



FRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on **Monday 12th March 2018** at 7.00 pm
in Friston Village Hall, Church Road IP17 1PU

Members: Cllr. M. Caplin (Chairman) Cllr. A Simpson Cllr. S Jackson
Cllr. D Brooks Cllr. A. Patterson Cllr. C Brooks
Cllr. M. Schedrin Cllr. J. Burch

Also present: K. Forster - Clerk to the Council, 37 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of 6th March 2017 were submitted for approval. **It was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.**
3. **Chairmans report:**
Cllr. M. Caplin presented his report.
 - The Chairman thanked so many people for coming out to the meeting.
 - There was a vacancy on Council and the Chairman encouraged members of the public to consider being co-opted.
 - Mr. Jonathan Burch was welcomed as a new councillor. He has also become one of the Parish Council representatives on the Village Hall Committee.
 - The internal and external audits took place without any adverse comments.
 - The Council signed a peppercorn lease for the Village Green for 7 years. We were unable to sign it for longer as the owner, Mr. and Mrs Borrows, would not agree to that, as it bestows additional rights to the lessee. However, they are keen to support the village and have approved all requests to date for uses of the village green.
 - 2 new benches have been built and will be installed to commemorate the Queen's birthday.
 - Alan has continued his work with the Highways division and there has been some improvements however, it is well known that the budgets have been cut and therefore it has become evident that maintenance of the hedgerows and verges and ditches and cleaning signs has not been a priority. To that end, the Parish Council has recently completed a survey stating that Friston might be able to do some of this work with volunteers, contractors or the community payback group.
 - The Parish Council has also acquired the telephone box for the princely sum of £1.
 - Planning items have been discussed at length. We have had a presentation from Langmead Farms regarding their development at Firs Farm. Last week, we discussed the development at Friston Hall and received a presentation from Scottish Power Renewable energies regarding the windfarm developments off shore and the need to build a large sub-station. There is a public consultation about this which is on the notice boards.
 - The biggest item to happen in the last few months has been the acquisition of the Village Hall. After many months of legal process, Council signed the transfer document last week and the village hall is now owned by the parish council. Thanks should be given firstly to Mr. Wentworth for his generous gift. Also to the district and county councillors who are helping to pay for the solicitor's costs in the region of £2,500. This means that the Parish Council, working with the village hall committee are now beginning repairs to the village hall, in particular the roof, and chimney, replacing the front doors and investigating the damp issues.
 - Thanks to Bryan Duncan for maintaining the website for the Parish Council and Village.



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4. Topics for discussion

The meeting continued by discussing a number of topics. The Clerk summarised the topic and various members of the public made comments. Additionally, there had been a number of emails already received. Below is a summary of the comments made and received by email.

A member of the public started the discussion by emphasising that there is a need for a strategic plan as there was a danger of conflicting decisions. He asked if there could be resources directed to a village plan.

a) **Bus Shelter:**

A new bus shelter is proposed opposite the Jubilee Shelter as it has been noted that in inclement weather people and school children are sheltering in the Jubilee Shelter and then running across the road when the bus comes. The proposed bus shelter would be sympathetic to the area.

Of the comments received, most are in favour. However, a couple of people do not believe that it is necessary, that there is insufficient demand and that it is too expensive and would need to be designed to protect people from the prevailing wind.

b) **Play and Sports Equipment**

The play equipment is sparse and mostly for younger children. There are substantial sums in the play and sports “pots” specifically for Friston PC which are limited in their use – for instance they can only be used for immovable items.

Of the written responses, proposals have included a Petanque court and a safe cycle/running track as well as items for older children. However, the prevailing comment was to fence in the area and provide a safe flooring.

At the meeting, there were a number of people opposed to any form of an adult gym. There were also comments from a member of the public that the equipment was adequate and sports equipment not used and that if it was improved it would attract people from other areas, which could cause problems.

c) **Parking Space on the Green.**

Council continually receives complaints that there is insufficient parking in Friston. The Church have stated that they are unable to provide additional parking in their car park due to insurance issues. The owners of the village green have said that they are happy if a small area of the green is used for parking and this is the proposal. So far all the comments have been negative towards this proposal. In the meantime, Mr. Guy Heald has proposed some of his land can be used – Glebe land near the Allotments and land near Church Farm near the Churchyard.

Comments against the use of the green included that there is no need for a special space and would need a track to it and some lighting.

There was general support for the offers from Mr Heald.

d) **Fencing in the Green**

In order to deter intrusions onto the green, it was proposed that the green is fenced in (it used to be many years ago). All the written comments opposed this idea. It was clarified by a member of the public that it wasn't fenced in, it was surrounded by hedging.

One member of the public asked why this proposal had been made. Cllr. D Brooks explained that it would prevent incursions and look attractive. The post and rail suggested would last years.

The feeling of the meeting was that this was not necessary, would be a waste of money and could not prevent incursions.

e) **Village Green Funds.**

There is a substantial sum (over £5,000) that was raised back in the days to assist with the



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acquisition of the village green. However, the green is not for sale so the Council would like to use this money for something else. Suggestions so far include improving the village hall/village green, repairing some of the footpaths, using the money to improve the village hall and maintaining the verges and gulleys.

The majority of the meeting felt that the money should be kept in reserve in case it was needed to either purchase the village green in future or to employ legal advice to stop any development of it. A few people felt that a small amount of the money should be used to improve the access to Church Path and to tidy up tired and dilapidated areas.

Questions were asked regarding the 7 year lease and why it was not listed as a village green. The Clerk explained that following comprehensive investigations Council was advised it was not possible and that this was the best arrangement that could be achieved. A member of the public stated that perhaps a better solicitor could have been used.

A member of the public also suggested that some of the CIL monies could be used as entrance gates to the village to deter speeding.

A comment was also made that the signpost from the junction with the Saxmundham Road did not point to Friston. This would be a matter for Highways.

f) Village Hall

The Village Hall is now owned by the Parish Council and renovations and repairs are underway. A new kitchen is planned, using funding from the District Council. However, the hall is underused. Suggestions so far received are to introduce better lighting, décor and front doors/toilets and the use of Wi-Fi, twitter, facebook to advertise facilities. Council is interested in what new clubs/interest groups would it be possible to attract – Zumba, Aerobics & pilates, table tennis, play group, bridge club, film club.

Comments were made by the public about the good work done by the Village Hall Committee in keeping it running and their efforts to date. Additional comments included that parking would be a problem, the kitchen facilities need to be modernised, and that a survey of interests would be required (as part of a village plan).

Mrs Simpson, who looks after the bookings, stated that she had never turned down any approaches for use of the hall as a club but she rarely got any. The hall is normally used for one off events. The Art Club had moved away due to the poor lighting.

g) Telephone Box

The PC now owns the telephone box. This could be used to house a defibrillator & book/CD exchange. The County Councillor Andrew Reid has said he would consider providing a grant. So far the comments have been in favour of the defibrillator but not the CD or book exchange. The people at the meeting were of the same mind. The Clerk explained that there is an additional facility (VETS) that can be installed to support people who are on their own who call the emergency services.

h) Other Items

- There are a number of issues with footpaths and hedging/verges. There is also an issue with flooding at the end of church path which needs to be made into a culvert. Cllr. Simpson explained that these items are not allowed to be done by the Parish Council. The flooding was the responsibility of the Environment Agency; the other items are the responsibility of the Highways division. He encouraged members of the public to continue to contact the responsible agencies.
- The Chairman & Cllr. Simpson commented that Council and the people of Friston were very well supported by the District and County Councillors.
- A member of the public asked people to consider using the mobile library, which supplies DVDs as well as books. It comes to the village every 4 weeks between 11:45 & 12:00
- A member of the public stated that the pub sign needed improvement if it were



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- possible for the Parish Council to consider a grant.
- A member of the public thanked the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee for all the work done and would like to see any spare funds used to improve the hall facility.
 - A member of the public stated that the public need to become more involved in the creation of a village plan and assist with surveys and contacting the public.
 - A member of the public stated that the Bowls Club was in danger of closing due to lack of members and encouraged people to consider joining. It restarts in earnest at the end of April on Saturdays.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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REPORT ON FRISTON VILLAGE HALL

There are 7 members on the Management Committee.

