

LEVINGTON AND STRATTON HALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON

5th May 2021 AT 7.15 pm

Present:

Cllr David Long (Chairman)

Cllr Julian Mann

Cllr Andrew Abram

Cllr David Pryke

Cllr John Bailey

Cllr Patricia O'Brien

Parish Clerk Angie Buggs

3 members of the public

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2020/2021

This is a selection of news items from Suffolk County Council that have featured over the last 12 months.

March 2020

Suffolk County Council secures £3.1M for building decarbonisation initiative

Suffolk County Council (SCC), working in conjunction with property specialists Concertus, has been successful in gaining over £3M of funding from The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to promote capital energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation projects within buildings used to provide frontline public services.

Working with Concertus, the council has been preparing a range of packages to support the decarbonising of various buildings in the Council's estate including applications for the council's headquarters at Endeavour House in Ipswich, four rural fire stations, Beacon House, Waterloo Centre and Leiston Children's Centre.

The council's Children and Young People service also reviewed their portfolio of school buildings along with Concertus. This review resulted in the submission of grant applications for nine schools across the county, all of which were successful.

Suffolk wins funding for the next stage of A12 improvements

Announced during the Government's budget, Suffolk County Council has been successful in winning £830,000 of funding from the Department for Transport (DfT), to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) to take forward its plans to improve the A12 East of Ipswich.

This project is specifically looking to increase capacity and improve overall traffic flow at junctions and will explore the potential for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the A12.

April

More than 98% of pupils receive a preferred primary school on National Offer Day

On 16 April, it was reported that over 98.57% of Suffolk children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of the schools preferred by their parents.

Suffolk County Council received 7,602 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2020.

May

On 20 May, Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service announced the launch of its new Suffolk Heritage Explorer website at heritage.suffolk.gov.uk. This offers uses a completely free resource of interesting, up-to-date information on the archaeology and history of Suffolk.

The new website includes an upgraded searchable interactive map and a database of known archaeological sites, which can be used to discover more about Suffolk's history from the comfort of your home.

June

In June, a Lowestoft-based charity was the first organisation to benefit from free solar panels, as part of Suffolk County Council's Renewable Energy Fund.

Nirvana Health and Fitness, on Pinbush Road in Lowestoft, is now hosting a 70kWp solar panel installation and is benefitting from zero-carbon electricity.

The council's £400,000 Renewable Energy Fund is open to eligible businesses looking to reduce their energy costs and carbon footprint through solar power. Successful applicants will have solar panels supplied and installed for free.

Once the panels are installed, the business is sold electricity at a better rate than their existing tariff, so they will see immediate savings.

By June 3, more than 100,000 households across Suffolk were using faster broadband, thanks to the council-led Better Broadband for Suffolk programme.

The partnership - between Suffolk County Council, Openreach, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) and local councils – has made faster broadband available to around 150,000 premises so far, since being launched in 2010.

It means the current total superfast broadband coverage in Suffolk stands at more than 96 per cent, with plans currently in place to reach 98 per cent coverage before the end of the year.

The work will be carried out by Openreach – operator of the UK's largest phone and broadband network, used by BT, Sky, Plusnet and TalkTalk – and is set to start as soon as deployment under the current contract ends. Work will continue until September 2022.

July

At its meeting on 14 July 2020, the council's Cabinet reviewed and agreed an extensive programme of recommendations to achieve this **ambition to create a 'net zero' authority by 2030.**

The plans include dozens of changes and new ways of working, from making its pool car fleet all-electric, to making it mandatory for all future committee decisions to consider the net zero ambition.

Being 'net zero' means that the council will remove its carbon emissions where it can; if it is unable to do so, it will compensate for those emissions. The council will adopt a more detailed method to measure its carbon emissions output, so that it can more accurately track its progress on an annual basis.

As of 1 July 2020, people with vans, trailers and trade waste can now book to visit nine of Suffolk's 11 recycling centres.

All visitors will need to pre-book an appointment online, where they will be asked what type of vehicle they will use and whether they are bringing household or business waste. To prevent queuing on neighbouring roads, people without a booking will not be able to enter the site. Social distancing measures also operate on site.

