

Monthly Update

Welcome to November's ward report, information and news from the last four weeks at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Reminder – today is the last day for any more submissions re SPR.

Ward boundaries finalised for new East Suffolk Council

Ward boundaries for the new East Suffolk Council have been published by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. The final recommendations propose that East Suffolk's 55 councillors should represent eight three-councillor wards, ten two-councillor wards and eleven one-councillor wards.

In response to local feedback during the public consultation, the Commission has changed some of the proposals it put forward in July, as well as changing the names of some proposed wards as a result of local suggestions. The full recommendations are available on the Commission's website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament in the coming weeks. The draft Order provides for the electoral arrangements to come into force at the authority's first elections in 2019.

Many thanks to those that took part in the consultation.

Other news:

Free Parking Announced To Support Good Causes

The east Suffolk councils are playing their part in supporting good causes – by offering free car parking at key times. SCDC and WDC are planning to provide free parking at their car parks across east Suffolk in the build up to Christmas. (This was provided for Armistice Day)

* Christmas Events: The councils are also supporting shoppers and traders in the build up to Christmas, particularly with events such as Christmas markets and Christmas lights being switched on. Obviously, in the build up to Christmas, there is a larger variety of events being held over a longer period of time. So, the council are offering periods of free parking during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

SCDC and WDC will offer two-hour blocks of free parking to support local shops and community organisations, which can be used to link to specific events twice during the build up to Christmas (so two sessions of free parking in the four-week period before Christmas). Town and Parish Councils can decide which days they would like to operate the two-hours of free parking, and in which car park(s) across east Suffolk, then contact Sue Keeble at Norse to express their interest and take up the offer. Sue can be contacted at: Susan.Keeble@ncsgrp.co.uk

Council aims to secure superfast broadband for the remote parts of rural Suffolk

Work is now underway to deliver broadband to remote areas in the district. SCDC is committed to reaching the parts that will be missed by the general roll-out of superfast broadband across the county. While the council has played a full role in the Suffolk Better Broadband Programme, delivering superfast fibre broadband across Suffolk, it is clear that up to 3% of properties will have missed out, when the current programme is completed in 2020.

That 3% is disproportionately going to fall in rural areas. That's why the Suffolk Coastal Enabling Broadband Programme Board was set up last year, to ensure that these rural communities were not left behind. The council has worked with the local communities, plotting the worst-affected areas and what needed doing. This spring, the Conservative administration agreed to set aside £250,000 to pay for it. Work has now begun to deliver improved coverage in those areas, and ensure that all our Suffolk Coastal communities are able to grow and prosper. More information about our Enabling Better Broadband Programme is on the East Suffolk website, at this link: <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/enabling-better-broadband-in-suffolk-coastal/> (TJ sits on this board)

Support available as Universal Credit rollout continues - reminder

The rollout of Universal Credit continues across Suffolk Coastal, and the council has ensured that there is support in place to help people through the transition. This includes making sure they are supported through the application process as well as having all the information they need about the benefit changes. In the Suffolk Coastal area the final Jobcentres to move over to Universal Credit Full Service were Leiston, Felixstowe and Woodbridge, which became Full Service Jobcentres in October. A huge amount of information is already available on our website. We are also working with a whole range of partners to make sure that people in this area can access the support they need to take the worry and uncertainty out of the change to Universal Credit. Find out more about Universal Credit at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/universal-credit

Green Bin Rollout & Removal of Unwanted Brown Bins

Phase one of delivering the new garden waste bins to homes in Suffolk Coastal is now nearing completion, although the council will continue to deliver the new bins to those who signed up for the scheme later on. All unwanted brown bins will now be collected. This is being done area by area, according to the normal routes and dates for collection. A week before the removal of the brown bins, refuse crews will leave a hanger on all grey bins when they empty these. The hanger will explain what to do and when to put the brown bins out for us to take away.

If the brown bin is no longer required, households are being asked to put the unwanted bin out with their blue bin on the normal collection day, and re-use the bin hanger. Please securely attach the hanger to the unwanted brown bin so that the 'tick' is clearly visible. Residents can also put a note on any unwanted brown bin, asking for it to be taken away. Just make sure it is securely attached and clearly visible. On collection day, the refuse crews will empty ALL brown bins as well as

green bins. Any unwanted brown bins will then be sprayed with temporary paint and left on the side of the road. The removal crews will pick these up later on the same day. The removal crews will only take the bins with the sprayed marking. If there is any doubt as to whether the bin is wanted or not, it will not be removed.

SCDC will aim to publish a weekly schedule on the website of the roads from which the bins will be collected. This may change, depending on how many bins are left out for removal.