With the demise of the Lunch Club, which came to an end in December 2017, the major source of fund raising is our annual Car Boot Sale which last year raised £520.

This year the Car Boot sale will be held on the Green on Bank Holiday Monday May 7th.

However, the Hall continues to be used regularly for two exercise classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays, monthly book club, the Church quiz & for refreshments during Open Gardens & Classics on the Green as well as meetings & funeral teas. The Baptist Church have a youth group meeting on Monday evenings. The monthly Village Lunch came to an end in December.

We have replaced the old plastic chairs with upholstered chairs with a grant of £1,000 from Suffolk Coastal District Council.

We are looking to refurbish/redecorate the Hall, but a recently discovered damp problem has put this on hold until this can be resolved

Thanks are due to hardworking Committee members and others who help out at fund raising events.

Roberta Simpson
Secretary

FRISTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT

In 2017 we had a good growing year, with no major problems.

The probation service offer to cut and clear the remaining grass areas was carried out in August.

We decided to grass over the spare allotments last September to reduce the workload of maintenance.

It is also nice to have a new family taking on an allotment this year.

Alan Simpson



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Welcome to our Annual Ward report and update of what has been going on in the last year. Below is just a few of the items, recent news and some reminders for you. As previously, planning applications/referrals etc keep us very busy. Please do continue to get in touch if we can help you in any way.

We've had a busy year with our ECB allocations (budget spent) please don't forget to get in touch if you have a project that we can help with. We also have the Exemplar grant system which up to £10,000.00 can be applied for. More details and information on both of the grants is available on our website or get please get in touch with one of us.

Can we also take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and care for the community.

The weather recently has been very cold with snow and ice. We'd like to thank all those people that helped to free people stuck in their vehicles and checked on neighbours.

Don't forget that you can keep up to date on all of SCDC news via our website, facebook or twitter pages. <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk>

TJ & Maureen.

East Suffolk gets the go ahead

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government agreed to the creation of a new 'super district council' for east Suffolk.

In a written statement, the Secretary of State said:

"Having carefully considered all the representations I have received and all the relevant information available to me, I am today announcing that I have decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, both proposals – that is to merge Suffolk Coastal and Waveney district councils to become a new single district council named East Suffolk."

Mr Javid has also confirmed the merger of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council to become a new single district council named West Suffolk. Welcoming the news, the Leaders of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council, Cllrs Ray Herring and Mark Bee, said in a joint statement:

"This is a truly momentous decision for us and for the people of east Suffolk. Although this announcement is a national first, for us in east Suffolk it is the next logical step on a decade-long journey. We are used to breaking new ground, as we have been finding innovative ways to cut costs and manage our business since Suffolk Coastal and Waveney started working in partnership 10 years ago. "We have already made over £18million in efficiency savings and halved our joint workforce, while still investing in our communities. The creation of an East Suffolk Council will enable us to build on this decade of co-operation to give greater value for money, while continuing to improve service delivery."

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils both voted to approve the proposal to create a brand new 'super district' council, delivering services to communities in the east of the county, in January 2017. A business case was then submitted to the Department of Communities and Local Government in February 2017. In November, 2017, the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government issued a written statement to the House of Commons confirming that he is 'minded to' support the proposals of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils to create a new single authority for the area.



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At the same time, he has announced there would be a period of time, running until 8 January 2018, during which those interested could make further representation to him, including making any suggested modifications to the proposals. He has now considered all the comments he received and decided to officially back the plan, which will now be subject to Parliamentary approval. This is the first time that the Secretary of State has given his backing to such a plan and now gives the councils the go ahead to proceed with getting everything in place to create the a new council by May 2019. “We have a proud record of achieving success through innovative partnership working between Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Council. We are glad that the Secretary of State has recognised this in agreeing the creation of this new ‘super district’ for east Suffolk,” said Cllrs Herring and Bee,

“We need to evolve, if we are to successfully address the shared opportunities and challenges that both councils face. There have been significant reductions in Central Government funding for councils, but we need to be able to drive and invest in growth and infrastructure projects, as well as providing more much-needed housing. “A larger, more influential East Suffolk Council will enable us to fulfill our potential in driving development, while keeping costs low.”

With the Secretary of State’s agreement, the new Council would come into being, and begin operations, following the local council elections in May 2019. The two existing councils will then be formally dissolved with elections to the new authority.

Register for Garden Waste Collection – Now Schedule starts May 2018

We are urging people who have not as yet signed up to register an interest in joining Suffolk Coastal’s Garden Waste Collection Service to do so. At its Cabinet meeting in December 2017, Suffolk Coastal decided to introduce a charge for collecting garden waste from homes during next financial year (2018/19). People in Suffolk Coastal will be given the option of paying an annual charge of £43 per garden waste bin (the equivalent of paying about £1.65 per fortnightly collection). This is a completely voluntary scheme, which people will have to opt to join (rather than residents automatically becoming part of the scheme). The first paid-for collections are scheduled to start from the beginning of May 2018, with local residents able to subscribe for the new service from 1 March 2018 and we will email them when the subscription service is live. However, in the meantime, people can [register their interest by completing a simple online form](#). The reality is that Suffolk Coastal District Council protected the ‘free’ collection of garden waste for as long as it could. In 2015, when most of the councils across Suffolk and Norfolk introduced charging, we decided to maintain the ‘free’ garden waste collection service and to bear the cost of reduced Recycling Performance Payment support, despite the financial pressures on the Council. However, at the time, we did recognise that this is a discretionary service that we provide and we always said we would have to keep this decision under review. Suffolk Coastal District Council is under increasing pressure financially, with dwindling support from central Government. Next year (2018/19), we are faced with a budget gap of over £2.8 million.

Providing the organic waste collection and composting service currently costs Suffolk Coastal over £1.2 million a year. This cost has been exacerbated by the £200,000 per year reduction in support for recycling organic waste previously provided by Suffolk County Council. The East Suffolk Business Plan identifies the need for us to become increasingly financially-self-sufficient in the future. The key thing that people need to realise is that this is about us protecting local services and being able to keep Council Tax increases down to a minimum. Any funds raised from the garden waste collection service will be re-invested in providing services to local people and reducing our budget gap. Suffolk Coastal remains committed to an ambitious programme of community-based and major capital investments, such as the current leisure redevelopment, in the coming years. So we need to continue to identify strong income streams, now and in the future.

Later in the year, subscribers to the scheme will also be given the option of receiving a free, larger (240 litre) green bin for their garden waste (240 litres is the most common wheeled bin size, but the current brown organic waste bins in Suffolk Coastal are 140 litres). The new, larger green bins are



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expected to be delivered during the autumn (2018) to those residents who request one and have subscribed to the garden waste service. To find out about Suffolk Coastal garden and food waste collection: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collections-and-disposal/garden-waste/suffolk-coastal-garden-and-food-waste-collection/>

Looking back...

Suffolk Coastal elected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Chris Blundell was elected as our new Chairman along with Vice-chairman Nicky Yeo. Cllr Blundell, who represents the Martlesham Ward took over the post from Cllr Mark Newton. I'm sure you will join us in thanking both of them for their ongoing hard work for the district.

Thanks for your support at the Suffolk Show.

Thank you to all that attended or helped at our Get Active in Suffolk Coastal stand within the sports village at the Suffolk Show. The show also gave us the opportunity to inform people about the Leisure Redevelopment Programme and meet our operators, Places for People Leisure and to also find out more about our other events happening this summer, including Women On Wheels (now to take place in April 2018) and Operation Camouflage and of course the Tour of Britain which finished in Aldeburgh in September.

Officially opened East Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal District Council's new headquarters in Melton were officially opened and over 100 guests were present to see the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, carry out the opening duties – amid praise for the design of the new building. The new offices were achieved without creating any extra tax burden on local people and now have offices that should create significant long-term saving for the tax payer. We have now got a modern, energy-efficient headquarters, which will enable us to continue to provide a high quality of service to local people.