There are a number of restrictions in place to help support social distancing at sites and to make sure waste is dealt with efficiently. These include:

- Vans with trailers will not be allowed on any site.
- Only one visit per household or vehicle within seven days. This allows more visitors on site, while maintaining social distancing and protecting the health and safety of site staff and users.
- Trailers must be no more than 750kg max gross weight, single axle and unbraked. No other trailer size or type is permitted.
- All waste should be pre-sorted to make your visit as quick and simple as possible and to maximise recycling.

August

On the 5 August, it was announced that Suffolk Highways completed its 1,000th resurfaced mile, following the Council's commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk's road network.

September

Monday 28 September saw the public able to access The Hold, Suffolk's flagship new heritage facility on Ipswich Waterfront.

The Hold, a versatile new building, will be the permanent home of the Suffolk Archives Ipswich branch and is shared with the University of Suffolk, who have dedicated teaching spaces within the building.

The creation of The Hold and its associated countywide programme of events and activities, has been made possible thanks to a grant of £10.3m from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, and further funding support from other national organisations and local Suffolk heritage groups.

On September 23, it was announced that 100 **fast charging points for electric vehicles** will be installed in rural parts of the county by Suffolk County Council.

The council will be reaching out to interested parish and town councils and non-profit organisations to put in fast chargers where there are currently none. The funding will cover the installation and set-up costs, meaning very little expense for the hosts and possibly creating a source of income for them. This project is the first to benefit from the council's Suffolk 2020 Fund, which was announced earlier this year. This is a £3m fund for the council's own projects to bid into. Projects must help address the council's climate emergency declaration and must improve Suffolk for all residents in years to come.

The £300,000 award will link into the council's existing Plug In Suffolk project, which was launched in February 2019. It is the UK's first 'fully open' public fast charging network for electric vehicles, meaning drivers simply pay by contactless payment with no need to register their details.

October

14 October marked the launch of Adopt East, a regional adoption agency which has been established to recruit adopters across the East of England.

Adopt East will work across local authorities in Southend, Thurrock, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Bedford and Luton to find families for children who are waiting to find their forever home. Adoptionplus, Barnardo's, and Adoption UK are also part of the partnership. The Adopt East alliance will deliver the highest quality adoption service to children and families throughout the region by bringing together the expertise and skills of all its partners.

In October, it was announced Suffolk's natural environment will receive investment for tree-planting, restoring hedgerows, and improving roadside verges for wildlife.

£228,000 from the Suffolk 2020 Fund will enable Suffolk County Council to enhance its work to protect and encourage biodiversity in the county. The authority will do this through a number of new schemes, as well as building on existing work.

Working with The Woodland Trust, Suffolk Tree Wardens, landowners, and county farm tenants, the funding will support the planting of around 100,000 trees, including replanting hedgerows in suitable locations across Suffolk over the next 18 months. It will also help establish around 10 community tree nurseries, which will support more planting in years to come. Local volunteers will be supported to collect seeds, set up nursery beds and grow trees in their communities.

November

Construction of Lowestoft's Gull Wing bridge will get underway early in 2021, following final approval of the scheme on Wednesday 25 November by the Government. The Gull Wing project team at Suffolk County Council received official confirmation that its full business case has been approved, meaning that the £73.39m funding from the Department of Transport can now be accessed.

On November 12 it was announced that Suffolk County Council successfully delivered the largest digital care project in its history, from procurement to delivery in just 16 weeks.

Working alongside care technology specialists, Alcove and Rethink Partners, the council delivered over 750 Carephone devices to elderly and vulnerable people, both in and outside of formal care settings, to help them, their families and care providers stay in touch during the coronavirus pandemic.

December

On December 16th, Suffolk won the Most Innovative Family Information Service award at the National Association of Family Information Service Awards (NAFIS), 2020.

The award highlights the work undertaken to adapt Suffolk's online Community Services Directory, Suffolk InfoLink (www.suffolk.gov.uk/infolink), to meet the public's rapidly changing needs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Community Information Team and teams across the children and young people's directorate worked together with thousands of community partners to collate and provide information to support

to the public. Many service providers in the voluntary and community sector were quick to adapt their offer and were supported to use Suffolk InfoLink to promote these opportunities to the public.

