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1807 <u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2020</u>

In attendance (via video conferencing): Councillors Kay, Elliot, Gold, Reid and Archer

1 member of the public **Clerk:** Rebecca Todd

- 1. To **RECEIVE** apologies for absence Cllr Lyon (personal), SCC Cllr O'Brien (illness).
- **2.** To **RECEIVE** declarations of interest none.

To **RECEIVE** delegated Declaration of Interest Dispensation decisions or **APPROVE** non-delegated DPI dispensations requested by a councillor – none.

Parish Issues – An opportunity for parishioners to bring matters to the attention of the Parish Council and for parishioners to seek guidance from the Council.

- **3.** To **RECEIVE** reports from SCC Cllr Patricia O'Brien, ESC Cllrs Melissa Allen & Richard Kerry and Suffolk Police. See supporting documents. Councillors were concerned by the number of reported crimes. Many of these were likely to be related to reports of graffiti, however, councillors queried what other 'antisocial behaviour' had been occurring. Councillors had not heard of further motorbike problems at the guarry or environs.
- **4.** To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **14**th **July 2020**. Cllr Kay proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Elliot and agreed by all.
- **5. MATTERS for REPORT** from minutes of previous meetings and to **REVIEW ACTION POINTS** from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **14**th **July 2020.** See supporting documents. Cllrs Reid and Elliot have the facility to laminate a no littering sign for the bin compound.
- **6.** To **CONSIDER** Planning Applications for **COMMENTS**.

DC/20/2710/FUL Rosemary Cottage, Sandy Lane, Waldringfield – the removal of a section of southern boundary rear garden hedging and its replacement with fencing of a similar height. Case officer Liz Beighton. Comments by 24th August. See supporting documents. Cllr Elliot outlined that an approved planning application for the property (by the previous owners) had a condition to maintain the height of the hedging (to screen the neighbouring property from a new balcony). In this application, the applicant states that the hedge is 'diseased and dying' and, although they state that the boundary is not their 'legal responsibility', they propose to erect fencing 'up to 30ft in length and 11ft in height'. Councillors referred to the report of the PC's Tree Warden, which outlines that only a section of hedging is in poor condition. Councillors also referred to an image of the proposed fencing, which includes trellis on top. Cllr Reid said that while it is natural for hedging to grow to 11 feet in height, a fence of such height is forbidding. Cllr Reid gueried if the neighbours from Elm Cottage had made comments; councillors were unsure if this property is vacant. Councillors acknowledged that boundary ownership and responsibilities are a matter for the property owners. Cllr Elliot voiced concerns that the height of the proposed new fence is both unsightly and may make it vulnerable to wind damage; Cllr Gold supported this view. Cllr Elliot suggested that only the dying section of hedge could be replaced with a regular height fence and hedging. All councillors supported the findings of the Tree Warden's report and agreed for CIIr Elliot to adopt comments made in WPC's response to Planning, which will be circulated and agreed before the Clerk sends off. Cllr Kay proposed that WPC objects to the application due to only part of the hedge dying and the unsightly large fence, seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed by all.

To **MAKE ARRANGEMENTS** to deal with applications received after publication of this agenda. None received.

To **NOTE** any application decisions received – see separate list.

To **RECEIVE** any other planning information - this will include considering EA3's application for a non-material change to its planning consent to amend the parameters of its offshore substations and wind turbines. Consultation ends 30th September. Cllr Elliot suggested that nothing in the application appears to be negative, highlighting a reduced number of turbines. All councillors agreed that no comments will be made. There was some brief discussion about possible planning changes due to Government announcements; Cllr Elliot said that the new permitted rights do not apply in an AONB.

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7. To **RECEIVE** updates/reports on public rights of way, verges and road safety matters. This will include **APPROVING** the quotation of £138.78 for 'no cycling' signage on the river wall and considering how to mount the additional sign. Cllr Reid asked if the Environment Agency sign will be replaced. The Clerk said she had contacted the EA (with no response) but her understanding is that the sign only refers to the flood wall; Cllr Elliot said that she understands the EA maintains the section of footpath from the Boatyard to Crystal Creek but not the section beyond Crystal Creek and Manor House. There was some discussion about the wording of the sign. The member of the public present suggested mentioning motorbikes might encourage a problem that does not exist. Councillors approved the following wording: Riding bicycles along any part of this footpath is prohibited. Cllr Elliot proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Cllr Reid and approved by all. The member of the public present gave their permission to mount one of the signs on their fence, at the boatyard end of the path. WPC will later decide how and where to mount the third sign and will ask the landowner for permission (the second sign will replace the temporary one at Manor House).

Councillors discussed the comments made recently on Waldringfielders about speeding in Cliff Road; Cllr Elliot said residents had called her about the issue, asking for 20mph to be marked on the road. Cllr Reid mentioned that he and Cllr Lyon, in the past, had conducted a survey of signage in the village and suggested at least two posts are suitable for mounting repeater signs; highway posts do not have to be used, telegraph poles can also be used. Cllr Elliot suggested a roundel on the road would be more noticeable. The Clerk highlighted that the two SLOW roundels entering the village have never been painted by Suffolk Highways (as agreed) so suggested that Highways could be persuaded to paint 20mph in Cliff Road instead, a view supported by councillors. Cllr Reid suggested copying in SCC Cllr O'Brien. Cllr Reid suggested the Clerk could offer to Highways that WPC installs its own repeater signs. The Clerk highlighted problems joining the Community Self Help Scheme, due to a lack of available training. A resident had recently taken it upon themself to prune a branch obscuring a sign in Cliff Road, after gaining permission from the tree's owner.

