



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 02 September 2024 commencing at 7.30pm held at Tattingstone Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllrs J Lee, D Hawes, G Mark, A Mendel (Chair) and S Page

Also in attendance: J. Hazlewood (Minutes), County Councillor S Harley, District Councillor Daniel Potter and 10 members of the public.

01 OPENING

Cllr Mendel declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out by the Chair indicating that, in accordance with legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is on the Council's [website](#).

02 MINUTE TAKER: Councillors **noted** that Jo Hazlewood was present to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of a permanent clerk.

03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note and approve apologies received – Councillors noted the apologies for the open session of the meeting from Cllrs Abbott, Clarke, Plumbly and Stennett.

04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – no declarations were received

To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – there were none submitted.

To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion – none requested.

05. MINUTES

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 01 July 2024 –**Cllr Mark proposed that Council approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the proceedings that took place, seconded by Cllr Lee, aif.** The Chair signed the minutes as approved.

06. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

(a) A written report had been submitted from Cllr. Harley. Cllr Harley gave an update on the following items:

- An Ofsted rating for Children's Social Care services had been downgraded from outstanding when last inspected in 2019 to "requires improvement to be good". A new director of childcare services has been appointed and more information on the proposed improvements to the service will be available later this month.
- More EV charging points are being provided throughout Suffolk
- Launch of solar together scheme enabling Suffolk residents to join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery



storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate

- (b) Cllr Potter highlighted the following items from his report:
- This was his last month as a member of Babergh's cabinet, allowing him to spend more time on local issues and enabling other districts of Babergh & MidSuffolk to be represented.
 - Simpler recycling scheme is being planned as part of the National Recycling policy from April 2026
 - He visited the Woolverstone Project recently which began 30 years ago to enable many people with varying degrees of disability to gain access to specially adapted boats across the River Orwell. The project has recently been awarded £10,000 in lottery funding, which will help meet the growing demand.

07. PUBLIC FORUM

- (a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on items on the agenda submitted: A member of the public asked why the item referring to the Neighbourhood Plan was a closed item particularly as it had been advertised on social media and had been in the planning stages for 3 years. Councillors confirmed that they had sought advice on this matter
- (b) To receive comments or questions relating to Tattingstone in particular – a member of the public mentioned they had met a resident who had sustained quite severe bleeding from brambles on one of the footpaths **The Chair agreed to follow this up.** Landowners are responsible to keep the paths on their land clear, but Cllr Harley confirmed that, in some instances, Suffolk CC could help. Another member present reported that the hedges near the school were very overgrown as the contractors had not been on site during the holidays.. It was confirmed that the school should make a complaint to their contractors. It was also confirmed that the PC can ask private landowners to cut back their hedges if they are causing an obstruction to the public or the highway.
- (c) To receive questions and comments submitted in writing/email for future consideration by the Council – none received

08. FINANCE REPORT

- (a) To note and approve the balance of accounts as at 31st July 2024: Lloyds Account: £41,391.93, Barclays Current account: £205.60; Barclays Deposit Account: £3,241.09. **Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Mendel seconded, that the balance of accounts should be approved - aif.**
- (b) To note any accounting spot check undertaken by Cllr Page – none had been carried out since the last meeting.
- (c) To approve the accounts paid since the last meeting, the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth and the receipts allocated since the last meeting, **Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Hawes seconded that the payments detailed on Appendix A should be ratified - aif**
- (d) To note the CIL report for August 2024 including nominal sums for potential CIL expenditure for the coming year. Cllrs noted that £16,506 was potentially committed from available CIL funds for the play area and playing field signs. **Approval proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Lee, aif.**
- (e) To receive the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30.06.24 – **received and noted**
- (f) To receive the Bank Reconciliation report for the period ending 31.07.24 – **received and noted**



(g) To note and approve the Budget to Actual report for the period ending 31.07.24 - **approval proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Page - aif**

(h) To note donations made to date in 2024-25 – it was **noted** that an expenditure of £500 had been made to date, leaving a balance of £550 for the 2024-2045 financial year.

(i) To note any requests for financial support received from local people or groups – **none received**

09. INSURANCE RENEWAL DOCUMENTS

(a) To consider and approve TPC Insurance renewal documentation

(b) To approve payment of the insurance premium of £555.57

(c) To consider/agree next steps as necessary: the insurance documentation had been circulated prior to the meeting and **approval of (a) and (b) was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Mark - aif**

10. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider and agree a response to the following planning matters related to Tattingstone

DC/23/05656 Land At Grove Farm And Land East Of The Railway Line, Bentley Construction of a solar farm (up to 40MW export capacity) with ancillary infrastructure and cabling, DNO substation, customer substation and construction of new and altered vehicular accesses. Following a discussion, it was **agreed** to support Bentley PC's objection - **aif**. **The Chair agreed to notify Bentley PC.**