Polling Station Review

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are currently reviewing the polling stations before the elections taking place in May 2019. As part of the review, everyone has the opportunity to comment on the polling stations used, and their suitability, facilities and accessibility. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) published his report and recommendations last month, which is open for public consultation until 30 November 2018. The final proposals will be presented and considered at a full meeting of the East Suffolk Shadow Council on 28 January 2019.

Comments or representations can be made in writing to:

* Electoral Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge IP12 1RT

* Electoral Services, Waveney District Council, 2 Canning Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0EQ or by email to elections@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

More details about the review and a schedule showing the current polling district areas and their allocated polling station venues can be found on the East Suffolk website: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/elections/review-of-polling-districts-polling-places-and-polling-stations-2018/

For more information, please contact the Electoral Services Team on 01394 444 685 or 01502 523 238.

Honour Run 2018 success

The first ever Honour Run proved to be a great success when it took place on Sunday (21 October 2018). Around 250 walkers, joggers and runners of all ages took part in the run and raised a total of £2,600 for the Suffolk British Legion Poppy Appeal, which supports serving and ex-serving men and women in the armed forces.

“This is the first time we’ve put on this kind of event and it was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who took part in the run and all the volunteers who helped us run the event”, said Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Suffolk Coastal’s Cabinet Member with responsibility for customers, communities and leisure. “We raised £2,600 for the Suffolk British Legion Poppy Appeal which is fantastic. We even got some exercise and fresh air while doing so - what better way to spend a Sunday morning?”

The event was organised by Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk British Legion with thanks going to the Forestry Commission and Rock Barracks who supported the event by letting us to use of the facilities.

Local companies also got involved by contributing to goodie bags for everyone who crossed the finishing line. These include East of England Coop, Farm Field Crisps, Munchy Seeds and Places Leisure.

The run took place in Rendlesham Forest, which was established during the First World War when Britain had an increasing demand for timber. The Royal British Legion is leading the nation in the Thank You movement – to say thank you to the WW1 generation who served, sacrificed and changed the world we live in today.
#Thankyou100

Crucial Crew helps children keep safe

Children in Suffolk Coastal were invited to learn more about safety in a fun and engaging environment at the end of October. Crucial Crew teaches Year 6 pupils (10 – 11 years) about staying safe in their everyday lives. Organised by SCDC and the Suffolk Coastal Rotary Clubs, Crucial Crew is supported by a number of partnership agencies including the Police, Fire Service, Suffolk Coastal Active Communities Team, Suffolk County Council, Turning Point, Make a Chance Team and One Life Suffolk, with funding raised by the Rotary District clubs. It teaches children how to tackle the dangers they may face in their everyday lives and helps to prevent them from becoming involved in crime. The scheme raises their awareness in a fun and effective way, so that they may be better equipped to increase their own and others safety. Scenarios include first aid, fire safety, internet safety, healthy eating, road safety, anti-social behaviour, bullying and alcohol/substance misuse.

Consultation on New Dog Controls

Suffolk Coastal is asking local people if they want us to implement a series of new dog control orders. In recent months, the Council has introduced a number of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). These have been largely to replace existing byelaws across the district. However, a number of communities, through their Town and Parish Councils, have now asked us to consider introducing additional dog controls within their areas. So, before Suffolk Coastal makes any decision on this issue, it is asking for the views of local people through a 6-week public consultation - which starts on Monday, 12 November, and runs until Friday, 21 December 2018.

This is not about Suffolk Coastal District Council wanting to bring in draconian restrictions on dogs or their owners. We are carrying out this consultation in response to local communities asking for additional controls in specific areas to allow everyone to enjoy the amenities. Suffolk Coastal is a dog friendly district and we recognise that most dog owners are incredibly responsible about where they walk their dogs, and cleaning up after their pets. However, the local communities feel there are certain areas where dogs should be controlled and kept on leads. We have a legal duty to consider these requests and also consult with the wider public, before making any decision. We would encourage people to take this

opportunity to have their say on these draft proposals, so we can make our final decision based on a clear consensus of public opinion.

In total, six new PSPOs are being suggested. One is the replacement of an existing by-law, to exclude dogs and dogs on leads on defined areas of Thorpeness Beach from 1 May to 30 September each year.

The five new controls relate to:

- Dogs on leads on Charsfield recreation ground
- Dogs on leads within Martello Park, Felixstowe
- Dogs on leads on Felixstowe Town Hall Gardens
- Dogs on leads on Felixstowe Seafront Gardens
- Exclusion of dogs from Langer Park children's play area, Felixstowe (NB. This purely covers the area of Langer Park, where the swings and other play equipment is – not the whole park!).