- **8.** To **RECEIVE** updates on the playing field. The Clerk highlighted that the total cost of replacing the parallel bars and installing safety surfacing will be £1,271, as Fenland are charging an installation fee (the bars are being replaced freely but the charge is for the safety surfacing). This figure was approved by all councillors. There was some discussion regarding concerns about the level of service received from Norse. Cllr Reid proposed the Clerk contacts Newbourne PC, to ask which company they use for inspections; perhaps a joint approach could save money.
- 9. To **RECEIVE** updates on signage for the beach. Cllr Gold said that, as a Fairway Committee meeting had not taken place, she was not sure why the signage was opposed, possibly because members objected to another sign. Councillors agreed that no further action will be taken at this stage, particularly as worrying behaviours in the river are a rare occurrence.
- 10. To CONSIDER becoming an interested party in the pre-examination stage of the Sizewell C Development Consent Order (DCO) application. This will require WPC registering an interest on the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) website and providing a short written summary of WPC's views on the DCO application. This is not a public consultation. The process concludes 30th September, before the examination period. Cllr Kay gave an update from the joint SCC and ESC Zoom meeting he had attended, highlighting an extra 1,000 HGV movements a day on the A12 (in addition to the extra traffic from Brightwell Lakes). Cllr Kay said that any response cannot object to governmental nuclear policy. Cllr Elliot suggested the PC could continue to be supportive of groups such as the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance. Cllr Gold suggested that registering WPC's interest adds weight to representations. Cllr Kay volunteered to draft a summary of WPC's concerns, which councillors agreed were related to traffic on the A12, the impact on natural areas and damage to a fragile coast. Cllr Kay will circulate the document for agreement.
- **11.** To **CONSIDER** a response to the Local Government Association's consultation on a new model member code of conduct. Consultation ends 17th August. Cllr Elliot suggested the new model code is not radically different, with no particular improvement. The new code is stricter on declaring non-pecuniary interests, which could lead to some difficulties reaching quorum. The Clerk highlighted that councillors may be held to account for personal social media posts which may bring a council into disrepute. Councillors felt a response was unnecessary.
- **12.** To **CONSIDER** a response to NALC's policy consultation on the upcoming Devolution White Paper. Consultation ends 17th August. Councillors felt a response was unnecessary.

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13. To **CONSIDER** WPC support for the Local Electricity Bill. Cllr Reid suggested the proposed bill is reasonable and has cross-party support, allowing power to be used locally and increasing incentives for local generation schemes and a low carbon future. Cllr Reid highlighted that, if WPC so wished, it could erect turbines. Cllr Reid proposed supporting the bill, seconded by Cllr Kay and approved by all. The Clerk will sign the proposed resolution on behalf of WPC.

14. CLERK AND RFO REPORT

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** applications for community grants, if any. None received.

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** items of expenditure, and sign cheques and arrange for approval of BACS accordingly – see separate list. Cllr Archer proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Elliot and approved by all (Cllr Kay abstaining as a payee). Cllrs Archer and Kay will approve the BACS on Unity Trust, as Cllr Reid is currently away (Cllr Kay is not benefitting, merely claiming an expense). Tony Lyon asked the Clerk to thank WPC for his wine.

To **RECEIVE** and **APPROVE** the Financial Reports and **UNDERTAKE** the independent Bank Reconciliation. Cllr Gold proposed approval, seconded by Cllr Reid and agreed by all.

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** a quotation of £425 for works associated with the replacement of the Cliff Road bench. Cllr Reid suggested the quotation is reasonable for the amount of work involved (including disposing of the old bench, with its heavy concrete ends); the new foundation will be a long-term solution and may be used for replacement benches in years to come. Cllr Kay proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Cllr Gold and approved by all. The Clerk suggested that she could approach SCC Cllr O'Brien for a grant to fund the work, which councillors supported.

To **CONSIDER** any quotations received for printing the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk queried if the printing cost was justified, as she had not received many contributions for the September edition. Councillors agreed that the September edition would be electronic only, with a view to printing copies in December. Cllr Elliot suggested a flyer should be produced and printed, to advertise for new councillors. All councillors agreed that it was important to recruit new councillors and approved printing a flyer. The Clerk will draft some wording and email to councillors for approval; she will also liaise with the newsletter deliverers.

- 15. To **REVIEW** and **UPDATE**, as appropriate, the policies of the Parish Council and the Parish Plan (including the Emergency Plan). This will include **APPROVING** the Website Accessibility Statement. The Clerk outlined the work she had undertaken, checking the Parish Council area of the website is accessible. The statement is an amalgamation of that produced by the website hosts, Community Action Suffolk, and the government template. Although the regulations only apply to the PC information, the Clerk will work on making the village website more accessible (ie ensuring alternative text for photos), assisted by Alyson Videlo. The Clerk thanked Alyson Videlo for her help. Cllr Kay proposed the approval of the Website Accessibility Statement, seconded by Cllr Elliot and agreed by all.
- **16.** To **CONSIDER** any correspondence received before the meeting see separate list. Councillors briefly discussed the NALC planning consultations received via SALC. Cllr Kay offered to draft comments for circulation, to be approved at the next meeting, which was agreed by all.