DC/23/04109 Former HMS Ganges Site Shotley Gate Shotley Suffolk Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission B/12/00500 dated 18/12/2015 under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990- The full and partial demolition of buildings associated with the redevelopment of the site for uses including: dwellings; Class C2 specialist older persons accommodation; Class E uses (flexible use within Class E such as retail, café, office, gym, clinic, indoor recreation); Class C1 (hotel, boarding and guest houses); Class F.1 (museum, library, exhibition halls); Class F.2 (community use); the use of Nelson Hall to include Class E uses (including co-working, café and indoor recreation), Class F.2 (community use) and Class F.1 (museum); together with parking and landscaping to form parks and landscaped gardens together with associated further landscaping and lighting (as amended).- To vary Condition 27 (Approved Plans). Following a discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Lee and seconded by Cllr Page that the Council would post no comment - aif**

DC/24/03523 Hornecroft, The Heath Tattingstone Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2LX Erection of a single storey detached annexe for use ancillary to the main dwelling. Following a discussion, **it was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Lee to post no comment - aif**

DC/24/03820 Southfields Park Lane, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NE Application for works to a trees protected by Tree Preservation Order BT19/A1- Crown reduce 1No Yew tree by up to 3m. The tree has not been maintained in the past and is encroaching, overhanging the building. Fell 1 No Sweet Chestnut Tree as this was struck by lightning and is now completely dead. **It was proposed by Cllr Page and seconded by Cllr Lee that Council to approve the reduction of the Yew Tree and to follow the advice of the Arboricultural Officer at Babergh for the Sweet Chestnut Tree - aif.**

(b) Councillors **noted** the following decision notices received:

DC/24/02007 Morant, Stutton Lane, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NZ Erection of building for use as dog grooming service (following demolition of existing outbuildings) **GRANTED**



DC/23/04549 Park Cottage, 23 Church Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2NA Erection of rear extension(s) and part rebuilding of no. 24 along with associated internal works. Erection of garage building and associated works **GRANTED**

11. STAFFING ISSUES

- a) Councillors noted, with regret, the resignation of F. Coley on 5th August and the final working day of S. Keys on 31st August. Cllrs expressed thanks to S. Keys for the excellent work and advice she had provided since her appointment. **The Chair agreed to write to both clerks**, expressing gratitude for their service and conveying the Council's regret at their departure.
- (b) To review the staffing arrangements going forward – advertisements are posted with SALC, Suffolk Jobs Direct, CAS and the website.
- (c) To consider/agree the next steps as necessary: in view of the current situation and as the Council has fulfilled its statutory duty with regard to the number of meetings held this year, **Cllr Mendel proposed and Cllr Mark seconded** that there would be no meeting in October and next meeting would be 4th November – aif. As a result, **it was proposed by Cllr Mendel and seconded by Cllr Mark** to authorise the purchase of a Poppy wreath before the next meeting – aif.

12. VILLAGE MATTERS

- (a) To receive an update from the Playing Field Representative: Cllr Page reported that the Tattingstone Playing Field funding had been approved and there would be a playing field meeting at the end of September. Babergh DC were due to inspect the field in the near future.
- (b) To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Representative – Cllr Mendel reported that a meeting in October was proposed.

13. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETING at Tattingstone Village Hall

- (a) Parish Council Meeting – Monday 4th November 2024, 7.30 p.m.

Members of the public left the meeting and Cllrs Abbott, Clerke, Plumbly and Stennett joined the meeting at 8.38

14. IN CAMERA ITEM

- (a) To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. **It was resolved that this item be discussed in a closed session. Aif**
- (b) To review the concerns from Cllrs Abbott, Clarke, Plumbly and Stennett re: Neighbourhood Plan process and procedure:
- Cllr Stennett read a statement which set out in detail these concerns.
 - Cllr Mendel had circulated a paper prior to the meeting which addressed each of these concerns.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan was a positive initiative for the village and it should continue, taking on board the agreed amendments to the process.



The meeting closed at 21.38 pm.

SIGNED.....DATED..... TATTINGSTONE Parish Council

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ACTIONS



MONTH	MINUTE NO.	ACTION	WHO
Sept	07 (b)	Follow up the issue of brambles on the footpath and the injuries caused	AM
Sept	10 (a)	To notify Bentley PC that Tattingstone PC support their decision re DC/23/05656	AM
Sept	11 (a)	To write to S. Keys and F. Coley	AM
Sept	11 (c)	To order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday	



PAYMENTS RATIFIED AT THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
GiffGaff	Mobile Phone	Direct Debit	8.34	1.66	10.00
Microsoft	Microsoft Subscription	Direct Debit	8.60	1.72	10.32
F. Coley	Clerk/RFO – July 24 salary	BACS	611.60		611.60
S. Keys	Clerk/RFO – July 24 salary	BACS	508.70		508.70