Suffolk Day Thursday 21st June 2018

On Wednesday, 21st June 2017, we had our first celebration for our wonderful county where Suffolk Day celebrated Suffolk's history, art and culture, cutting edge technology, stunning coastline, wildlife, food and drink, businesses, sport, university – the list goes on and on. This year scores of fun events will take place across the county once again in celebration of the wonderful county we visit, work, enjoy and call home.

We launched our first ever Summer photo competition in east Suffolk

As you know Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils have been working in partnership since 2008 and to reflect this, we wanted to celebrate east Suffolk as a great place to live, work and visit with the new East Suffolk Photo Competition. The competition has four categories: · Living in east Suffolk · Working in east Suffolk · Explore east Suffolk · Under 16s (in any category). The competition proved to be a huge success and congratulations once again to our winners and many thanks to all those that sent in their wonderful photos via Instagram – keep an eye out for this years competition.

We Saluted our Suffolk Armed Forces

Thousands of people flocked to the seaside town of Felixstowe for a fun-filled weekend celebrating [Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend 2017](#). The action-packed event was hosted this year by Suffolk Coastal District Council in June. As well as providing fun for all the family, the event had a serious side - recognising the huge contribution made by our servicemen and women, as well as marking the important 350th anniversary of the Dutch attack on Landguard Fort (which was the last time foreign forces launched an armed landing on English soil). We would like to once again thank the many volunteers, who gave up their weekend to make the two days so much fun for everyone else and the organising committee for their hard work and dedication to creating this enjoyable weekend.

Started the work to transform Deben Leisure Centre



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Deben Pool closed on Thursday 31 August and work started on Monday 4 September for a 10 month period to transform the facility into a state-of-the-art leisure centre. The new leisure centre has been designed with the Council's leisure development partner, [Pulse Fitness](#) and operators [Places for People Leisure](#) and includes a new, spacious gym, featuring modern equipment and the pool area will feature a new health suite with a steam room, sauna and ice room.

Suffolk Coastal's investment of £2.5 million in the new leisure centre has been boosted by £500,000 in Sport England National Lottery Funding. The work to develop the leisure centre is part of [the Council's five year programme](#) to improve leisure facilities for the district and to encourage more people to become more active. We would like to thank members of Deben Pool for their support for the redevelopment so far. During the closure, members and visitors can use our other facilities at Leiston, Felixstowe and Brackenbury.

A key part of our Business Plan focuses on increasing access to quality leisure facilities and activities as part of our commitment to getting more people fit and active. We hope Deben will be the ignition for our complete leisure redevelopment to create facilities our communities can be truly proud of.

New plans published for Leiston Leisure Centre

New plans have now been published for [Leiston Leisure Centre](#) and Suffolk Coastal are now looking for feedback from the community. Leiston is the second leisure centre in the district to be revitalised following the completion of Deben Leisure Centre in Woodbridge this summer, with work planned to start this autumn. The improved leisure centre has been designed with the Council's leisure development partner, Pulse Fitness and will continue to be run by Suffolk Coastal's operational leisure partners, Places for People Leisure. Suffolk Coastal hope the major investment in the leisure centre will help encourage more people to become fit and active. The enhanced facility will be given a new, first floor area which will feature a large gym with modern equipment, including cardiovascular, strength, resistance and functional zones. Improvements will be made to the changing areas, providing high quality village wet changing facilities with family friendly parent and child cubicles, separate changing for schools and individual wet-side changing cubicles and showers. A new health suite containing a sauna, steam and ice room with heated beds, a feature shower and relaxation area is being created, accessible from poolside. The facility will include a new entrance space, with a coffee shop and an enhanced pool viewing area featuring a soft play area for children. The community will be able to access more fitness classes with the addition of two new dance studios and a group cycling studio, which will also serve as multi-use bookable rooms.

Through listening to initial feedback and advice from Sport England, the two squash courts are being retained. Improvements will also be made to the lighting in the pool area and the front car park will be resurfaced. Work is planned to start in autumn, with an initial closure needed to undertake structural work for a short period. The leisure centre will then partially open to give access to parts of the facility during the work. Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, cabinet member for Customers, Communities and Leisure, said: "I really want to thank the community for their support for the improved leisure centre so far, as their initial input has helped us to rethink the design of Leiston and ensure that the modernised facility will cater for all members of the community. "We want to create a fun and contemporary centre that boosts vitality for everyone and we believe the designs reflect this. The centre is in need of modernisation and the improved facility will help more people become fit and active as well as providing a contemporary space for the community to enjoy.

"We're now looking for final feedback from local people on the design and functionality of the building so we're ready to start working on the project later this year."

The Leisure Team will be contacting and speaking with a range of groups, leisure centre users and other key stakeholders in the next two months. If you are a community group, local club or team and would like to have a chat with the Leisure Team, please email: leisure@eastssuffolk.gov.uk. If you



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would like to stay up to date with the progress of the Leisure programme, sign up to receive our regular newsletter by contacting: leisure@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

We love apprentices in east Suffolk!

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are celebrating the impact of apprentices within the two councils after recruiting a record number this summer.

The apprenticeship scheme has become well established within the two councils with 43 trained since 2012. Even once their apprenticeships have been completed, 70% of apprentices over the last three years have stayed with the Councils to develop bright careers within the authorities. Several of these have gone on to undertake further qualifications within their chosen field, including level 3 apprenticeships in Business admin and Customer Services, level 4 professional qualifications in Housing, and one young person who joined us in 2012 has recently completed a level 5 qualification in HR. Apprentices are currently working in service areas across the two districts, including HR, planning, housing, finance, legal and Active Communities, with 13 new recruits joining the councils earlier this month. In return, we offer them all a business based, supported recognised qualification, a modern working environment, generous annual leave entitlements and valuable work based skills from day one.

Celebrated older residents on Silver Sunday

Older residents from across East Suffolk were invited to take part in a number of free activities as part of a national campaign to reduce loneliness. [Silver Sunday is an annual celebration of older people](#) and raises awareness of the social isolation which affects so many. To mark the occasion, free events and activities took place in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney and older residents are encouraged to get involved and try something new.

As detailed in our Business Plan, we want our communities to thrive and for our older residents to feel supported, healthy and engaged. Silver Sunday is a great opportunity to celebrate our older people and ensure their invaluable contribution to society is not overlooked. Along with partner organisations, we are working to combat social isolation and loneliness, which can have a devastating effect on people's physical and mental wellbeing. More details for 2018 Silver Sunday coming soon.

Cycling on the prom at Felixstowe

SCDC ran a year-long trial and consultation which allowed cycling on Felixstowe Promenade after a request from Felixstowe Town Council. After running the consultation, to which over 500 people responded, it was therefore recommended to Full Council that SCDC removed the notices prohibiting cycling on the Prom at Felixstowe to allow all to safely enjoy the promenade.

East Suffolk Partnership

The East Suffolk Partnership celebrated its fifth annual Forum with over 200 people attending the fully booked event at Trinity Park. The theme "Unlocking the potential of growth in east Suffolk" focused on the idea of "inclusive growth". Inclusive growth is an important for promoting economic growth for the benefit of everyone - and we explored how to deliver economic growth while improving local services, supporting communities and protecting the environment.

The important annual event offered excellent networking opportunities and gave delegates the chance to participate in a collaborative approach to working in east Suffolk. Through a programme of presentations, workshops and seminars delegates examined how individuals and communities in East Suffolk can connect to, and feel the benefits from, economic growth. The East Suffolk Partnership (ESP) attracts people from local communities, voluntary organisations, public services, businesses and local government and encourages them to work together for the benefit of east Suffolk.