Relating to comments received about mud slides being created on the saltings, Cllr Gold had spoken with the landowner, who said they will probably need to erect a sign; WPC is unable to assist in the matter.

17. PARISH MATTERS for the next meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.30pm.

REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS FROM THE MEETING

Bin Compound Signage – The Clerk to print an A4 sign and forward to Cllr Elliot or Reid for laminating. **DC/20/2710/FUL Rosemary Cottage, Sandy Lane** – Cllr Elliot to draft a response and circulate to other councillors for approval, before emailing to the Clerk to send off before 24th August.

River Wall Signage – the Clerk to liaise with the printer regarding wording. Councillors to agree where and how to mount the third sign.

Cliff Road – the Clerk to ask Suffolk Highways to paint a 20mph roundel on the road and supply 3 repeater signs.

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Playing Field – the Clerk to ask Newbourne PC which company inspects and maintains its equipment. **Sizewell C** – Cllr Kay to draft a summary of the PC's views for the PINS website, to be agreed by other councillors.

Local Electricity Bill – the Clerk to sign the resolution supporting the bill on behalf of WPC.

BACS Payments – Cllrs Kay and Archer to approve the online payments.

Cliff Road Bench – the Clerk to accept the quotation of £425 and ask SCC Cllr O'Brien if grant funding is possible.

Councillor Advertising Flyer – the Clerk to draft wording for agreement by councillors and liaise with newsletter deliverers.

NALC Planning Consultations – Cllr Kay to draft a response for agreement by councillors.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ITEM 3

To **RECEIVE** reports from SCC Cllr Patricia O'Brien, ESC Cllrs Melissa Allen & Richard Kerry and Suffolk Police.

Suffolk County Council - July Report 2020

Lockdown is beginning to ease, and like all of you, I am looking forward to meeting normally. Answering phone calls, emails – my everyday chores – haven't let up, although there have been fewer.

I have copied info from SCC that relates to services and issues carried out during lockdown.

A plan, published 30^{th} June, sets out how Suffolk would prevent and respond to a localised outbreak of COVID-19. The Suffolk Control Plan will be triggered where there are suspected or confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks in any setting or community within the county. It outlines measures to prevent, manage, and contain outbreaks of Coronavirus and protect the public's health. It builds on existing relationships and processes in place with partner agencies across Suffolk. Suffolk has received £2.79million from a £300million Government fund to support delivery of the Local Outbreak Control Plan.

As Suffolk's response to the Covid-19 pandemic enters its fourth month, the team set up in March to source and distribute personal protective equipment (PPE), to support service providers across the county continues to operate from Suffolk County Council's offices in Ipswich. So far over 2.3 million items of PPE across Suffolk has been delivered.

Both SCC and East Suffolk council have serious concerns regarding the Sizewell C proposals forwarded by EDF Energy. Although EDF complied with the legal requirements they have fallen considerable short in information. Town and parish councils have raised the same concerns, that substantive information is missing, and therefore the proposals are inadequate. It is hoped that SCC and East Suffolk can have constructive discussions to address the unresolved issues.

SCC led Better Broadband programme has reached more than 100,000 households. 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 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.

A positive result of the lockdown has been that the police have seen fewer crimes and they have had success in catching several of the 'county lines' distributers with the help of the Metropolitan Police. County lines are a network of drug distribution from centres such as London, Birmingham etc. Very often children are used in this crime.

SCC are planning to expand and improved Foxhall Recycling Centre. The planning application will be submitted by the end of July.

At last I am pleased to see partnership working within different organisations. It makes so much sense for district councils, county, police, fire to work together to reduce overheads and co-operate.

Locality grant available

PATRICIA O'BRIEN

Suffolk Police

The interactive crime map for June shows 16 reported crimes in Waldringfield: Deben Lane – 7 reports of criminal damage or arson Nr Maybush – 1 antisocial behaviour, 1 criminal damage or arson, 1 public order

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Cliff Road – 1 criminal damage or arson, 1 other theft
Village Way – 1 antisocial behaviour, 1 criminal damage or arson
Ipswich Road crossroads – 1 antisocial behaviour
Nr Golf Club – 1 antisocial behaviour

Link to the latest newsletter (June):

https://www.suffolk.police.uk/sites/suffolk/files/ceo constables county august - online.pdf

Contents:

The Felixstowe and Woodbridge SNT have been on visible patrols to tackle ASB in parks and open spaces. Operation Lolworth is a policing initiative where officers patrol "hot spot" areas that are most effected by ASB and crime. Local officers have been engaging with the public to provide reassurance. We continue to work with partner agencies to take steps to deter and prevent further incidents of crime and ASB.

County Lines disruption continues with stop searches and visits to vulnerable addresses. Meanwhile, during the summer months the reporting of theft and burglary offences increases and social media and Police Connect continue to be used to inform the public what is happening in your area.

As Community Engagement Officer I have been supporting the Safer Neighbourhood with high visibility patrols in Felixstowe and Woodbridge. I have visited a number of shops and supermarkets where I have spoken to staff and customers about local issues and offer advice on crime prevention.