Payee	Detail	Method	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
S. Keys	Clerk/RFO - August 24 Salary incl. 8 hours overtime	Bank Transfer	606.50		606.50
S. Keys	Clerk's Expenses – August 2024	Bank Transfer	9.00		9.00
F. Coley	Clerk/RFO - August 24 Salary	Bank Transfer	84.64		84.64
HMRC	P30 Q1	Bank Transfer	499.00		499.00

Presented by Sarah Keys, Responsible Finance Officer to 31st August 2024

Countersigned by.....Chair of Parish Council

All payments authorised under The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012

Note: Council resolved at the 2023 Annual Meeting that it met the eligibility conditions, and this continues right through until the next relevant annual meeting which will be May 2027. This is regardless of whether the Council continues to meet those conditions for the duration, (para 7.12 of the Explanatory Memorandum to The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 refers.



APPENDIX B – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee



APPENDIX C

County Councillor Simon Harley's report to Parish Councils – September 2024

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care

Last Wednesday morning the inspection report for Suffolk County Council's social care services for children was published, following a visit from Ofsted at the end of May. The report found that social care services for children, which include fostering and adoption, safeguarding, child protection, youth justice and corporate parenting (children in care), 'require improvement to be good.' My group are concerned by this as children's services were rated as 'Outstanding' the last time they were inspected in 2019, and the remarks on leadership – that leaders do not have 'sufficient grip' on all the services provided – are especially worrying. A new director for children's services started in July 2024, and more information will be available on the plans for improvement in September when the inspection report is tabled at Cabinet. Here is a summary of the findings of the report:

The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – Requires improvement to be good

The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – Requires improvement to be good

The experiences and progress of children in care – Good

The experiences and progress of care leavers – Requires improvement to be good

Overall effectiveness – Requires improvement to be good

This inspection is separate from the recent inspection into services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can read the full Ofsted inspection report here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80565>

Back to School Transitions

Is your child starting primary or secondary school this September?

Moving up and changing school is a big change for children and a new stage of growing independence. To help parents and carers support children with this transitions, Suffolk County Council have a selection of Solihull Approach online courses which are free from anyone with a Suffolk postcode. You can access these using the link www.inourplace.co.uk/moving-up and register for an account using the access code WOLSEY. The Solihull Approach is a parenting support model which was developed by health visitors, child psychologists and psychotherapists in the 1990s and aims to understand child behaviour as part of their development.

Electric Vehicles

Over 60 new community venues across Suffolk will have new electric vehicle (EV) charge points, as Suffolk County Council's 'Plug In Suffolk' project continues to grow.

Fast charging facilities will be installed at 63 new sites, including community centres, village halls, scout huts and other community hubs, and 25 existing charge points from an early iteration of Plug In Suffolk will be adopted under a new contract.



The county council has successfully bid for £7.3 million from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, which supports local authorities to plan and deliver EV charging infrastructure for residents without off-street parking.

£1.4 million of the LEVI funding will go towards the community charging infrastructure, with a further £5.9 million allocated for on-street charging, which will be developed later this year.

In addition, a trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the council's tender process for this beginning this month.

Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing 16 electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk which local residents can book by the minute, hour or day. Planned locations include Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Sudbury, Needham Market, Stowmarket, Lowestoft and Woodbridge.

Launch of Solar Together Suffolk

Residents of Suffolk can come together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Solar Together Suffolk helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers.

Suffolk residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate. The scheme allows homeowners to increase their independence from the National Grid.

It is free to register at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation.

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Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>



APPENDIX D

District Councillor Daniel Potter's September report to Parish Councils.

September Report to Parishes

Taking into account a short period for a break, my report for this month is a little shorter than usual, however I do have to announce some important news that this month will be my last as a member of Babergh's Cabinet.

The reason for this change is that after 16 months as portfolio holder (mainly on Environment before Thriving Communities) as enjoyable as it has been it has also been a huge amount of work diverting me away from more localised issues in the Orwell ward. This change also allows a more representative Cabinet for the other parts of the district who are feeling left out such as Gt Cornard and Sudbury. With several Portfolio Holders already representing the East of Babergh's huge district such as Shotley and Ganges, East Bergholt, Brantham, Copdock and Washbrook we are not in the position to fully address these concerns with just one cabinet member representing Sudbury alone.

So, with this in mind, the Green group will aim to change this present dynamic by making another portfolio holder be representative of the more populated Sudbury area and therefore be more balanced than in previous years.

I wish to present my own best wishes to fellow Green Laura Smith who will be stepping forward into my role within the next 3-4 weeks.

As already mentioned frees up more time for local issues to give additional support but also in terms of commitments to other projects and committees within Babergh's departments, and by the time my next report is due I will be able to provide some further details about what these will be further forward.