Dog Control - Public Space Protection Orders

The Council considered the outcomes from the pre-consultation exercise and the public consultation on the introduction on the draft Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which outline dog controls



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in the district. Town and Parish Councils and the public were consulted on the seven proposed PSPOs which replace the existing by-laws, enactments and a local “order” in the Suffolk Coastal District which impose requirements on dog owners. As well as updating controls, PSPOs also provide a more effective and efficient way of dealing with these types of offence through the issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The benefit of this approach is that controls, such as the prohibition of dogs on certain beaches during the summer months, can be more effectively enforced through the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices rather than by way of prosecution. This isn’t about banning dogs everywhere. It’s about replacing the existing laws to protect specific places where problems have been raised, with a more effective way of ensuring people control nuisance dogs. For instance;

- Keeping dogs on leads at Landguard Point nature reserve – subject to time of year
- Banning dogs from gated and fenced children’s play areas
- Excluding dogs on Aldeburgh and Felixstowe beach – at certain specified times

System recognised with second national award

The hi-tech system, developed by Suffolk Coastal Port Health Authority for handling imports at the Port of Felixstowe, has been shortlisted for another national award. The Port Health Interactive Live Information System (PHILIS) has been shortlisted for a [Local Government Chronicle Award](#) in the Innovation Category. This is the second time the software system has been shortlisted, after it was named a finalist in the Technological Innovation category of the APSE Environmental Services Innovation Awards 2017 in October. Since its development and launch at Suffolk Coastal’s Port Health Authority in September 2009, PHILIS has been developed to incorporate a scanning module to handle the high volumes of paperwork and original certification that accompanies imported food consignments. In addition to benefiting the Port Health service at Felixstowe, the software has now been licenced to all of the major sea ports: London, Mersey and Southampton. During 2016/17, the system has also been developed by the team to manage animal welfare requirements at Heathrow’s Animal Reception Centre (HARC).

The system now:

- Manages 85% of food imported into the UK from outside of the EU
- Supports 100 users operating from 4 Port Health Authorities and HARC
- Handles over 3million containers a year through the 4 ports
- Has delivered at least a 20% saving in officer time at Felixstowe
- Scans around 1 million documents a year
- Generates income for the Council through licence fees

Prosecuted a resident who landed up with a criminal record for waste offence

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils reminded householders that they have a legal responsibility, or duty of care, to prevent their waste from being fly-tipped after a resident pleaded guilty to a waste offence. The resident pleaded guilty to an offence of failing to fulfil his duty of care towards household waste contrary to Section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in March 2017 from his address. The case was brought to court after twenty sacks of general, unsorted household waste which were found to have been fly-tipped.

We would therefore urge anyone who arranges for any waste to be taken away from their home by anyone other than the Council’s service partners Suffolk Coastal Norse or Waveney Norse, to remember the “Scrap Code”, to avoid being held responsible, and risk acquiring a criminal record, should their waste end up fly-tipped.”

- S: Suspect. Beware of rogue waste carriers – reputable companies do not usually make direct approaches. If in any doubt as to whether someone is a legitimate waste carrier, do not allow them to take your waste.
- C: Check. Ask for their waste carrier registration details, and verify them by checking [the online register](https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-) (<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers->



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brokers) or by calling 03708 506 506. Always note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

- R: Refuse unsolicited offers to have any rubbish taken away. Always carry out your own research and choose who you wish to approach. Legitimate waste carriers are unlikely to seek business by going door-to-door.
- A: Ask questions. Always ask what exactly is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier who wants your business should not object to being asked reasonable questions.
- P: Paperwork. Make sure you get a proper receipt containing the written information for your waste. This should include what has been removed, and where it will be going. Make sure the Company or tradesman's details are included.

If you see someone fly-tipping in Suffolk Coastal or Waveney, please report it in confidence online at: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping/how-to-report-fly-tipping. Or by calling Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils on 01394 383789 or 01502 562111, or email environment@eastsuffolk.gov.uk. More information for Suffolk householders, landowners, and businesses about how they can help prevent and tackle fly-tipping is available on the Suffolk Recycling website: www.greensuffolk.org/recycling/fly-tipping

Ran and judged a local competition for a new piece of Art Work at East Suffolk House commission

Suffolk Coastal marked their first year in their new headquarters and were looking for a new and exciting piece of art to be displayed in the reception area which reflects Suffolk Coastal as a district, drawing on aspects of the East Suffolk Business Plan and compliments the architecture of the building. [Emma Green](#) who lives locally in Woodbridge was picked by Suffolk Coastal staff and councillors to create a unique piece of work for the council.

Her paintings explore the coastal landscape in semi-abstract style, emphasising the light and atmosphere of the environment. Much of her work focuses on the River Deben, including the boatyards near her river-side studio. The council received ideas from 22 artists of which five finalists were chosen to come in and meet the judging panel of staff, councillors and external arts experts who made the ultimate decision. Well done and thank you to all those that submitted towards this competition.

Launched a new domestic abuse website launched in Suffolk Coastal

A new website was launched in Suffolk Coastal to support those affected by domestic abuse.

[The Coastal Action Against Abuse \(CAAA\) website](#) promotes the group incorporating professionals who work in partnership to raise public and professional awareness and understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on victims, their families and the wider community within Suffolk Coastal District. The website signposts the public to local services and support in the area, links to national and local campaigns and increase awareness of types of abuse: <http://www.c-aaa.uk/>

Felixstowe started work to become a dementia friendly town

Felixstowe started work to become the first dementia friendly town in Suffolk Coastal to help make lives easier and support more accessible to people affected by dementia.

It's estimated that around 12,800 people in Suffolk are currently living with dementia, with the number rising in the future. Felixstowe hope the introduction of support groups and information sessions to businesses and individuals will help improve the community's understanding of dementia. If you would like to get involved with the Felixstowe Dementia Action Alliance, email: fxttaa@gmail.com or phone 07717 150993. For further information visit: www.dementiafriends.org.uk

We invested over £1m in Suffolk

Suffolk Coastal is celebrating the success of its [Enabling Communities Budget](#) this month as funding pumped into communities reaches over £1 million, since the scheme launched in December 2013. So



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far, our councillors have supported over 750 projects and community initiatives which equals to £1,038,048. Support has also been given to 23 projects through Suffolk Coastal's Exemplar Grants programme, amounting to £187,940. The budget has supported everything from new play areas, improvements to community buildings, charities which help the youngest and oldest members of our communities, sports clubs and activities which cater to all ages, community tree planting and lifesaving defibrillators – with the list continuing to grow as Enabling Communities funding reaches communities. This year each of our councillors have £6,500 to allocate to new projects, enhancing existing projects or community groups in their ward. To find out how your local councillor is spending their budget, or for more information about the Exemplar grants visit their [contact details pages](#) to get in touch: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/councillors/suffolk-coastal-district-councillors>

Crucial Crew Plus trialled at Leiston school

The Alde Valley Academy in Leiston is the first school in Suffolk to trial a new training initiative aimed at keeping young people safe. Crucial Crew Plus is a new safety initiative aimed at high school pupils, focusing on how to stay safe in all aspects of life and includes self harm, cybercrime, sex education, substance misuse, grooming and healthy relationships, apprenticeships, realities of crime, self-esteem confidence and anxiety.

The training builds on the success of the one day training primary schools are invited to attend each year, Crucial Crew, and is provided to all year groups. The training is made up of short presentations and interactive sessions which are supported by a number of local organisations including Suffolk Police, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Active Communities team, Suffolk Wellbeing Service, Access Community Trust, Terence Higgins Trust, Turning Point, Suffolk Coastal Communities team, Suffolk Road Safety, and the Youth Offending Service. The training teaches children how to tackle the personal dangers they face and helps to prevent them from becoming involved in crime. It delivers hard hitting messages to young people on issues affecting them most, such as sexting, drug and alcohol misuse, grooming and gang violence.

Recent/Up to date information

Cabinet Meeting this Tuesday 6 March 6.30pm (06.03.18) in the Deben Conference Room.

Landguard Partnership: Extension to Agreement

We have supported the Landguard Partnership since 2009. However, the agreement to support the partnership runs out in April 2018. It may be renewed for further 5-year periods, subject to the agreement of all members of the partnership. Partnership members have been consulted and agreed in principle to extend their support. As part of the Agreement, SCDC contributes £18,000 a year to the Landguard Partnership.

Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2018/19

Each year, every local authority must approve a policy strategy, which will govern its day-to-day treasury management objectives for that year. The strategy balances the need to maximise performance from investments, money market and capital market transactions, while minimising the risk to the Council's cash flows and banking. The overriding principle is security of Council's money.