As the world starts to find a new normal the SNT in east Ipswich have been speaking with residents. Our Police Community Support Officers have continued to show a great presence out on foot with patrols in parks, residential and commercial areas on a daily basis. This has been a really positive experience as the public have shown an interest in policing and approached officers for a chat. I have taken to Police Connect and our social media sites to advertise a number of "street meets" outside shops such as Sainsbury's and Co-op stores. This is an opportunity for the community to be told in advance of where we will be and it has been beneficial to hear from residents what their concerns are and discuss local policing issues.

Of course, usually this would have been the time we see a lot of our older primary school students before they embark on high school life. I'm really pleased to have been invited in to support our School Liaison Team as we have conducted some socially distanced talks about staying safe during summer holidays and walking to school. This has coincided with discussions around acting responsibly and respectfully when out and about as well as when using online platforms.

Finally, proactive work has continued as officers have targeted road traffic offences, making seizures and issuing tickets for no insurance, along with a number of stops and encounter checks of individuals resulting in seizure of cannabis.

ITEM 5

MATTERS for **REPORT** from minutes of previous meetings and to **REVIEW ACTION POINTS** from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2020.

Minutes of 9th June – The Clerk to amend reference to Manor End (changing to Manor House) and email to Cllr Kay for signing. DONE

Village Sign – Cllr Kay to purchase two bottles of wine as a thank you for Tony Lyon. The Clerk to organise payment of receipts for paint. DONE

DC/20/2355/FUL Quayside, The Quay – Cllr Elliot to amend comments of the Planning Group and circulate to councillors for approval; the Clerk to sent to ESC Planning. DONE

River Wall Footpath – The Clerk to chase PROW and forward details of the custom signs to councillors (to agree wording) then ask PROW for agreement. DONE

Playing Field – the Clerk to accept the in-warranty replacement of the parallel bars and the quote for the safety surfacing. The Clerk to ask Norse for a quotation to fill in the sandpit. DONE, SEE ITEM 8

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River Signage – the Clerk to get a quotation for a sign to read 'beware strong tides' and to ask the Fairway Committee for permission to attach to a scrubbing post. The Clerk also to advise the Fairway Committee that Cllr Reid will be replacing Cllr Matheson as WPC representative on the committee. DONE, SEE ITEM 9

Rubbish – the Clerk to resend examples of additional signage for the bin compound. DONE – TO PRINT & LAMINATE

Sizewell C – the Clerk to confirm WPC as a signatory to the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance's letter to the Secretary of State. Cllr Kay to 'attend' the Joint Local Authorities Group's virtual engagement event on 29th July. DONE

LGA's Consultation on a New Model Code of Conduct – councillors to consider the new suggested document for discussion at the August WPC meeting. SEE ITEM 11

Foxhall Road Recycling Centre – the Clerk to send a positive response to the pre-planning application. DONE

Groundwork East Survey - Cllr Reid to complete on behalf of WPC. DONE?

Suffolk Friends of the Earth – the Clerk to advise that this grant request does not fulfil the criteria of the WPC policy. DONE

BACS Payments – Clirs Reid and Archer to approve, once the Barclays cheque has cleared. CLLRS REID & KAY APPROVED ALL PAYMENTS EXCEPT ONE FOR CLLR KAY, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY CLLRS REID & ARCHER

Cliff Road Bench – the Clerk to order the Braemar bench from Cyan Teak Furniture, ask ESC Cllrs Kerry & Allen for confirmation of funding, and ask John Nunn for a quotation for installation work. DONE, SEE ITEM 14

ITEM 6

To **CONSIDER** Planning Applications for **COMMENTS**:

DC/20/2710/FUL Rosemary Cottage, Sandy Lane – the removal of a section of southern boundary rear garden hedging and its replacement with fencing of a similar height. Case officer Liz Beighton. Comments by 24th August.

This section of hedging is diseased and dying. The section is up to 30ft long with a trimmed height of 10/11ft Planning consent C12/2396) dated 27 June 2012, contained obligations concerning our rear southern boundary to do with maintaining its integrity. We assume, to protect our neighbours privacy from being overlooked from the proposed balcony. In particular, it states:- 'Any trees or hedgerows removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased within five years.....shall be replaced....' As this five year window has expired, our interpretation of the guidance is we could removed the diseased section and replace with new hedging or normal garden fencing, or, as the southern boundary is not our legal responsibility but our neighbours, do nothing. However, we feel this would be unsatisfactory as it would not provide our neighbour with adequate protection from being overlooked. A new hedge would take a substantial number of years to reach a suitable height and may, in any case, fail for the same reasons as the current hedge. We there propose to replace the hedge with fencing of an appropriate height. This fencing to comprise of concrete posts with timber panels. It would be up to 30ft in length and 11ft in height and would provide the neighbour with the same level of privacy as historically enjoyed.

To **NOTE** any application decisions received

DC/20/1687/VOC Church Farm, Mill Road – variation of condition 3 of DC/19/1169/VOC. Variation of condition 3 of application C/12/0287/FUL, erection of replacement dwelling and conversion of barn to provide an additional dwelling together with associated change of use of land to garden. Existing caravan and lean-to structures to be removed. Variation of approved plans. Application permitted.

DC/20/1829/DRC The New Rectory, Mill Road – discharge of condition 6 of DC/19/2123/FUL, proposed demolition of existing two-storey detached dwelling to be replaced by new two-storey dwelling and integral garage including all new landscaping works. Landscaping details. Application permitted.

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DC/20/2358/FUL 19 Village Way – further to application DC/19/1588/FUL, the applicant would like to change the exterior material of the property to cement board cladding rather than traditional render as applied for. Application permitted.