Other news to report is the Simpler Recycling Strategy (which will become part of a new national recycling policy from DEFRA rolling out from April 2026) was recently presented to the whole council and I being at the forefront of the strategy since its inception in discussions with the Suffolk Waste Partnership will know what the challenges of such changes in strategy will mean for our residents in Babergh having to measure cost effectiveness from waste collections for additional bins included for glass, plastics and cardboard to general waste, recycling and food waste, all of which will be separated outwardly by the time delivery arrives at the depots designated to deliver each set of waste collection materials.

Now that all council members are included in what the full details of this strategy will entail I expect many questions will arise since the briefing was held, and there will be lots of opportunities for that discussion to take place within the next two years.

Finally, last Friday I was able take up the opportunity to visit the Woolverstone Project, the project since it began 30 years ago has enabled many people with varying degrees of disability to gain access to specially adapted boats across the River Orwell and operating from Woolverstone Marina, Lodge Park and Alton Water I was joined by local MP James Cartlidge to see the difference they are making in



helping more and more keen sailors be able to get out into the water as well as a short presentation on the number of volunteers and groups that attend which is huge in number and often oversubscribed. Hence the recent award of lottery money which was over £100,000 will help meet this demand and provide ample capacity and opportunity for all to sail throughout the annual season.

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**Report for October 2024 to the Parish Councils of
Peninsula Division from Simon Harley (SCC Councillor)**Date: 1st October

2024

Recycling and Waste Collection Changes

At Cabinet on Tuesday 10 September, we heard about the changes the council is preparing to make to prepare for the new recycling and waste collection requirements set out in the Environment Act 2021. This new law means that district and borough councils must additionally collect food waste, glass and cartons from residents by 2026, and also collect plastic film from 2027. It is up to each district and borough council how they choose to arrange their waste collection schedule, and they will be communicating these changes to residents soon. However, the county council also needs to make changes as it is responsible for storing and processing waste and recycling after it is collected. The council will be spending around £4.535m, allocated from its reserves, to update waste transfer stations in the county where waste is taken after it is collected. The council will also need to set up a new contract for anaerobic digestion of the food waste.

Financial Monitoring Report for 2024-25

We also heard at Cabinet on 10 September about the council's latest financial forecast for 2024-25, and so far the year seems to be going better than expected, with a projected overspend of £1 million compared to last year when the council was forecasting an overspend for 2023-24 of £29.3 million. Some services are still overspent, for example costs for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and care purchasing in adult social care services. Areas that are predicted to come in under budget have helped balance this out. However, the council's reserves are taking another big hit this year and are due to reduce by £22.2 million. This rate of spending by the council is unsustainable even for a few more years. Like other councils we will be hoping for an improved funding settlement from the new government.

Funding to Improve Home Energy Efficiency

I was very disappointed that the council is having to return £5 million of funding to the government which could have been used to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Suffolk. The Warm Homes Suffolk Scheme is now closed. The scheme enabled people to buy extra insulation and undertake other improvements to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, which will also reduce the amount they are paying to heat them. It seems the scheme was not sufficiently promoted to encourage its full use, though criteria were set by the government.

Apply for Primary and Secondary School Places

Parents and carers can now apply for a place in the normal year of entry at a primary (including infant and junior) school and secondary school for September 2025. The deadline for applications to secure a place at a secondary school is Thursday 31 October 2024 and for primary school places, including infant and junior schools, the deadline is Wednesday 15 January 2025. All applications received by the closing dates are processed at the same time using the schools' oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications when necessary. Late applications are processed after all of those received on time.

SCC advise that parents and carers think about how their child will travel to school before they apply for a school place. They can check which is their child's nearest suitable school on our Nearest School Checker because it might not be their catchment area school: <http://nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Advice and guidance about the school application process is available here: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Suffolk Devolution Deal Withdrawn

Following the change in government, the devolution deal which had been tabled for Suffolk has now been withdrawn. Devolution would have provided the county with some extra funding and power to make more decisions locally, for example in transport and adult education. This will avoid the possible decision deadlock caused by a directly elected leader being from a different political party to the majority of councillors.

Arts and Culture Project Funding

The council has launched its new £500,000 Culture Project Fund to support local arts and museum projects across the county. This is the bidding system for arts funding for the financial year 2024-25 which was announced by the council's administration as part of the budget process in early 2024. The fund offers three tiers of grants: Small grants up to £1,500 Medium grants up to £15,000 Large grants up to £50,000

Eligible applicants include arts organizations and museums, skilled freelancers, registered charities, community interest companies, non-profits, and social enterprises based in Suffolk. For more information on deadlines and award dates, or to find out how to apply, please visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/cultureprojectfund

or contact the Arts & Museums Team at cultureprojectfund@suffolk.gov.uk.