Recent news:

The adverse weather conditions across the east have had a huge impact on our refuse collection service. We have put the safety of the public and our crews first and we are very grateful for your patience and understanding. We will now begin the process of catching up, as well as undertaking a full, scheduled collection service from Monday. It is the intention of Norse to collect all missed, residual waste (black bins in Waveney / grey-lidded bins in Suffolk Coastal - and sacks) by the end of next week across Suffolk Coastal and Waveney.



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Protecting the tax payer

Suffolk Coastal has pegged its increase in Council Tax to less than a fiver for the second year running. At its Full Council meeting on Thursday, 22 February 2018, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Members voted unanimously to set the increase in its portion of the Council Tax for the coming financial year at 3.15%. In real money, this equates to a rise of less than £5 in Council Tax for people living in a Band D property during 2018/19. In fact, the annual increase in Council Tax on a Band D property for next financial year, from £157.32 to £162.27, is a rise of just £4.95 (or by less than 10p a week!), which is the same as 2017/18. But the Council remains committed to investing in the future prosperity of the District, as Suffolk Coastal's Leader, Cllr Ray Herring, explained:

"Our financial situation is sound, because of the tough decisions we've made over the last decade to streamline our operation and become more efficient," said Cllr Herring. "But there is no room to be complacent. There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding local authority funding from Government in the future. "This means we need to become increasingly financially self-sufficient, if we are to maintain our frontline services at their current level. We need to make more money from our existing resources, rather than relying on central Government funding. This year marks a decade of successful partnership working with our colleagues in Waveney, dating back to when we were among the first councils in the country to appoint a joint Chief Executive. This partnership has created £22.5m in combined savings since 2008 – an amazing achievement when each council only has a £12million annual budget (2017/18 figures). The councils have also nearly halved their joint workforce, from 1,353 on 1 April 2008 to 733 on 1 April 2017. "We will continue to review our services and adopt a more commercial approach. We are confident we can deliver quality services, while continuing to make efficiency savings and investing in the future." Although Suffolk Coastal collects the Council Tax (on behalf of Suffolk Coastal, the County Council, Police and Town/Parish Councils), only about 10p in the pound goes towards providing our district council services.

New council logo...What does east Suffolk mean to you?

So what does east Suffolk mean to you? With confirmation that the Secretary of State has agreed to the creation of a new 'super district council' for the area – we want your ideas to help inspire an identity for the new organisation.

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils have been working together for nearly a decade, delivering important services - in partnership - to the communities of east Suffolk. Now, [having received confirmation from the Secretary of State that he is minded to approve our proposal](#) to create a brand new, single local authority for the area, a huge amount of work is being undertaken to prepare for the final decision, which is expected shortly. As well as the considerable amount of legal and constitutional tasks which must be completed, the new organisation must create and establish a visual identity which, naturally, includes a new 'logo'. Logos are used to identify an organisation and, for a council, can be found in a huge number of locations – from buildings and vehicles, to letters and leaflets. And we would like YOUR help! We are looking for ideas to help us create a visual identity for the new council as part of a competition, open to anyone living in east Suffolk. We want to know what east Suffolk means to you, what inspires you and what best represents the greatest things about this wonderful part of the country. We are looking for your drawings, artwork or designs so that we can get a real feel for what matters to you and what makes you proud to be here. There will be prizes for the best and most interesting ideas – in adult and Under 16 categories - and, most importantly of all, one or more will be used as part of the creation of the new logo itself.

Entries can be submitted in person, by post or via email in any format as follows:

- In person/by post (in a sealed envelope please) to: 'East Suffolk Identity Competition' at Riverside, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft, NR33 0EQ East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Melton IP12 1RT



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- By email to: communications@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

We welcome hand drawn/crafted artwork, or digital compositions in either jpg, png or pdf formats. Terms etc available on the website. The closing date for the competition is midday on Thursday 8 March.

Response to Second Stage Consultation on the future management of off-street Car Parks in preparation for Civil Parking Enforcement, and next steps: The paper identified the off-street parking orders which need to be prepared ahead Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) transferring from the police to the Suffolk local authorities . The implementation of CPE is planned for April 2019 but there is some uncertainty from Central Government about the exact timing due to pressure on their legal resources due to Brexit. The off-street orders need to be amended in April 2018 for any changes that are desirable between now and April 2019 as there will be a freeze on any changes from April 2018 to April 2019 while the CPE legal work is being carried out. Thank you to the 3 in Aldeburgh that contributed to the consultation. For more information <http://apps.eastsoffolk.gov.uk/committeeminutes/showagenda.asp?id=22632>

The recommendations at Cabinet were:: • Adjust tariffs for the first time in 5-7 years (See Appendix B) Investigate the implementation of Pay and Display tariffs at Slaughden Road (land ownership needs to be clarified as unclear if highway or council land). If landownership allows, the tariff level would be set at the same level as Fort Green and Thorpe Road. The notices were erected 12/02/18 for a period of 6 weeks.

ESP Board meeting 07.03.18 The Greenprint forum presented to the board on the below and also TJ gave an update on getting younger people heard on different boards/groups etc.

There will be a Youth Conference at East Suffolk House on April 11th where all high school/college age young adults are invited to come and contribute in a youth conference. This is an informal event, no need to book a place so please come along 11.30am-2pm,

Most people were appalled by the shocking scenes of how plastic is polluting our seas, choking the lives out of our aquatic wildlife, recently shown on Blue Planet II.

Now is your chance to join the dedicated band of public-spirited people who are taking positive action to fight against the scourge of plastic in our society. Suffolk Coastal District Council will be hosting a special event, entitled 'Plastics know your place in the community', at its offices in East Suffolk House, Melton (IP12 1RT), from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday, 28 March. The event is being staged by the Greenprint Forum – which has designated 2018 as its year of #plasticaction. Andrew Cassy, Chairman of the Greenprint Forum, explained: "Our vision is for the people of east Suffolk to work together to improve our quality of life and living standards, while reducing our environmental impact. We have a wide range of complimentary environmental goals but have decided to focus on taken action on plastic this year, because there is a significant and widely recognised need to act now both here in east Suffolk and across the world. Taking action on plastic now is one small but important step in a long improvement journey. Our aim is to work to ensure the use of plastics is tightly controlled and everyone takes responsibility to reduce the impact of their activities on the natural environment". The Greenprint Forum is a voluntary network facilitated by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils to help deliver their [business plan](#) specifically enabling community environmental action to improve lives and strengthen our economy.

Cllr Carol Poulter, Suffolk Coastal's Cabinet Member for the Green Environment, said "Many people will have been inspired to take action by Blue Planet II and other recent publicity, highlighting the damage we are doing to the planet by letting plastic escape into nature. This event gives local people



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more information about the situation in this area, as well as giving them the opportunity to be inspired by the personal stories and experiences of others”.

This event supports two of Suffolk Coastal’s aims in its Business Plan - ‘Protecting, enhancing and making sustainable use of our environment’; and, ‘a diverse mix of resilient and supportive communities that value their rural and coastal heritage; which feel engaged, valued and empowered; and where people’s needs are met and where they can make a difference to their community.’

The ‘Plastics know your place in the community’ event is open to all – but booking is essential. Please [book online](#) or call 01394 444747. [More information](#) on the Greenprint Forum and its forthcoming events. The event is being organised by Suffolk Coastal District Council and primarily sponsored by the East Suffolk Partnership, with the University of Suffolk contributing as part of their Sustainable Community outreach programme. There will be an opportunity to buy artwork, tea, litter pick sticks and other relevant goodies. Food will be provided.

Women's Tour comes back to east Suffolk

The OVO Energy Women’s Tour will return to Suffolk this June, as the county hosts the opening stage to the UCI Women’s WorldTour race on Wednesday 13 June. Over 100 of the world’s top cyclists will race from Framlingham to Southwold, home of race sponsors Adnams, taking in a 130-kilometre route through Suffolk, including Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Ipswich, Stowmarket and Halesworth. It will mark the fourth time that Britain’s biggest women’s cycling event has returned to the county, and in a boost for fans there will also be a chance to ride much of the route, in the OVO Energy Tour Ride sportive event supporting Breast Cancer Care on Sunday 1 July.