To **RECEIVE** any other planning information – this will include considering EA3's application for a non-material change to its planning consent to amend the parameters of its offshore substations and wind turbines. Consultation ends 30th September.

The Planning and Building Control July newsletter was forwarded to councillors, as was information about planning legislation and regulation changes, including:

'A number of significant changes have come into force as a result of the Business and Planning Act 2020, which received Royal Assent on 22 July, which we feel important to bring to you attention. In addition to this, we also refer you to the newsletters which have been circulated which contain important information and can be viewed via the following link - https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/covid-19-updates/

There has also been other guidance and regulations issued recently relating to the planning regime as part of the Government's response to the pandemic and other previously planned changes to the planning system.

The new permitted development rights do not generally come into effect until the end of August or 1 September.'

A Powerpoint presentation from ESC Planning was forwarded to councillors, outlining how to frame consultation responses.

ITEM 7

To **RECEIVE** updates/reports on public rights of way, verges and road safety matters. This will include **APPROVING** the quotation of £138.78 for 'no cycling' signage on the river wall and considering how to mount the additional sign.

Correspondence received about speeding on Cliff Road (where it is 20mph) and Mill Road.

One email states:

'In fairness to drivers this is not helped by the fact that the first '30' sign on Mill Rd is totally obscured by vegetation. Other signs have decayed and fallen over.

The '20' sign on the entrance to Cliff Rd is currently not visible to an approaching driver because of a tree limb. At this point their concentration would likely be on the junction not 2.6m up a pole. Since both signs are on verges are we legal if we go & clip back the vegetation?'

The Community Self Help Scheme would permit Waldringfield PC to carry out such work but there is no planned training, without which Suffolk Highways won't give permission. Issues can be reported via the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

Re. River Wall footpath (and issues of cycling), a reply from PROW was received:

'I have looked at the bridleway sign a photo is attached. I think the wording is pretty clear. I anticipate it is more a case of some people ignoring the wording rather than not seeing it. Hopefully your other signs will address that.

I also noticed the other unofficial sign close to the bridleway sign. This states the route is private and a footpath. This sign is misleading and should not be present. I assume it relates to the problem of cycling on the wall, in which case it would be good to see it removed as part of the no cycling signs plans you intend to carry out.

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In a previous email, you mentioned erecting no cycling signs on other paths in the parish. You should be aware that if this is proposed, you need to do so with the clear agreement of the landowner(s) involved because the signs are effectively being placed at their wish. It is not impossible that such signs can be a catalyst for bringing into question the correct legal status of a route. So the erection of a sign could theoretically result in a landowner ending up with a bridleway on their land instead of a footpath. Whilst this is very rare, it could happen. It would therefore be wrong to erect a sign on someone's land without their consent that then results in them having a higher status route, when it was not them that brought the matter into question.'

The Clerk sent a copy of the suggested new signage (minus the additional wording at the bottom*), which PROW said 'Looks fine'.

*The riding of horses, bicycles or motorbikes along this footpath is prohibited.

ITEM 8

To **RECEIVE** updates on the playing field.

Fenland Leisure Products are charging £200 installation charge so total for parallel bars replacement (under warranty) and installation of new surfacing will be £1,271.00.

Eastern Play Services have provided a quote to provide inspections, as follows:

For a Parish Annual Inspection of one play area I charge £120 plus vat = £144 Total. Monthly/quarterly visual inspections £100 plus vat £120 a visit.

If we can provide measurements of the sandpit, they will quote to fill it in.

ITEM 9

To **RECEIVE** updates on signage for the beach.

A reply was received from a representative of the Fairway Committee:

'Regarding the proposal for 'strong tides' warning signs, I have canvassed the Fairway Committee members and I'm afraid there is no support for the proposal.

Reasons mentioned are that there are enough signs and it was thought it would not be effective. Tides at Waldringfield are not particularly strong compared to places such the Deben entrance.

A minority of members have not responded to my email, so if the council feel there are compelling reasons for signs, it could be brought up again when we resume face-to-face meetings.'

ITEM 10

To **CONSIDER** becoming an interested party in the pre-examination stage of the Sizewell C Development Consent Order (DCO) application. This will require WPC registering an interest on the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) website and providing a short written summary of WPC's views on the DCO application. This is not a public consultation. The process concludes 30th September, before the examination period.

ITEM 11

To **CONSIDER** a response to the Local Government Association's consultation on a new model member code of conduct. Consultation ends 17th August.

An ESC report about the consultation was forwarded to councillors.

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ITEM 12

<u>To **CONSIDER**</u> a response to NALC's policy consultation on the upcoming Devolution White Paper. Consultation ends 17th August.

Summary

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is highly likely to be issuing its long awaited devolution white paper in the Autumn. NALC has been in various discussions with the Ministry over the last six months regarding likely implications for parishes for the white paper and the communities framework, which the previous government consulted on last year. NALC is consulting the sector now on its views so as to be ready in the Autumn to fully inform the white paper.

Context & proposals

The Ministry confirmed to NALC earlier in 2020 that the white paper is likely to cover the below themes (it could be even more radical as significant local government re-organisation is also expected). These areas will "strengthen and extend community rights, and provide a framework for further 'onward devolution'":

- 1. Mayoral Combined Authority/combined authority: 'devolution deals' and economic planning over a functional economic area;
- 2. Local authority: local services and place-making (social care; prevention and troubled families; regeneration and housing); &
- 3. Town/parish councils and communities: 'onward devolution' direct to people and places, by strengthening community rights and role in community assets and public realm (e.g. parks, footpaths, community centres, toilets).