Peninsula water testing results (*with thanks to our volunteers!*):

Here are the results from last weekend's water samples (all good/acceptable)

Lower Holbrook: 1 (E Coli colony);	Harkstead	0;	Shotley	0;
Pin Mill	2;	Woolverstone	4	

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Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

Simon Harley Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division

Date: 31st October

2024

Protection from Flooding, managed retreat from rising sea levels at Benacre

You may have seen in the press that Suffolk County Council have announced an extra £1.5m of funding to deliver the first phase of works identified in the flood investigations following Storm Babet. The council is also writing to the government requesting £20m for flood protection to help prevent future flooding in the county, as it is likely extreme weather will become more likely due to the effects of climate change.

At Cabinet on 8 October, a £2m financial contribution was agreed from the council towards flood protection at Benacre, south of Lowestoft. It was predicted that without the new measures, the A12 would be flooding at that location at nearly every high tide within a couple of years. The Environment Agency are also committing over £30m to the scheme, and Sizewell C agreed to make up the rest: the total cost of the works is £59m. My group raised concerns about other areas of flooding along the coast and whether the council had a strategy for dealing with the problems caused by coastal erosion and climate change.

From the Cabinet report:

The proposed project design will result in the creation of 82 hectares of high quality intertidal habitat and the protection of 450 hectares of grazing marsh. Both habitats play a vital role in maintaining ecosystem health and providing long term protection from ongoing coastal erosion. The newly created coastal wetland will be a strategic addition to the existing protected habitats along the Suffolk coast and provide a significant sink that will absorb carbon dioxide.

Finally, at Scrutiny Committee on 24 October, a report was presented on highways flooding and the responsibilities held by the council, water companies and the Environment Agency. Suffolk County Council is the lead flood authority for Suffolk and although it has responsibility for surface water flooding, it does not have the capacity to manage it all and has to prioritise its response. Priority is given to works to address internal flooding to five or more properties, or flooding to major infrastructure for 10 hours or more.

If you have a stream or watercourse on your land, you have responsibilities to mitigate against flooding. You can find information about this in the council's guide to riparian ownership: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/maintenance-of-ditches-and-other-watercourses/riparian-ownership-in-suffolk>

Extension of the North Falls Windfarm

Cabinet on 8 October also included the council's response to the proposed wind farm extension at North Falls. This will be off the coast of Essex with no onshore infrastructure in Suffolk, although it still has the potential to affect transport routes, Suffolk ports and the local workforce. It will be visible from Suffolk but the impact of this has been judged as less than significant. The connection for this scheme to the National Grid is planned to be at Lawford, which will only be possible if the planned Norwich to Tilbury grid reinforcement goes ahead. My group pointed out that consent should not be granted for schemes that depended on other projects which were not yet approved, but it was noted that this was not unusual for the National Grid, which often granted grid connections for projects where there was no guarantee they would proceed.

Cuts to Winter Fuel Payment

At Council on 17 October, a motion was passed that the council would write to the government and ask them to reverse the decision they have made to cut the eligibility for the winter fuel payment for pensioners. The council also announced a new £3m fund for interest-free loans to residents wishing to undertake energy efficiency upgrades such as insulation, solar panels, batteries, glazing, or heat pumps. The loans (up to £15,000) to be repaid over a maximum of seven years at 0% interest. The scheme will be open to homeowners across Suffolk from November: register your interest now at <https://www.lendology.org.uk/warm-home-suffolk-loan>. My group are obviously in favour of retrofitting homes to make them more energy efficient, although as the council will be returning an unspent £5m to the government in March from their previous retrofitting scheme, we would urge people to apply if eligible - to make sure we are reducing energy bills as possible.

Pavement safety and preventing trips and falls

At Council on 17 October my group brought forward a motion that the county review its priorities for repairing pavement defects. Currently, if there is a difference in the surface level of the footway of 20mm or more, this will be repaired, but we argued that in areas of high footfall or where a trip or fall had been recorded, this threshold was too high. Most members of the public who trip or fall are over 65, and in areas outside GP surgeries or opticians it would make sense for the repair policy to be more flexible. The administration at the council would not vote to pass our motion, but reported that a review of their highways processes was being undertaken. Councillors from my group will be taking part in the review to try and ensure that poor quality footways are made safer.

Suffolk Local Transport Plan

A newly-developed plan which details the long-term vision for transport in Suffolk has been launched for public consultation. Local communities helped shape a new draft of the Suffolk Local Transport Plan by sharing their views back in February of this year and the council is now asking for feedback on the final proposed document. The plan details activity between 2025-2040 and sets out a long-term vision for transport in Suffolk, including decarbonisation of transport, strengthening the local economy, promoting health, wellbeing and social inclusion, and creating better-connected places that encourage a range of transport choices.

The consultation is available via www.suffolk.gov.uk/LTP and will close on Monday 25 November 2024. The Local Transport Plan and its associated plans will then be presented to Suffolk County Council Cabinet in 2025.