[Full details of the proposed orders.](#)

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/animals/dog-control/public-space-protection-orders/>

If you wish to comment on these proposed new Public Space Protection Orders, please do so through the [online survey form](#) <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9WMGHR7> or email: environment@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Or you can write to: PSPO Consultation, c/o Environmental Protection, Suffolk Coastal District Council, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton Suffolk IP12 1RT

Your comments should reach us by no later than midnight on Friday, 21 December 2018.

All consultation responses will be given due consideration by the Council before any orders are made. The final decision will rest with the Suffolk Coastal District Council and will be scheduled for consideration at a Cabinet meeting after the closure of the consultation period.

If you require any further information or have any queries related to this matter, please contact or write to us using the details given above.

Network Power - Useful information for the coming months (please share with others/website/social media etc)

Network Power – “The electricity network is built to be resilient but extreme weather can damage overhead power lines resulting in some customers losing their electricity supply. Where this happens we work to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We have organised for additional staff in our contact centre to help customers whose electricity supply might be affected by the predicted weather, and we have called-up additional engineers to carry out repairs to our electricity network.”

Both you and your local residents will be able to find regular updates on our website www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk and social media @UKPowerNetworks throughout this period.

Anyone experiencing a power cut can:

- Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power)
- Visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk for the latest updates
- Visit www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut and type in their postcode to view our live power cut map
- Tweet @ukpowernetworks to report a power cuts or to receive updates

“We urge the public to stay well clear from power lines and anyone spotting a damaged power line needs to report it to us immediately by calling 105 from a landline or mobile phone. If they see electricity lines that are down or causing significant risk to the public they should call 999. We provide extra help to customers on our Priority Service Register during a power cut. Households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well as other reasons can join the register. You can find out more information about our Priority Service on our website: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority.”

If you would like to share information about preparing for the extreme weather or the priority service register on social media you might like to use the following:

@UKPowerNetworks has extra staff on hand 24/7 to deal with the impact of the current extreme weather. Call 105 to report a power cut and visit <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/storm-centre-prepare>

Do you, or someone you know, need extra support during a power cut?

@UKPowerNetworks provides free services to vulnerable customers.

Visit <https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services-register> for more information.

We hope this information is helpful and please do share it with local residents and members of your community who would find it helpful.

Finally:

November's cabinet meeting

SCDC's cabinet met on Tuesday 6th November 2018. Items discussed included:

* Transformation Funding – Acceptance of Grant - SCDC, on behalf of all the Suffolk councils, has received a grant of £87,500 to deliver a pilot scheme supporting patients with housing needs when they are discharged from hospital, as well as reducing the chance of them being admitted to hospital.

* Result of the stakeholder consultation on the draft East Suffolk Area Parking Plan - Cabinet agreed a stakeholder consultation on the draft East Suffolk Area Parking Plan in June and consultation took place during July and August 2018. The detailed results of the stakeholder consultation are summarised in this report and any proposals for changes to the text are set out in the main body of the report.

* Designation of part of Kelsale as a conservation area - In response to a request from Kelsale Parish Council, part of Kelsale has been identified as worthy of designation as a Conservation Area by virtue of its special architectural and historic interest. Designation will protect and enhance an attractive example of an historic village of traditional character.

* Proposed simplification and alignment of the SCDC and WDC car park tariffs to enable the creation of a single East Suffolk tariff structure - In anticipation of the adoption of civil parking enforcement (CPE) and the creation of the new East Suffolk Council, it is desirable to produce a single new off-street parking places Order and associated single tariff structure. In October, the Member Working Group endorsed the creation of a single new East Suffolk Car Park Order and tariff structure. The vast majority of the alignment objectives are administrative and can be achieved by adopting standardised terminology or involve a change in the presentation of the information. The exceptions, where formal Cabinet approval is needed, involve a change to the Suffolk Coastal ECN discount applied to vehicles under 3.5T and the adoption of the standard operational hours and days of 8am-6pm, Monday-Sunday for all car parks and the end to seasonal tariff changes.

* East Suffolk Performance Report Quarter 2 (2018/19) - The Councils' East Suffolk Business Plan identifies its key deliverables, aims and objectives relevant to meet the needs of their communities. The Business Plan also contains specific planned actions for each council and actions for the whole of East Suffolk which will be delivered within the next 4 years (2019). To ensure its effective delivery, this report is designed to capture quarterly performance progress against the Business Plan and includes joint and authority-specific measures.

Best regards

TJ and Maureen.