You have already been e-mailed a copy Cllr Lillian Burns' very helpful report on the latest state-of-play with devolution in local areas across England at the time of writing. We look forward to receiving your local updates to Claire.Goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk by 17:00 on Monday 17 August 2020.

Consultation questions:

The Ministry approached NALC with various questions it wanted feedback on regarding strengthening the role of local councils in the communities framework and the likely devolution white paper. Please also have a read of the below context and questions which were delivered at NALC's Lobby Day on 10 March 2020 and which were also discussed by the February 2020 meeting of the MHCLG Communities Partnership Board. NALC would appreciate sector responses to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by 17:00 on Monday 17 August 2020 please to frame evidence for the NALC response – thanks:

- 1. Are these (the three points raised above) the correct priority areas to strengthen community rights and encourage greater onward devolution through the devolution white paper?
- 2. What else could local government do (apart from the three points made above) to incentivize the kind of local partnerships highlighted as good practice: such as Cornwall, Wiltshire, Wigan?
- 3. How else (apart from the three points mentioned in bold above) can we strengthen accountability and engagement with communities at the higher tiers (e.g. Mayoral Combined Authority?)

 Governance

MHCLG wants to strengthen the role of local councils and other community governance arrangements by:

- Simplifying the process to establish a town/parish council where communities wish to, and allowing community groups to appeal decisions by principal authorities.
- Strengthening rights for existing town / parish councils to request and agree transfer of assets, functions and funding, such as community spaces and neighbourhood services.
- Triggering an automatic Community Governance Review looking at 'onward devolution' arrangements where wider, local government reform is part of a devolution deal.
- 4. What additional changes are needed to make the process of forming parishes / other local governance structures easier?
- 5. What additional powers and functions could neighbourhood forums take on, without adopting more formal parish structures?

Services

MHCLG wants to strengthen the power of community groups, and local councils, to shape local services that matter to them by:

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- Establishing a new 'Right to Community Partnership' to trigger a service review in partnership with the local authority.
- Requiring local authorities to co-design services with communities earlier in the commissioning process.
- Strengthening the rights of community groups to takeover and run local assets of community value ('Community Right to Buy').
- 6. How would a "right to community partnership" / service partnership power be triggered and who should be able to trigger it?
- 7. What services should be considered in scope for local councils of MHCLG strengthening the power of local councils to shape services which matter to them? Strategy

MHCLG wants to build on existing Neighbourhood Planning rights by:

- Supporting greater use of neighbourhood planning in urban areas and towns; &
- Giving a stronger status to a range of community-led local strategies, ensuring that local authorities and, where appropriate, mayoral or combined authorities having regard to community economic development plans and other strategies established by town / parish councils or neighbourhood forums.
- 8. What community led strategies could be given stronger status?
- 9. What support is needed to encourage greater use of neighbourhood planning in urban areas?

Your views

Please e-mail your evidence back to chris.borg@nalc.gov.uk by latest 17:00 on Monday 17 August 2020. County associations are asked to forward this e-briefing onto all member councils in their areas.

Many thanks,

Chris Borg FSLCC, ACMI Policy manager National Association of Local Councils

ITEM 13

To **CONSIDER** WPC support for the Local Electricity Bill.

'I write to update you on the campaign for the Local Electricity Bill. On 10th June it was successfully reintroduced into Parliament following a rousing ten minute speech to the House of Commons by the Bill's lead sponsor, Peter Aldous MP. The Bill's reintroduction was unopposed and so there was no vote – an ideal result for the campaign.

Here is a highlights video of Mr Aldous's speech where he describes the wide-ranging benefits that the Bill would create:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waNfiKSqDzQ

The impact of Covid-19 means that building local economic strength and resilience is critical. The Bill, if made law, would greatly help with this by empowering local energy suppliers and thus ensuring more of the money we all pay for our electricity circulates in the local economy: investment, local skilled jobs, fuel poverty relief and much more. At the same time, it would create the urgently needed decarbonisation of our energy system by unlocking the huge potential for more community-scale renewable energy generation.

The Bill is co-sponsored by a cross-party group of MPs including Rosie Duffield MP (Labour), Wera Hobhouse MP (Liberal Democrat), Caroline Lucas MP (Green), John McNally MP (SNP Environment Spokesperson), Dame Diana Johnson (Labour), Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru), Sir Barry Sheerman MP (Labour and Co-operative Party), Sir Graham Brady MP (Conservative), David Johnston (Conservative), John Penrose MP (Conservative) and Selaine Saxby (Conservative).

So far, 187 MPs, 264 Parish, Town and Community Councils and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) have pledged to support the Bill. It would be great if your Council joined them as this will encourage more Parliamentary and, ultimately, government support.

May I ask that you please put a motion before your Council to support the Bill? A suggested resolution is attached below. I have also asked your fellow Councillors to do this.

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The rationale and a description of what the Bill would do and benefits it would create, if made law, are here: https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill/

A list of the MPs, councils and organisations backing the Bill is here: https://powerforpeople.org.uk/the-local-electricity-bill/support/

If we can provide any assistance with regards to the Council deciding to support the Bill then please let me know.