Cost of Living help and advice:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/family.page?familychannel=6>

Benefits advice and support:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/adult.page?adultchannel=0>

Flood preparation advice: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-and-rescue-safety-advice-in-the-community/preparing-for-flooding>

Flood recovery advice and support: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/flood-recovery-information-for-suffolk>

Simon Harley Suffolk County Councillor for Peninsula Division

October Report to Parishes

Due to heavy rainfall across the strand in Wherstead, the B1456 road has experienced a partial flooding of that particular area in the last couple of days of September. I have been contacted by the Ipswich Star for comment and advised that although currently there have been no flood warnings in place there cannot be complacency and advised that drivers check for flood warnings from the checkforflooding.gov website before heading there.

Last October the region was particularly fortunate not to suffer floods across the strand and the Orwell estuary, hopefully it shall remain the case, but given the heavy rainfall already in occurrence it would clearly be wise for both district and county councils to prepare and act accordingly as was the case especially in the Hadleigh area following last year's floods there.

On the 12th September as Chair of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership I introduced the annual report of the Partnership's ongoing projects in front of West Suffolk District Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee which is given the opportunity to ask questions on the work undertaken and what to anticipate going forward meeting challenges to tackle areas exclusively such as Fraud, Anti Social Behaviour, Safer Streets, working with the Home Office on it's PREVENT strategy and Domestic Homicide Reviews in the ongoing cases in Western Suffolk specifically.

I was happy to present the Puddleducks Nursery in Wherstead new equipment for their young litter pickers to be safe while out collecting during the autumn and winter seasons with new gloves and hi vis jackets.

There are presently a group of 15 litter pickers in total divided in smaller groups and recently I had been approached for locality funds to help purchase the new equipment and was happy to assist to ensure litter picking continues throughout the darker and more tricky seasons.

Wherstead itself has seen new developments around it's village such as the Bourne View housing development and a completed new garage including a co-op on the move convenience store which will soon see other growing infrastructure accompanying that area, so collecting any litter left behind will be anticipated and regarded as important now as ever with such developmental and ongoing change.

I attended the Suffolk Community awards at the Food Museum in Stowmarket on the 24th September, where I presented the award for Clerk of the Year to Mark Knight who impressed the judging panel demonstrating leadership during the covid pandemic and looking for innovating ways for his council to operate to the benefit of the community. Also highly commended jointly in receipt of the award were Odile Wladon and Al Besly.

These awards are jointly staged by Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils), a total of 15 awards were handed out on the evening itself and compered by well known former Radio Suffolk Broadcaster Mark Murphy MBE. A full list of winners can be found at the Suffolk Community Awards website.

Finally, I attended Freston Village Hall on the final Saturday of the month to support the Holbrook Repair Café as they are temporarily using the hall for their repair and recycling stalls between 10am and 2pm, the cafe been ongoing since 2021 and has also brought people together from as far as Manningtree and Kesgrave.

Stalls range normally from Hi Fi, electronics and IT repairs, sewing and knitting, waste packets that can be recycled in bulk boxes, basic jewellery repairs, selling plants and seeds, watch repairs, sewing & knitting and repairs to vintage and antique barometers with coffee, tea and cake included throughout the day.

Paper 6

From: Andy Proctor <proctorandy@gmail.com>
Sent: 09 October 2024 3:39 PM
To: clerk@tatingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk
<clerk@tatingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Defibrillator Case.

Hi.

Just a nudge about the defibrillator case.

Still seeing the degraded case, no replacement as yet.

Many thanks,

Andy Proctor

On Wed, 24 Jul 2024, 18:00 Andy Proctor, <proctorandy@gmail.com> wrote:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Andy Proctor** <proctorandy@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 24 Jul 2024, 17:41
Subject: Defibrillator Case.
To: tatt.pc@gmail.com <tatt.pc@gmail.com>

Hello.

I'm doing the Defib checks for the box on the village hall wall and noticed some degradation on the case over time.

Until now it's just been aesthetic. Today it left residue on my hand as attached picture.

If I find the best price, would you like the details to buy a new case?

Defibrillator seems fine.

Paper 7

Monday 9th September 2024

Public Rights of Way Officer
Endeavour House
8 Russell Road
Ipswich IP1 2BX
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Complaint Regarding Overgrown Public Footpath and Communal Area

I am writing to formally complain about the poor condition of a public footpath located at please see map below. The footpath has become severely overgrown with vegetation, including overhanging branches, encroaching shrubs, and dense undergrowth, which has completely obstructed the pathway. This makes it impossible for the public to use the footpath safely or at all.

As you are aware, under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980 and related guidelines, it is the responsibility of the local authority to ensure that public rights of way are maintained in a condition suitable for public use.

Additionally, landowners whose property includes a public footpath are responsible for keeping it clear of overgrown vegetation and ensuring that the path remains unobstructed.

It is clear that these obligations have not been met regarding this particular footpath. The current state of the path not only violates these legal requirements but also significantly hinders the public's right to access and enjoy the countryside. Furthermore, the overgrown vegetation poses a safety hazard to anyone attempting to use the footpath.