January

Suffolk 2020 fund project embraces love of the great outdoors – Discovering Suffolk

The Discovering Suffolk project was launched in January 2021.

The aim of the project is to raise further awareness of the range of great walking routes, areas of interest and the variety of landscapes that form Suffolk's beautiful countryside through public rights of way and points of access.

The key element of the Discovering Suffolk project is the development of a smartphone app alongside a range of supporting QR codes fixed to rights of way signposts located along different routes to promote walking, cycling and exploring in Suffolk's countryside.

February 2021

Suffolk County Council's cabinet confirms its support for Freeport East.

On February 23, the cabinet of the county council confirmed its support for the creation of a new Freeport (Freeport East).

The Freeport would cover both the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich as part of the Government's aim to create a number of Freeports across the country to drive job creation, investment and international trade post Brexit.

A Freeport includes secure customs zones and tax sites where business can be carried out inside a country's land border, but where different tax and customs rules apply.

Freeport East has several unique aspects which make its bid for Freeport status particularly strong. This includes global and regional connectivity, with 36% of all the UK's container traffic passing through the Port of Felixstowe, unrivalled international connections, particularly with Asia, strong connectivity to the Midlands and the North, thereby supporting the government's "levelling up agenda" in these areas. The bid also stands out as supporting other national objectives such as the development of new technology and the push for clean energy. The Port of Felixstowe has recently won funding to trial a pilot 5G network and has strong research and development links with Cambridge and Essex

Suffolk County Council pushes ahead to new levels of digital connectivity as it launches sensor "gateway" roll-out.

Suffolk County Council launched a new initiative on Friday 19th February, deploying 'gateways' to build a network that covers all of Suffolk.

This will enable individuals or organisations to measure things like temperature, sound and movement via sensors linked to the Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRaWAN).

The network is being built in partnership with Norfolk County Council and funded by the New Anglia LEP. Once finished, the network will be made up of almost 100 'gateways' or data receivers and transmitters fitted to public sector buildings across the county. This will make Suffolk's rollout part of the largest free to use LoRaWAN deployment in the UK. Norfolk County Council launched its part of the network last September.

Businesses and individuals can buy their own sensors, adapt them to measure different things like visitor numbers, weather data and temperature, and tap into the gateways for free.

On 17th February it was announced that Suffolk Highways allocated an extra £2m to support the fight against flooding.

Drainage and flooding, Rights of Way bridges and resurfacing of roads in Suffolk have been allocated extra funds for the 2021/22 financial year following Department for Transport's funding announcement.

Major infrastructure projects now underway in East Anglia

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

No report received.

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).

Marian Rose asked whether residents could be made aware of the contents of the letter from a parishioner. Cllr D Long said it was a multi-point letter and the Parish Council had not disclosed the name of the person who had written the letter. Ian Angus, who was present at the meeting, said that he had written the letter because he wanted to put on record that the Parish Council had let itself down by not upholding its high standards with regard to the planning application for the Chairman's property. Ian Angus said that the Parish Council had dealt with a complicated and sensitive issue and he felt that it had been dealt with inappropriately. No Lead Councillor had been appointed which meant that those villagers who did not have access to the internet could not make their views known. Ian Angus stated that those villagers without computers continue to be ignored by the Parish Council and he asked that the Parish Council look at what provision will be made in the future for those villagers to receive the village newsletter and other information which at present they cannot access. Marian Rose stated that she shared Ian Angus' concerns about the distribution of the village newsletter and that she hoped the Parish Council, now the Covid19 situation has improved, will once again deliver hard copies of the village newsletter to those residents disenfranchised by not having access to a computer. Cllr D Long said that the Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of newsletter editor. He went on to say that unfortunately during the period of Covid19 restrictions printing companies were not working therefore it had not been possible to have the newsletter printed. However, he said that the Parish Council managed to have Christmas copy printed which was distributed to all residents. Cllr D Long said that the Parish Council are not receiving a lot of input from local organisations. Cllr D Long asked Ian Angus, as he is the appointed Trustee for the Parish Council, whether he was prepared to continue in office.