We are delighted to be hosting the opening stage of this year’s OVO Energy Women’s Tour, welcoming the tour back to Suffolk for a fourth year. The race will showcase Suffolk’s heritage and iconic landmarks, bringing major investment into the county. It will also encourage more people to take up cycling and live a more active and healthy lifestyle, contributing to our ambition to make Suffolk England’s most active county. “It will be an event that everyone can celebrate and enjoy.”

In a joint statement, Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Suffolk Coastal District Council’s Cabinet Member for Customers, Communities and Leisure and Cllr Michael Ladd, Waveney District Council’s Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Tourism said: “We are thrilled to be welcoming the OVO Energy Women’s Tour to the area once again, particularly as we will be hosting both the start and finish of the opening stage in east Suffolk.

“This popular event brings many visitors to our region and provides a real boost to the local economy. As always, we will be working closely with local communities, businesses and schools to get them involved with Tour-related activities.” Commenting on the news, Emma Hibbert, Marketing Director of Adnams said: ‘

‘Adnams has supported the Women’s Tour and Tour of Britain for a number of years and is delighted to welcome the professional riders back to Suffolk and in particular Southwold. It is a real credit to the County and the support of the local community that we are able to host a full stage in the County. 2018 is set to be an exciting year for cycling in Suffolk, with the addition of the Tour Ride and other cycling events to the calendar.” Stage One will start from the centre of Framlingham, re-visiting the town midway through the stage as a bonus for spectators, with the finish coming on Southwold’s Promenade, just yards away from where the race began in 2016. Commenting on the announcement, Race Director Mick Bennett said: “We are delighted that the Grand Départ of the 2018 OVO Energy Women’s Tour will take place in Suffolk, a county that has enthusiastically supported the race since the inaugural edition four years ago. Upon departing Framlingham, this stage will take in many roads that have featured in both the Women’s Tour and OVO Energy Tour of



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Britain in recent years, while the finish on Southwold's North Parade looks tailor-made for a fast and thrilling bunch sprint."

Claire Pulford, Head of Events at Breast Cancer Care said: "We are absolutely delighted to be partnering with the OVO Energy Women's Tour for a second year. "It is particularly exciting for Breast Cancer Care to be involved in this year's OVO Energy Tour Ride. More than 500 people in Suffolk will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year* and the funds raised from the Tour Ride will help our charity continue to support and make a positive difference to these people and the lives of the thousands of people facing breast cancer in the UK." In total 17 teams will compete in the 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour, including four British squads, Wiggle HIGH5, Trek Drops, WNT Rotor and Storey Racing, with the riders set to compete in the race being announced during the early summer. Two weeks after the race a special sportive will take place on Sunday 1 July, starting and finishing in Southwold, giving members of the public the chance to ride one of two routes, both of which will use the Stage One route. Further details of the OVO Energy Tour Ride supporting Breast Cancer Care, including how to enter are available on the [Tour Ride website](#). A one-hour highlights programme of every stage will be broadcast daily on ITV4 and Eurosport and available on demand via the ITV Hub and Eurosport Player. The OVO Energy Women's Tour is a part of the UCI Women's WorldTour, comprising 23 events around the world in 10 different countries.

Finally. We are congratulating ATC, Leiston Longshop Museum, Deben Community farm and the Kesgrave computer club for being shortlisted for an enabling communities award – to be announced this Thursday evening at our SCDC Awards evening. Good luck and congratulations to all finalists and all nominated for the SCBCA.

Useful reminders/contact details etc

Tragically we updated you within our reports last June with a Statement following London Bridge terror attack.

With the tragic events that took place in London and Manchester last year, Suffolk Constabulary's Chief Constable moved to reassure local residents and visitors that although the county remains safe, the approach to policing will be continuously reviewed to help mitigate any potential further threats.

The latest guidance on recognising the terrorist threat and remaining vigilant can be accessed via the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office> To report any suspicious activity or behaviour call **0800 789 321** or in an emergency dial **999**.

Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity and please pass any useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>. DO NOT USE THE LINKS IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999.

To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Recycling Right?

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. This facility is designed to only accept and process certain materials. If the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.



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To ensure the correct items are put into their recycling bins, residents are being asked to remember the following points to combat contamination:

- Food waste, glass, electrical items, and batteries are just some of the common contaminants found. These items can't go in your recycling bin at home but they can be recycled elsewhere. Information on where they can be recycled are in the leaflet and online.
- Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the recycling bin, either bagged or loose. Instead people are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops, or to take it to their nearest recycling banks.
- Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. These must always go in the rubbish bin.
- Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled they fall through the sorting process. However, bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on.
- Aluminium foil needs to be rolled into a tennis ball size before being placed in the recycling bin.

While it is great we are recycling more than half of our household waste here in Suffolk, this campaign will hopefully help people better understand what can be put in their recycling bins and what can't. Contaminating your recycling bin isn't a small problem and this year it's costing Suffolk taxpayers over £500,000 just to remove the wrong stuff. This money could be better spent supporting services elsewhere. It's therefore vital that we all do our bit and help get our recycling right. For more information about what can be recycled in your blue bin, please visit www.suffolkrecycle.today

Food Hygiene - Remember to ask 'where's the sticker?'

We are pleased that many food businesses across east Suffolk have been awarded the highest possible rating for food hygiene, however, we are reminding you to check the food hygiene rating sticker when choosing where to eat out. The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) helps people make an informed choice about where to eat by highlighting restaurants, pubs and cafes with excellent food hygiene. Food businesses can display their black and green FHRS sticker advertising their current food safety rating. This gives an immediate insight into the kitchen and shows how seriously the business takes food hygiene. All food businesses are checked by the Council's Food and Safety Team to ensure they are compliant with food hygiene law and so if a business is not displaying a FHRS sticker, it might be they have something to hide! Food businesses with poor food hygiene standards will have a rating of 0 (urgent improvement necessary), 1 (major improvement necessary) or 2 (improvement necessary).

People are encouraged to take food hygiene seriously when choosing where to eat and so if the FHRS sticker is not visible, always ask 'where's the sticker?' You can also check the rating of food businesses online at ratings.food.gov.uk.

All food businesses are capable of achieving the top FHRS rating of 5 (very good) and having a top rating can attract more customers. Food establishment owners should make sure their FHRS sticker is proudly on display on the door, the menu and in any advertising.

Power cuts - Don't be left in the dark

There's a new number to call if you have a power cut. When the power goes out, it can leave people feeling unsure about what to do. Research by Energy Networks Association found that 72% of people don't know who to contact during a power cut, with many wrongly thinking they should call the electricity supplier they pay their bill to.

105 aims to solve this problem, providing you with an easy-to-remember number that will put you through to your local electricity network operator - the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses. 105 is a free service for people in



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England, Scotland and Wales, and you can call the number from most landlines and mobile phones. It doesn't matter who you choose to buy your electricity from - anyone can call 105. You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put you, or someone else, in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, call the emergency services too. To find out more, visit powercut105.com.

Reminder to take care by the Coast & Flood warnings

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are advising people to take extra care by the coast and to take extra care if they are out on the seafront, as storms can make parts of the coastline unstable. To keep up to date with any forecasts and flood warnings: <https://www.gov.uk/browse/environment-countryside/flooding-extreme-weather> Flood warning information, as well as guidance about preparing for floods, can be obtained from the Environment Agency website. When exceptionally heavy rain is forecast, the Met Office will publish local weather warnings.

Action Fraud

If you think you have been targeted by a scam, or know someone who has, then call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report it online. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and internet crime.

Be cautious

Please be especially cautious of any individual who approaches you and offers to sell you something at an incredibly reduced price. Trust your instincts – If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Anyone who is offered goods for sale out the back of a van, by a person who approaches them in the street, or uninvited at the doorstep, should be highly suspicious. Goods sold in this way may be stolen, counterfeit, unsafe or simply overpriced. Our advice is simply never to deal with traders in this way. Help us keep our communities safe by reporting any suspicious activity.