Additionally, The Winnipeg, a communal area cherished by the villagers for over three decades and protected under the Countryside Stewardship as a space to be used and enjoyed without impacting existing rights of way, has also become inaccessible. For the past two years, it has been so overgrown that access has been impossible, preventing anyone from enjoying this valuable space. I would appreciate it if you could arrange for the necessary maintenance work to be carried out as soon as possible to restore access to both the footpath and The Winnipeg, allowing the villagers to once again use and enjoy these areas.

Please keep me informed of the actions being taken to resolve this issue. I trust that you will treat this matter with the urgency it requires.

Additionally, I kindly request that my identity remains anonymous in any communications or actions related to this complaint.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Attached below are images of the path and the overgrown vegetation.

Picture 1 includes footpath in question and Winniepeg as highlighted in red



Picture 2 example of path as it was for the last 30 years



Picture 3, 4, 5 path as it has been for the last two years







Picture 6 a notice that has been at the entrance of the Winniepeg for the last 30 years

COUNTRYSIDE STEWARDSHIP

The occupier allows free public access to the private or waymarked paths identified by this sign. This is part of a 10-year conservation plan under which the land is being managed. You are welcome to walk and enjoy the countryside here until further notice.

Existing public rights of way are not affected. The owner of this land does not intend to dedicate any additional public rights of way over it.

To help with the conservation of this managed land, kindly:

- take care not to disturb wildlife and farm stock, keep dogs under control, and leave gates as you find them;
- take your litter home and do nothing to cause a fire; and
- PLEASE: no camping, overnight stays, motor vehicles, firearms, or any activities that will disturb other visitors.

THANK YOU AND ENJOY YOUR VISIT

COUNTRYSIDE
COMMISSION

Paper 8

From: Eloise Markwick <Eloise.Markwick@suffolkandessex-nl.org.uk>

Sent: 12 September 2024 3:51 PM

To: Tattingstone Parish Council

<clerk@tattingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Expression of Interest to Install 'Welcome to National Landscape' Highway Signs

Dear Sir/Madam

I recently started working for the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape Team (formally Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Team). My manager is Simon Amstutz.

The National Landscape Team are investigating the possibility of installing 'Welcome' signs on key roads into the National Landscape which inform drivers that they are entering the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape. Please see an example attached of the sort of sign we are considering. Note that the final design will have to conform to Highway's Design Regulations.

I am contacting several parish councils located along the National Landscape boundary to gauge interest in this project. With particular regard to Tattingstone Parish Council, we have identified that the A137 may a good place to install a 'Welcome' sign. We would like to propose a partnership where the National Landscape would cover all of the costs to install the sign as well taking the lead in working with Highways to design and install the sign. We propose that the Parish Council would take responsibility for maintaining the sign once it was installed.

We don't expect the Parish Council to make a commitment at this point, but **could you please let me know if you are supportive of working in**

partnership with the National Landscape Team to install a ‘Welcome’ sign in principle?

I'll let you know if we received interest from the other Parish Councils.

Regards, Eloise

Example 'Welcome' Sign.

Note: The final design will have to conform with Highways Regulations – this is a 'mock' design only



FINANCES

PAYMENTS MADE

PAYEE	DETAIL	METHOD	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
GIFFGAFF	mobile phone	DD	8.34	1.66	10
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Microsoft	Microsoft Subscription	DD	8.6	1.72	10.32
Microsoft	Microsoft Subscription	DD	8.6	1.72	10.32
Ansvar	Insurance	BACS			555.57
PFK Littlejohn	Audit	BACS			252
Places4People	NP consultancy via grant	BACS	812	162.4	974.4

PAYMENTS IN

BDC	CIL payment	BACS			10363.28
BDC	Precept payment	BACS			8098

PAYMENTS DUE

SALC	Payroll service to 30/9/2024		24.75	4.95	27.7
EALC	Advertising for clerk/RFO		30	6	36
Holbrook PC	clerk services total 12 hours inc costs				TBA
Places4People	further consultation re NP		1575	315	1890 50% due at commencement/50% at completion
Places4People	prep and attendance PC meeting 4/3/24		171.5	34.3	205.8
CAS	One Suffolk hosting		50	10	60

From: Steve Hammond <steve@wickforddevelopment.co.uk>

Date: 11 October 2024 at 08:57:29 BST

To: russel.abbott@tatingstoneparishcouncil.gov.uk,
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Cc: Michael Harman <mjh@holmes-hills.co.uk>

Subject: Meeting of the 10/10/2024 LNP Committee Meeting - Public Draft Plan Review

Dear Member of the LNP Committee and Parish Council Members,

Following the meeting of the 10/10/2024, I wish to express same grave concerns regarding the draft Housing policy which seems at this point that the LNP Committee are not wishing to revisit.