The formal meeting of the Parish Council started at 7.30 pm.

34.21 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE HIS/HER ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr D Long asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr J Bailey proposed that Cllr D Long be elected as Chairman, seconded by Cllr D Pryke – all in favour. As there were no other nominations, Cllr D Long was duly elected. Due to Covid19 restrictions Cllr D Long will sign his Declaration of Office at a later date.

35.21 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN AND RECEIVE HIS/HER ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr D Long asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. No nominations were received therefore this item was deferred until the next meeting. It is not a mandatory requirement for Parish Council to nominate a Vice Chairman. **Action: Clerk**

36.21 TO ELECT COMMITTEES, OFFICERS, LEAD COUNCILLORS & CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL

The Parish Council agreed to elect the following committees and officers. **Action: Clerk**

Planning Committee – full Parish Council

Parish Clerk/RFO – Angie Buggs

Finance Advisory Group – Cllr D Long, Cllr A Abram, Cllr J Mann

SALC – Cllr D Long and Cllr J Mann (reserve)

Village Hall Committee – Cllr Julian Mann (Trustee)

Coastal Heath and Footpaths – Louise Overbury

Church Field Warden – Cllr David Long

Tree Warden – Neil Bixby

Church Field Management and Working Party – Parish Council plus Neil Bixby

Almshouses Trustee – Ian Angus

Public Transport – Cllr J Mann

Emergency Planning Group – Cllr D Long, Cllr J Mann

Newsletter Editor/Producer – Daniel Garner until replacement volunteer appointed

Neighbourhood Watch – Vacant

Port Liaison Meetings – Cllr D Pryke, Cllr J Bailey

Operation Stack Steering Group – Cllr D Long, Cllr D Pryke

SNT Police Tasking Meetings – Cllr D Long

Nacton Primary School – Clerk

Website and Statutory Notices - Clerk

Cross Boundary Group (Innocence Farm) - Cllr D Pryke, Cllr J Bailey, Cllr D Long (deputy)

Internal Auditor – Trevor Brown

External Auditors – PK Littlejohn

Litter Picking – Cllr A Abram

Community Partnership – Cllr D Long, Cllr J Bailey

Remembrance Day Arrangements – Cllr D Long

37.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

38.21 CODE OF CONDUCT & DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

39.21 TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 3RD MARCH 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd March 2021, which had previously been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record by Cllr D Long (Chairman).

40.21 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LATEST MINUTES (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

29.21 Consultation on Highways Work A12 Seven Hills (A1156) to Woods Lane (A1152).

Cllr D Long said that he had submitted the Parish Council's comments to East Suffolk Council on the Freight Management Facility and the impact of the additional traffic on the A1156 junction leading on to the Seven Hill junction. Noted.

41.21 FINANCE

a. Income since last meeting	
Precept (full year's precept)	£8,870.00
East Suffolk Council – Covid19 Website Funding	£194.90
b. Expenditure	
Mrs A J Buggs – Salary & Expenses March/April 2021	£715.30
SALC Subscription	£143.14
Louise Overbury – Dog Bags	£14.29
Levington PCC – Friends of St Peters – Wild Flowers	£100.00
c. Bank Balances at 31st March 2021	
Community Account	£21,704.68
Premium Account	£7,703.70

The Parish Council noted the balances as at the 31st March 2021 for both the Community Account and the Premium Account.

Cllr D Pryke proposed, seconded Cllr J Mann that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

d. To discuss the funding of wild flower seeds for Church Field

Cllr D Long stated that the Parish Council had received a request by the Friends of St Peters for the sum of £100.00. It refers back to 2017 when Adams donated £200.00 and the Parish Council had paid £55.48. We have had £100.00 in our reserve since this donation was made. Cllr D Pryke said that the Parish Council should note that this initiative was previously managed by Ian Angus when he was a Parish Councillor but is now being managed by the Friends of St Peters. Cllr J Mann proposed that the Parish Council agree to the donation of £100.00, seconded Cllr D Pryke – all in favour.

e. To discuss funding of the Covid19 website for a second year

Ole Henriksen approached the Parish Council regarding continuing to fund the Covid19 website for a second year at a cost of £194.90. The £194.90 has received funding from East Suffolk Council therefore it is a nil contribution by the Parish Council. Cllr D Long stated that currently we have two village websites and in the future the Parish Council will need to consider the future of both websites.