Please use the following link to pass useful information to Suffolk Police about any incident. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

DO NOT USE THIS IN AN EMERGENCY OR IN A SITUATION THAT REQUIRES AN IMMEDIATE POLICE RESPONSE WHEN YOU SHOULD RING 999. To report information anonymously on any crime, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime reduction advice can be accessed via the Suffolk Constabulary website <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Register to vote <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Use this service to apply to register to vote or to:
update your name, address or other details on the electoral register
change your voting preferences, for example to vote in person or by post
change whether you're on the open register

It usually takes about 5 minutes. This service is also available in Welsh (Cymraeg).

You may need the following, if you have them: your National Insurance number, your passport if you're a British citizen living abroad, You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and referendums.



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Council Agrees further savings and council tax for 2018/19

In February this year the County Council agreed its Budget for 2018/19, based on the need to save £23.9m given reductions in grant funding from central government. The budget changes include the following savings from each service:

- Adult and Community Services - £12m - Working with care providers to look at how best to manage future pricing structures and working with partners including health to reduce demand.
- Health, Wellbeing and Children's Services - £0.25m - Moving towards using digital technology, maximising income and working with Suffolk Libraries to agree a fixed price contract for next four years.
- Fire and Public Safety - £0.24m - Savings from 'blue-light' collaboration including sharing facilities with the police and ambulance services. Further efficiencies within Trading Standards and Health & Safety. Reduction in Citizens Advice Bureau grants.
- Resource Management – £1.71m - Use evidence-based approach to reduce highways maintenance requirements where possible. Continue to make best use of property, saving money by sharing buildings with public sector partners. Review contracts for IT services.
- Corporate Services – £9.7m - Reprofile debt repayment in line with recent guidance, maximising efficiencies in contract management and increasing the returns from Wholly Owned Companies.

In addition to these savings, the Council also agreed to rise general council tax by 2.99%, which is the first increase since 2009. The National Adult Social Care Precept that is ringfenced to help fund Adult Social Care will be equivalent to 2%. As part of the budget plan, it is expected that the Council will use around £3 million from reserves but this source of funding is not sustainable in the long-term. A new portfolio of transformation programmes was launched in November 2017. The new transformation programmes will focus on reducing existing overspends and meeting the forecast budget gap of £56m to 2021.

Community Fire Volunteers wanted by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is currently on the lookout for enthusiastic and caring people who want to make a difference to their community. Community Fire Volunteers are fully trained volunteers who share fire safety advice in their area, visiting elderly and vulnerable people in their homes to undertake a Safer Home Visit for them, fitting smoke alarms if required and offering fire safety advice. Those who become Community Fire Volunteers will also be able to get involved in other ways, such as attending community events and fairs or giving talks to community groups about fire safety. Applicants must be older than 18 years old and be available for at least 12 hours every month. Volunteers will receive ongoing training and uniform for when they undertake their duties. Support will also be given to allow volunteers to extend their skills and expenses will be paid to cover any costs incurred while on duty.

Suffolk Fostering Service launches fostering recruitment campaign

Suffolk County Council's Fostering Service launched a series of campaigns in mid to late 2017 to encourage more Suffolk residents to become foster carers. 820 children currently live in care in Suffolk and there is an urgent need for more people to come forward to foster. The first campaign will focus on the need to recruit more foster carers for teenagers. Suffolk Fostering Service is the longest established provider of fostering services in the county, offering competitive fees, 24-hour support services and up to 21 days paid leave per year. The first campaign focuses on the real-life experiences of two Suffolk Fostering Service



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foster carers, Ethel from Ipswich and Sammy from Lowestoft. Teenagers in care have often gone through a great deal in their lives and this campaign aims to give an honest reflection of what it takes to be a foster carer and the rewards that can come as a result. The campaign is accompanied by a [new promotional video](#) which features both Ethel and Sammy, providing an insight into what it takes to be a foster carer for teenagers and the positive difference they make to a young person's life. The video addresses why the application process can be timely and thorough, with Ethel and Sammy both describing how the vulnerability of the children in care makes the timeframe absolutely necessary. It also makes clear that the robustness and intensity of the process is equally there to benefit and protect the prospective foster carer, ensuring that they are fully prepared and certain of the commitment they are making. It's really important to get more people talking about foster care and I would encourage Suffolk residents to look at their own lives to consider whether they have the patience, compassion and the spare room required to provide a child with the secure home life they need." For more information visit: www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk

GCSE and A Level results on the rise in Suffolk

Results published by the Department for Education early in 2018 show results for GCSE and A Levels on the rise.

GCSE - Almost 7,000 students in Suffolk were entered for GCSE results this year. The figures show that 2% more students in Suffolk are achieving the expected standards in English and Maths at GCSE compared with last year. In 2017, there was a change to the way that English and Maths GCSEs are graded. Results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'. These changes will be phased in to cover all subjects by 2020. 62.4% of students in the county are achieving the expected standard in English and Maths and Suffolk has closed the gap to national to just 1.1%. Suffolk has also risen by 24 places in national league tables for this measure, to 85th out of 151 authorities. The county has risen 7 places in national rankings for the percentage of students achieving the English Baccalaureate. Progress of Suffolk students continues to be above the national average for state funded schools, with the county achieving an average Progress 8 score of -0.01, compared with -0.03 nationally. Progress 8 measures how well pupils of all abilities have progressed by comparing them with students who achieved similar levels in Key Stage 2 across the country.

A Level - Almost 3,000 pupils were entered for A Levels in Suffolk. The A Level figures show that Suffolk pupils once again performed well with the General Applied entry and Tech Level entries remaining above the national average figures. A Level attainment is measured by the Department for Education using a points system. Points are given based on the type of A Level and the grade achieved. For example, an A Level at grade A is worth 50 points, whereas an AS Level would be worth half of this. Suffolk's Academic average points per entry in 2017 was 30.01. For General Applied, (previously referred to as vocational) the average points per entry has increased to 35.95 from last year's figure of 34.70. This has remained above the national figure of 35.6. At Tech Level, Suffolk's average points has increased by more than 3% to 34.66 and remains above national figure of 32.2.

97% of students receive preferred Secondary School In 2017, Suffolk County Council received its highest number of applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to be educated at from September 2018 in Year 7. The total was 7,447. Last year it was 7171. 91.61% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and 97.23% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. This percentage figure of 91.61% equates to a total of 6822 pupils. Families who applied online will be able to log on to the council's Online Service from today to see their school place offer, and will receive an email to confirm this offer. We will also send letters by second class post today (March 1), to all applicants, including those who



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made a paper application, to give more details about the next steps open to them. Any parents or carers with children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 and who have not yet applied for a school place should make an application immediately by downloading the CAF1 application form from the council's website:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions . For further information, such as how to view your offer online, and guidance if you have not received your preferred offer, please read our [School admissions FAQ page](#).

Suffolk County Council's Children's Services continue to improve following Ofsted pilot inspection

The council's Children's Services are now rated 'Good' in all areas. Ofsted have developed a new framework for their future inspections of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS). Earlier in 2017, Suffolk County Council was asked to be a pilot site for this new inspection framework. Suffolk County Council's Children's Services were previously judged 'Good' overall at the end of 2015, a grade that only a third of Local Authorities have achieved. Whilst this was positive, the council recognised that there were still areas for improvement and Ofsted's latest report reflects the action taken to improve in all areas. All areas are now judged to be 'Good'. This puts Suffolk County Council in the top 25% of all Local Authorities. Inspectors were positive about every part of Children's Services, the quality of work with children, and the passion and commitment of everyone they met. Their report highlights that: "The local authority's commitment to children and families is clear and unambiguous... Staff know children well and are passionate about changing their lives." Suffolk County Council's Children's Services is now in the top 25% of all Local Authorities.

Key points made by Ofsted in the report recognise the authority's work in the following areas:

Early Help: Early help is making a positive difference to the lives of children and families Children and families benefit from a good range of early help services.

Social Care & Safeguarding: The children and adult Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is well established. It is appropriately resourced and well managed. Thresholds are applied consistently. Information is shared appropriately. Decision-making is timely. The way in which the local authority has rolled out its preferred social work model across all children and young people's services is extremely impressive. The model encourages social workers to work more effectively with families.