Kind regards Steve Shaw Director Power for People www.powerforpeople.org.uk

ITEM 14

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** items of expenditure, and sign cheques and arrange for approval of BACS accordingly.

9 August 2020 (2020-2021)

Waldringfield Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
25	Grass cutting (field)	07/08/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Grass-cutting -field	SCI. Landscape Manager	nent S	60.00	12.00	72.00
26	Chairman's Expenses	07/08/2020	1798.5	Unity Trust Bank		Gifts	Adnams (via Ian Kay)	S	19.98	4.00	23.98
27	Training	07/08/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Training	SALC	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
28	Footpath Maintenance	07/08/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Signage	Archer Safety Signs	S	115.65	23.13	138.78
29	Repairs/Maintenance	07/08/2020	1805.15	Unity Trust Bank		Bench replacements	Cyan	S	374.98	75.00	449.98
30	Repairs/Maintenance	07/08/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Paint	Coopers (via Tony Lyon)	S	15.21	3.04	18.25
31	Salaries	07/08/2020		Unity Trust Bank		Salary	Rebecca Todd	X	491.28	0.00	491.28

To **RECEIVE** and **APPROVE** the Financial Reports and **UNDERTAKE** the independent Bank Reconciliation.

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Waldringfield Parish Council Uncashed payments\transfers out (All banks)

(Upto 07/08/2020)

Voucher	Date	Cheque No.	Description	Total	Bank
12	04/06/2020	101219	Zoom video conferencing	14.39	Barclays Community Acc
13	04/06/2020	101219	Signage	47.88	Barclays Community Acc
25	07/08/2020		Grass-cutting -field	72.00	Unity Trust Bank
26	07/08/2020		Gifts	23.98	Unity Trust Bank
27	07/08/2020		Training	30.00	Unity Trust Bank
28	07/08/2020		Signage	138.78	Unity Trust Bank
29	07/08/2020		Bench replacements	449.98	Unity Trust Bank
30	07/08/2020		Paint	18.25	Unity Trust Bank
31	07/08/2020		Salary	491.28	Unity Trust Bank
			Total	1.286.54	

Barclays

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Your Community Account

At a glance

01 - 31 Jul 2020

► Commission charges £0.00

► Gross interest earned £0.00

£11,501.90

£10,158.00

£0.00

Start balance

Money out

Money in

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £	
1 Jul	Start Balance			11,501.90	
20 Jul	Cheque Issued Ref: 101221	10,000.00		1,501.90	
28 Jul	Cheque Issued Ref: 101215	158.00		1,343.90	
31 Jul	Balance carried forward			1,343.90	
	Total Payments/Receipts	10,158.00	0.00		

Your deposit is eligible for protection
by the Financial Services
Compensation Scheme.

End balance £1,343.90

Anything wrong? If you notice any incorrect or unusual transactions, see the next page for how to get in touch with us.

Unity Trust

Account details cropped (original in folder). £60 and £12 were payment for the same invoice (I forgot to include the VAT).

Date	Details	Payments	Receipts	Balance
30 JUN 20 20 JUL 20 27 JUL 20 27 JUL 20 27 JUL 20 27 JUL 20 27 JUL 20 28 JUL 20 28 JUL 20	Balance brought forward Credit 000001 B/P to: SALC B/P to: SCL LANDSCAPE B/P to: SCL LANDSCAPE B/P to: SCL LANDSCAPE B/P to: SCL LANDSCAPE B/P to: CHURCH FIELD TRUST B/P to: VILLAGE HALL TRUST B/P to: IAN KAY Balance carried forward	16.80 60.00 12.00 144.00 400.00 500.00 547.91 14.39	10,000.00	0.00 * 10,000.00 * 8,867.20 * 8,304.90 * 8,304.90 *

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Waldringfield Parish Council

Prepared by:		Date:	
	Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)		
Approved by:		Date:	
_	Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)		

	Bank Reconciliation at 07/	08/2020		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2020			11,732.32
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2020 - 07/08/2020	0		10,293.45
				22,025.77
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2020 - 07/08/202	20		5,766.82
A	Cash in Hand 07/08/2020 (per Cash Book)			16,258.95
	Cash in hand per Bank Statemen	ts		
	Cash	31/07/2020	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank	31/07/2020	8,304.90	
	Ipswich Building Society Barclays Community Account	31/07/2020 31/07/2020	7,896.69 1,343.90	
	bardays community Account	31/01/2020	1,545.50	17,545.49
	Less unpresented payments			1,286.54
				16,258.95
	Plus unpresented receipts			0.00
В	Adjusted Bank Balance			16,258.95
	A = B Checks out OK			
I				

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Waldringfield Parish Council Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes

9 August 2020 (2020-2021)

A - Receipts		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
28	Precept	13,574.00	6,787.00	-6,787				-6,787
30	SCC Locality Grant							
31	SCC Footpaths Grant	200.00		-200				-200
35	ES Enabling Communities Grant							
36	Bank Interest	99.00		-99				-99
37	Grants and Donations							
38	Advertising income	85.00		-85				-85
39	VAT Refund							
44	CIL Funds	4,338.00	2,169.07	-2,169				-2,169
	SUB TOTAL	18,296.00	8,956.07	-9,340				-9,340