42.21 TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2020/2021

Cllr D Long stated that the Annual Accounts 2020/2021 had been prepared and distributed to all councillors well in advance of the meeting. Cllr J Bailey proposed that the Parish Council approve the accounts, seconded Cllr D Pryke – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

43.21 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE AGAR PART 2 – 2020/2021

a. Section 1 Internal Control

Section 1 Internal Control of the AGAR had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman asked for any comments. Cllr J Bailey proposed that the Chairman sign Section 1 Internal Control on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded Cllr J Mann – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

b. Section 2 Accounting Statement

Section 2 Accounting Statement of the AGAR had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman asked for any comments. Cllr J Bailey proposed that the Chairman sign Section 2 Accounting Statement on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded Cllr J Mann – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

c. Certificate of Exemption

Certificate of Exemption of the AGAR has been circulated prior to the meeting and the Chairman asked for comments. The Clerk reported that in order to qualify for exemption of an external audit that either the Parish Council's income or expenditure for the year must be below £25,000. Cllr J Mann proposed that the Chairman sign the Certificate of Exemption on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded Cllr A Abram – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for professionally undertaking the accountancy on behalf of the Parish Council.

44.21 TO DISCUSS PROGRESS WITH QUIET LANES INITIATIVE

Cllr J Bailey said that the Parish Council should receive the final acceptance of its proposal by the middle of May. Cllr J Bailey stated that although Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council would have their costs covered by Suffolk Quiet Lanes, some parishes who have put forward 6 or 7 quiet lanes would have to provide a considerable amount of finance. The organisers of the initiative are asking for donations from Parish Councils to help parishes who will incur large bills. Cllr J Bailey asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to make a financial donation. Cllr D Long proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle to making a donation between £50 and £100 to Suffolk Quiet Lanes at a later date should it be advantageous for us to do so, seconded Cllr D Pryke – all in favour. **Action: Cllr J Bailey / Clerk**

45.21 PLANNING

Cllr D Long stated that the Clerk had prepared a list of all Planning Applications which the Parish Council had been consulted on over the last 2 years to enable him to report at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was noted that a number of applications are still pending. The Parish Council accepted the document as a record. **Action: Clerk**

46.21 SIZEWELL C – EAST SUFFOLK COUNCILS LOCAL IMPACT NETWORK

Cllr D Long stated that since the last meeting the Parish Council had received a draft statement from East Suffolk Council on the local impact of the Freight Management Facility (FMF) which we share views and opinions on. Cllr D Long said that the Parish Council had found it underwhelming and not representative of the impact that it would have on our parish, neighbouring parishes and road users.

The Parish Council had responded to East Suffolk Council and included a copy of the submission made to the National Planning Inspector on their views on the FMF. We have also received from the Sizewell C Examining Committee a list of questions they are submitting to the developer and East Suffolk Council. In the recent Sizewell Community Newsletter (Page 6) it pledges that all the land used in the project including FMF will be reinstated.

47.21 TO DISCUSS LOCAL FOOTPATHS

a. No cycling signs

Cllr D Long asked whether any councillors had considered designs for “no cycling signs”. Cllr D Pryke commented that he thought the signs should be different sizes and wording according to the position of the signs. It was agreed that Cllr J Mann and Cllr D Pryke should consider each location where a sign should be provided and make recommendations as to the type of sign required. **Action: Cllr J Mann / Cllr D Pryke**

b. Condition

Cllr D Long reported that the Parish Council had been in contact with Martin Williams Suffolk County Council Footpaths Officer since the last meeting regarding several issues. Martin Williams has stated that the structure of the Boardwalk through the rushes down by the river will soon need replacing. Cllr D Long said that the Parish Council should thank both Martin Williams and the landowner for repairing and rerouting Footpath 25 so promptly which had a landslip (footpath between Levington Creek and Nacton Picnic Site). A problem was also identified with Bridleway 22 which had overhanging trees which were dangerous to horses and riders. This matter was reported to Suffolk County Council and has been dealt with. Cllr J Mann stated that problems with the Boardwalk at Nacton Meadows had been reported to Suffolk County Council.