Children in Care: The local authority makes good use of its legal powers and acts decisively to protect children who are unable to continue to live at home safely. Social workers clearly understand the importance of achieving permanence for children in care. The emphasis is always on finding the right long-term solution for each child.

Strong Leadership: Senior managers lead by example. They want the best for children, young people and families. They set and expect high standards of themselves and others. They understand the importance of getting the basics right but are not afraid to innovate.

Partnership working: Partnership working, particularly with the police and with health services, is strong. This is evident in the way in which the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) has developed. It is also apparent in the role played by health partners in early help. Working closely with other agencies, the local authority has strengthened its response to missing children and child sexual exploitation.

Suffolk school travel consultation launched

Suffolk County Council has called for unity in efforts to find a long-term solution to providing affordable home to school transport as a major public consultation gets underway. People who give their views as part of a consultation on the future of school travel in Suffolk will be listened to carefully and have the opportunity to influence the final outcome, the council has



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said. The two and half month consultation, which started on Tuesday 12 December, invites people to help the council shape the future of school and post-16 travel policies. Suffolk County Council has already listened to headteachers and included additional options in the consultation document. The pledge today is to do more of the same as the authority seeks help to find a long-term solution to the funding issues facing home to school transport. In Suffolk, £21 million of taxpayers' money is spent per year getting children to and from school. Suffolk County Council has already introduced a number of efficiency changes to the service saving around £2.6 million. Now, like many other councils across the country, the authority needs to consider making more significant changes. It is therefore consulting on changing its school and post-16 travel policies so the service can be affordable, sustainable, and capable of meeting growing demand in the future. The council's current school and post-16 travel policies go above legal requirements, which means around 2400 children and young people receive free/subsidised school or post-16 travel that Suffolk County Council is not legally required to provide and that they wouldn't get in many other parts of the country. In addition, around 2400 children receive free travel to schools further away than legally required to provide. The proposed consultation seeks views on changing these policies and includes three alternative options, pre-and post-16: -

Option 1: In September 2019, change the school travel policy so that it is in line with the legal requirements. This would mean implementing all the changes in one go, including ceasing free travel to the transport priority area schools where it is not the pupils' nearest.

Option 2: From September 2019, introduce the changes year by year as a child joins or moves school so that it is in line with legal requirements. This means that we would introduce all the changes on a phased basis. This option would cost Suffolk County Council an estimated £8.8 million to implement.

Option 3: Make no changes to the school travel policy but make savings from other services provided by Suffolk County Council.

The consultation ran from 12 December 2017 to 28 February 2018. The results of the consultation will be thoroughly reviewed before Cabinet takes a decision in June.

County Council consulting on Record Office Service in Lowestoft

Suffolk County Council has announced that it will hold a public consultation over the future of the Record Office Service in Lowestoft. It is not sustainable to continue to hold archive material in the storeroom in the current Record Office building. The basement location means that it is prone to flooding and damp hazards, at risk of mould growth and fire resistance is not up to the required standard. This, along with the general decline in visitors and the council's ongoing requirement to make savings in line with its objectives to fill the budget gap of £56m by 2021, means that changes need to be made to the service in Lowestoft. The results of the formal consultation will be presented to Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Committee later in the year for a final decision to be made on the future service provision. For further details of the consultation process, visit www.suffolkarchives.co.uk.

Drone technology to help manage blue light service incidents 15th

February saw the official launch of the use of two Small Unmanned Surveillance Aircrafts in Suffolk. The technology, commonly referred to as drones have been developed and funded by Suffolk Resilience Forum for use across the county. As part of a multi-agency Air Support Unit, the drones will be used by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue and Norfolk & Suffolk 4x4 Response. The drones will provide a range of aerial surveillance options to support emergency services and voluntary organisations across a wide range of incidents including:

- large-scale open fires or complex structural firesurban area search and rescue
- major incident or disaster response
- investigative support



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- hazardous materials response including Environmental Impact Assessments
- road traffic accidents
- significant multi-agency events
- missing persons searches
- pre-planned operations and risk information gathering.

By improving the ability to see and understand what is happening from the air, the drones will **support** emergency services and voluntary organisations to inform the decisions they make when dealing with an incident. They will also help to reduce risks to the public and emergency service workers. The drones and camera equipment cost around £42,500 and they are based at Woodbridge Fire and Police station, have 24/7 emergency response capability and can be used by 17 specially trained remote pilots. The drones will provide important visual information which will be used alongside experienced operational commanders to complete the decision-making picture and help resolve incidents as quickly and safely as possible. The drones have already been used a number of times, most recently at the fire at Saxmundham train station to not only provide pictures of fire spreading and possible collapse in areas that may not have been possible for firefighters to access or see, but also to assist the joint investigation team to determine the location and possible cause of the fire.

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26th February 2018

Dear Mr Capiin

Subject: Report To Friston Parish Council

With reference to your recent request regarding the annual report to Friston Parish Council. I am happy to inform you of the following concerning the activities of Friston Baptist Church:

Church services commence each Sunday at 10:45am and 2pm. The congregation averages about 18 people for each service although this number often rises during the summer months with holidaying visitors. The majority of our congregation is made up of regular attendees from further afield outside the village and even from Essex. Sadly, it is rare to see someone from the village attending a service.

Sunday school is held each Sunday during the afternoon service but again, at this time no children from Friston attend although we do get attendees from Saxmundham which is very encouraging for us.

We are most grateful that we are able to run a children's club (Monday Club) most Mondays during school term time at Friston Village Hall from 5pm until 6:30pm. The attendance averages approximately 10-12 children at present within the age range of between 4 and 12 years. Again, most of the children live in Saxmundham. The club sessions begin with a Bible story and prayer and then on alternate weeks we either teach cooking and craft followed by a short game or play various games during the whole session. We are of course very much aware of the Safeguarding Children legislation and all our adult leaders are DBS checked (as are the Sunday school teachers).

Since moving Monday Club to Friston Village Hall we have purchased a 16 seater minibus to assist with transporting the children. Each Tuesday at 7:30pm we hold a prayer and Bible study meeting at the church — all are most welcome. On the first Sunday of each month, following the morning service we gather round the communion table to commemorate our Lords supper.

Bi-monthly we distribute neighbourhood letters to the residents of the village and further afield.

Annually, on the first Saturday of May we hold a church anniversary service and of course Easter and Christmas services are also conducted.

I do hope you have found this to be helpful.

rely,

Yours sincerely,

Stanley Nicholls (Church member)



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REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018

The message is 'Thank you to all those who supported us in 2017 and we hope that you and more will help us again in 2018'!

Over 1,200 attended services at Friston Church last year, thanks especially to three village weddings (no funerals!). Our average size of Sunday congregation is 13 but rises for special occasions and also 90 at our Carol Service. Needless to say, we would love to see you more often and you would receive a warm welcome!

Our annual costs are around £22,000 which last year included £4,000 on major repairs and £2,000 maintaining the churchyard where we are trying to improve its care and appearance.

We broke even thanks to your support and we shall continue to try and maintain the church and churchyard for everyone to appreciate and enjoy.

We strive hard since we recognise that, regardless of whether people come to Church, it is part of the Friston landscape and heritage. The churchyard footpaths are regularly walked and visitors are attracted to our village. The number of graves being tended says much for the memories of those who have lived here.

We have to raise our own funds and receive no benefit from community budgets and public funding.

So, your support in whatever form is so important to us – regular giving, donations, flower arranging, cleaning and supporting our events without which we would struggle. That includes help with the organisation, refreshments (baking!), parking et al.

Some dates for your diary:



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Sunday, 22nd April, 11am Friston Church – Our own Annual Parish Church Meeting.

- Come and hear how we are doing and let us have your ideas and comments.

Easter Saturday, Sunday, Monday – 31st March, 1st & 2nd April – Easter Art Exhibition.

- 11am – 4pm each day. Tea, coffee and cakes on Sunday and Monday.

Sunday. 17th June – Open Gardens

Thursday, 5th July – Classics on the Green

Sunday, 11th November – Lighting the Village Beacon – Part of the national WW1 remembrance.

For any questions or to help, please contact me

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