 24 hour working.
 - A major concern expressed by those present was on pollutants – **visual, noise, light and fumes** – especially affecting nearby residents, living a mere 200m from the site. There were no mitigating measures to offset these nuisances, and this should be followed up with EDF as it is unacceptable. A full Environmental Impact assessment would be required. Nothing exists at present.
 - The impact of the Stack holding site of the Old Felixstowe Road was raised and, although the EDF representatives met regularly with the emergency services, this seems not to have been considered, and would be followed up by them.
 - The regular closure of the Orwell Bridge was raised. The EDF representatives only had records of closure due to bad weather, and not the full picture on closures caused by accidents. If the FMF was west of the Bridge then lorries could be held there until the Bridge was cleared. The representatives felt there were already existing lorry holding parks along the A12 and A14, but were not specific on this.
 - Concern was expressed about higher traffic volumes not only at the Seven Hills Junction 58, but also at the Copdock interchange Junction 55, plus Junctions 56 and 57 on the A12/A14. Northbound on the A12, improvements should be made at the Seckford roundabout and the single carriageway to the Grundisburgh roundabout.
 - The proposed northern bypass was also mentioned but the Sizewell development was working to a different timescale.
 - It was felt that the lorries bound for Sizewell should use an FMF which was in the direction of travel and not cutting across main roads, and preferably to the west of the Orwell Bridge. The following were suggested to provide the 10ha size:
 - i. The redundant Toys R Us brownfield site
 - ii. A piece of land to the north west of the Seven Hills Junction [the land owner is the same for the Old Felixstowe Road site]
 - iii. The use of the lane access to the west of the A12 northbound between the Seven Hills and Foxhall Road junctions
 - iv. The Orwell Crossing site was mentioned but this had already been discounted as land was being sold off which resulted in insufficient space for an FMF.
 - If the Old Felixstowe Road site was chosen, or Innocence Farm, it would add to the coalescence of Ipswich and Felixstowe which the Parish Council strongly objects to.
 - The use of the FMF was likely to be 10 years when EDF Energy would have to return the site to its current use. This was questioned by those present as it was felt that once the agricultural land had been turned into a hard stand, it would remain so for ever. The EDF representatives stated that the return to original use would be a legally binding condition of planning consent and to do otherwise would render them as acting unlawfully.
 - The proposal for the building of Sizewell C, following public consultation, would be considered and decided upon in February 2020.

The Stage 4 consultation runs from 18th July to 27th September 2019 and the Parish Council agreed that they would respond based upon the above points.

8. IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE CONSULTATION

Members of the public are invited to have their say on the potential options for the Ipswich Northern Route when the consultation officially begins on 5 July 2019. The public are being asked to comment on three proposed routes for the new road to the north of Ipswich. The consultation is being jointly developed by Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough, East Suffolk and Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils. It is also supported by West Suffolk Council.

The consultation information and questionnaire will be available online and will run for ten weeks from Friday 5th July until Friday 13th September 2019.

The Parish Council discussed the different options and the impacts of the four proposed junctions. It was concluded that further sound evidence would be required on why the bass pass is required, what alternatives have been considered and the environmental impacts of the by pass options. The Clerk would respond to the consultation based on these queries.

9. INNOCENCE FARM UPDATE

The second day of the inspector hearing has now taken place and the sessions have dealt with the economic impacts, procedural and legal requirement side of things including the duty to co-operate and the sustainability appraisal.

The Cross-Boundary Group's James Neill, their barrister and Magnus Magnusson, the planning consultant, scoped the subject areas. They made a series of points including the apparent failure of East Suffolk to discuss with neighbouring councils the extent to which the needs for land for port related use could be met outside the plan area. They also raised the failure to revisit their site evaluation following the reduction in the supposed requirement for land for port related use. It was noted that the Inspector picked upon the concerns from all parties on Innocence Farm and then extended these by interrogating the Council on them. The Inspector appears to be concerned about over allocation of port related land.

Planning inspector session was noted for the 5th September and the Parish Council all agreed on what an excellent job the Cross-Boundary Group was doing.

10. CLERK AND VACANCIES UPDATE

A local Clerk has expressed an interested in taking over the role from the current Clerk. She would not be in a position to take over the role until January 2020. The Parish Council will be arranging a further meeting with her in due course.

11. CORRESPONDANCE

The Clerk's understanding is that Cllrs no longer wish to have the list of correspondence recd & sent. To note that Cllrs are sent all communications received by the Clerk unless clearly not relevant eg adverts for street furniture.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AREA OF REPOSNSIBILITY

- a. **Tree and Church field warden**
Nothing to report

- b. **Village Hall**
No meetings held & nothing to report.
- c. **Sir Robert Hitcham's Almshouses**
Nothing to report.
- d. **Public Transport**
Nothing to report
- e. **Coast & Heaths & footpaths (CHF)**
A resident has informed the CHF rep of a hornet's nest in a dead tree next to the public footpath that passes through the 'tree tunnel' joining Tankards Meadow with the Creek footpath. She has informed Martin Williams at Suffolk Council to see if he can arrange clearance of the wasp's nest which pose a threat to footpath users.
- f. **Nacton School**
Regular newsletters continued to be received during term time.
- g. **SALC**
DL and JM attended the Suffolk Area Forum on the 2nd Sep and notes have been distributed to the Parish Council.
- h. **Port Liaison Group**
Next meeting October 2019
- i. **Police/SNT:** Nothing to report.
- j. **Litter Pick:** Dates of the next litter pick to be published in the next newsletter and that a new volunteer has come forward to help.

Formal Meeting of the Parish Council ended at 8.47pm

VILLAGE FORUM (Opportunity to raise issues not necessarily on this agenda)