48.21 TO DISCUSS FLY TIPPING

The village has been experiencing high numbers of fly tipping. The Parish Council had contacted the police and the Community Engagement Officer was contacting a number of her colleagues to try and come up with some solutions. It was agreed that the Parish Council should contact the Community Engagement Officer for an update **Action: Clerk**

Recently the Parish Council was contacted by a visitor who had witnessed someone fly tipping garden waste. The witness was able to note a telephone number which was on the side of the van and East Suffolk Council were going to follow up this lead.

49.21 UK POWER NETWORKS – NETWORK IMPROVEMENT TO LEVINGTON – to note request to excavate Church Field and Parish Council refusal

The Parish Council were approached by UK Power Networks to lay an electricity cable along Church Field. Following consultation with all councillors they were notified that the Parish Council were not in agreement with laying the cable along the edge of Church Field.

50.21 CASUAL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had written a one-page profile asking residents to volunteer to serve on the Parish Council. The leaflets have been distributed to all houses in the village. **Action: All councillors / Clerk**

51.21 TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE OF TRICKERS WOOD

A site meeting was held between Parish Councillors and Ian Angus on the 4th May. As a result of the meeting, it was proposed that the grass area be levelled and filled in to the depth of the green fence posts and reseeded. Cllr J Bailey said he felt that this section of verge should not be changed either by profile or the grass itself. Cllr J Bailey felt that changes should not be made without proper consultation. Cllr D Long proposed that an examination of the extent to which we can rewild parts of this verge, seconded Cllr J Mann – 4 in favour, 1 against. **Action: All Councillors / Clerk**

52.21 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM A PARISHIONER

The Chairman reported that a letter has been received from Ian Angus dated 25th March as a result of a planning meeting held on the 24th March. The Chairman stated that all councillors had been sent a copy of the letter and also a copy of the proposed response. Cllr D Pryke stated that Ian Angus had stated that the Parish Council had not appointed a Lead Councillor to the planning application submitted by the Chairman. Cllr D Pryke stated that although a Lead Councillor was not advertised on the notice of the meeting, four near neighbours had been notified by East Suffolk Planning Department and of those four, two were contacted by himself. Cllr D Long said that the letter does ask other questions such as vacancies on the Parish Council, councillor training and policies. It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to Ian Angus' letter based on the discussions tonight.

Action: Clerk / Cllr D Long

53.21 CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant correspondence has been forwarded to councillors.

54.21 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

a. Tree and Church Warden

Nothing to report.

b. Village Hall

Cllr J Mann reported on the latest meeting of the Village Hall Trustee Committee. Cllr J Mann stated that once the official guidance gives the go ahead the Village Hall would be reopened. Councillors discussed whether the Parish Council would be able to use the Village Hall for their next meeting. Cllr D Long reported that the Clerk had been investigating other options outside of the parish.

c. Sir Robert Hitcham's Almshouses

Cllr D Long reported that the trustees have submitted planning applications for improvements to the Almshouses.

d. Public Transport

Cllr J Mann said that he regularly monitors whether the bus service is running and that the bus does not leave earlier than scheduled.

e. Coast & Heath and Footpaths (CHF)

See Minute 47.21.

f. Nacton School

Nothing to report.

g. SALC

The Parish Council continues to have regular updates which are very useful.

h. Port Liaison Group

Nothing to report.

i. Police/SNT

Nothing to report. The SNT have been contacted re fly tipping as per Minute 48.21.

55.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7th July 2021 (Venue to be confirmed.)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.26 pm.

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

Ian Angus said that he was unaware that he was the official Parish Council representative on the Almshouses Committee and asked whether in the future would the Parish Council like a regular report to consider at meetings. Members of the Parish Council thanked Ian Angus and said this would be very useful.

Ian Angus stated that the Church does have permission to hold public services and subject to Covid19 rules could accommodate the Parish Council on week days/evening and would be happy to do so at no cost.

Signed..... Date

Angie Buggs
Clerk to Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council