B - A	dministration		Receipts			Payments			
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
1	Salaries				5,777.00	1,958.68	3,818	3,818	
2	PAYE/NI								
3	Stationery/Mileage/Etc.				250.00	12.69	237	237	
4	Post and telephone				80.00	16.11	64	64	
5	Newsletter re 1972 LGA s142				400.00	78.60	321	321	
6	Village Hall hire				300.00		300	300	
7	Insurance				436.00		436	436	
8	Membership Subs re LGA s111				400.00	257.95	142	142	
9	Audit				135.00	158.00	-23	-23	
10	Chairman's Expenses				50.00	19.98	30	30	
11	Training				500.00	39.00	461	461	
12	Election Costs								
40	Accounting, Website & Computing				450.00	23.98	426	426	
42	Professional Services				250.00		250	250	
	SUB TOTAL				9,028.00	2,564.99	6,463	6.463	

C - Playing Field/Recreational		Receipts			Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
14	Grass cutting (field)				780.00	360.00	420	420	
15	Mole catching (field)				100.00		100	100	
16	Repairs/Maintenance				1,500.00	766.69	733	733	
17	Footpath Maintenance				400.00	155.55	244	244	
41	AONB Grant Payments								
	SUB TOTAL				2,780.00	1,282.24	1,498	1,498	

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Waldringfield Parish Council Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes

9 August 2020 (2020-2021)

D - G	rants - s137/72 & s19 MPA7(Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
21	General Grants				400.00		400	400
22	Church Field				100.00	400.00	-300	-300
23	Village Hall LGA				500.00	500.00		
24	All Saints Church				750.00	750.00		
25	WildlifeGroup				100.00		100	100
	SUB TOTAL				1,850.00	1,650.00	200	200
F - Mi	scellaneous		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
26	Miscellaneous							
	SUB TOTAL							
_	Summary							
	NET TOTAL V.A.T.	18,296.00	8,956.07 1,337.38	-9,340	13,658.00	5,497.23 269.59	8,161	-1,179
	GROSS TOTAL		10,293.45			5,766.82		

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** a quotation of £425 for works associated with the replacement of the Cliff Road bench.

To **CONSIDER** any quotations received for printing the Parish Newsletter.

Spingold

A5 Newsletter (210mm x 148mm)
150gsm silk paper
Full colour printing throughout
Artwork supplied print ready PDF
Stitch into booklets
1 x delivery to Waldringfield

A5 – 8 page version x 260 copies = £79.00

A5 - 12 page version x 260 copies = £99.00

A5 – 16 page version x 260 copies = £119.00

These prices are zero rated for VAT

From receipt of artwork we would require 2-3 days to print and deliver. If you have any other questions at this stage please let me know.

Flyer Press

8 page - £94 12 page - £111 16 page - £119

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Parish Magazine Printing (Current Supplier)

12 pages £78.60 16 pages £95.50

ITEM 15

To **REVIEW** and **UPDATE**, as appropriate, the policies of the Parish Council and the Parish Plan (including the Emergency Plan). This will include **APPROVING** the Website Accessibility Statement.

Website Accessibility Statement forwarded separately to councillors.

ITEM 16

To **CONSIDER** any correspondence received before the meeting.

Various Covid-19 updates were forwarded to councillors (ie from Community Action Suffolk, Collaborative Communities, SALC, SCC and ESC).

Other emails also forwarded from:

SALC

Felixstowe & District Antisocial Behaviour minutes

Headway Suffolk newsletter

Rural Services Network bulletins

Information about the Healthy Suffolk initiative.

Information about the Suffolk Coasts & Heaths AONB Recovery Plan and details of a relevant survey.

AONB monthly update and requests for working party projects.

Information from the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance about energy projects.

Details of works to A14 (around Seven Hills) for 24 weeks.

ESC press release about a call to Government to enable green changes.

Latest news from the ICO.

LGA Bulletin

Details of NALC planning consultations (following Government announcements)

Information from Came & Company (insurance broker) has been received. This includes:

'Interim annual inspections should be considered by a person who understands the trees in your area; this can be a tree warden, volunteer or professional person. The inspection should be noted in writing and any work carried out in a timely fashion.'

Two reports have been received of rubbish build-up in the compound. It would appear that no rubbish collection was made on Friday 7th August. Norse has been contacted.

On 9th August, a resident wrote:

'[Name retracted] has spoken to [name retracted] about kids behaviour on the saltings as they are digging big holes and making mud slides on the marsh. The headland is being threatened with being swept away apparently.'

On 10th August, a resident wrote to complain about the helicopter club:

'Could you please check on the planning 'operation' rules for the helicopter club please as we think they broke 2 rules yesterday.

1 was they were so loud we thought it was a real aeroplane.

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2 they flew this plane (pics attached) out of their allotted area: [retracted]...over the field towards the village on their side of the road. Their flight area is a lot smaller than that & I don't think they are allowed to fly over the road?

3 What is their finish time on a Sunday?'

Cllr Kay replied:

The planning application (permitted) for the extension of flying times can be found at: https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&keyVal=PCBSOYQX07400

I have attached the main documents, including WPC's objection.

You can see from the decision that the finish times on Sunday are 19:30 for internal combustion models and 'dusk' (i.e. about 20:30) for electric models, which are supposed to be low noise. The site plan clearly shows that the permitted flying area does not cross the road.'

Cllr Kay directed the resident to Planning Enforcement and/or Environmental Protection.

ITEM 17

PARISH MATTERS for the next meeting.

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