The LNP does not current plan meets the basic conditions as set out in the 2011 Localism Act Schedule 10 (2) (d). The current housing policy is one of protectionism that does not contributes to the achievement of sustainable development.

The draft LNP has ignored the comments provided in the consultation feedback. The LNP Committee has failed to identify sites for allocation outside or inside the village envelope for development. What is even more disappointing I am of the opinion that the Planning Consultant employed by Tatingstone PC has failed to provide a clear steer on this.

Sustainable development brings many benefits both social and economic. A beating heart of the village is the school which I understand is currently struggling for numbers, this is another strong reason why the LNP committee should given serious

consideration to identifying or providing support for an allocated site for development.

S106 Obligations bought by even small scale development can have a huge positive effect on a local community. The needs of the village can be identified and within the LNP statements can be made as to where such s106 obligations should be directed e.g: enhanced facilities on the community playing field.

Last night one of the LNP committee members kindly offered that perhaps I could become involved in bringing forward development projects under the Policy TATT3 - Affordable Housing on Rural exception Sites. This is simply an undeliverable policy. From my experience as a multi award winning NHBC Developer in Essex, Approved Affordable Housing bodies are finding it impossible to even fund the build costs for such schemes. Simply put, you will not see affordable housing within Tattingstone without also speculative development. Or perhaps this is what is the objective of the LNP no development in contrary to the views and responses from the community consultation.

I shall state my position very clearly. If the LNP re-draft goes to Babergh without reviewing and amending the current Housing Policy I will instruct my planning Solicitors to make representations to Babergh and if necessary seek a Judicial review should the LNP be approved by Babergh.

Before instructing Michael Harman of Holmes & Hills LLP to make representations to Babergh, I would like to give the LNP committee every opportunity to consider whether the current LNP does truly deliver on the aforementioned 2011 Localism Act in respects promoting Sustainable development. Perhaps this would be an opportunity to engage with the Landowner who has recently promoted his site currently outside the village envelope bought forward on the call for sites by Babergh. What a great opportunity to engage for preliminary discussions for potential s106 obligations to benefit the village!

I wish to also formally state, I personally have no desire or land interests (other than my personal home) nor does the company I work for in promoting any site or land allocation in Tattingstone or in Suffolk. Wickford Development Company Ltd residential developments and land interests are primarily in Essex & The Cotswolds.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course or seeing a revised draft LNP which addresses the aforementioned concerns.

Kind regards

Stephen Hammond
9 The Close,
Tattingstone
IP9 2PD
(07494) 517985

The LNP does not current plan meets the basic conditions as set out in the 2011 Localism Act Schedule 10 (2) (d). The current housing policy is one of protectionism that does not contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. There is no requirement for neighbourhood plans to allocate sites for development, especially where the District Council does not have an up-to-date local plan that identifies the spatial distribution of housing development, as is Babergh's case.

The draft LNP has ignored the comments provided in the consultation feedback. The LNP Committee has failed to identify sites for allocation outside or inside the village envelope for development. What is even more disappointing I am of the opinion that the Planning Consultant employed by Tattingstone PC has failed to provide a clear steer on this. The planning consultant is one of the most experienced in the country in the preparation of neighbourhood plans and has never had one fail examination because it has not allocated a site for housing development. The Regulations for the preparation of neighbourhood plans do not require that they address housing, as was noted on page 19 of the Examiner's Report into the Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan.

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S106 Obligations bought by even small scale development can have a huge positive effect on a local community. The needs of the village can be identified and within the LNP statements can be made as to where such s106 obligations should be directed e.g: enhanced facilities on the community playing field. Section 106 contributions in Babergh were replaced by the Community Infrastructure in 2016. Planning obligations through Section 106 agreements can only be sought for matters that are (a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; (b) directly related to the development; and (c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. This would typically be through off-site highway improvements and the management of any affordable housing provided as part of the development.

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genuinely plan-led." That is why the Parish Council wanted to have a neighbourhood plan in place.

I shall state my position very clearly. If the LNP re-draft goes to Babergh without reviewing and amending the current Housing Policy I will instruct my planning Solicitors to make representations to Babergh and if necessary seek a Judicial review should the LNP be approved by Babergh. A judicial review can only be brought where a Plan has "Erred in law" ie where it has made a mistake in the application or interpretation of the law. The Neighbourhood Plan will be independently examined by a Neighbourhood Plan Examiner who is required to determine whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. The Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report provides a useful reference as to what the Basic Conditions are and how they are assessed.

Before instructing Michael Harman of Holmes & Hills LLP to make representations to Babergh, I would like to give the LNP committee every opportunity to consider whether the current LNP does truly deliver on the aforementioned 2011 Localism Act in respects promoting Sustainable development. Perhaps this would be an opportunity to engage with the Landowner who has recently promoted his site currently outside the village envelope brought forward on the call for sites by Babergh. What a great opportunity to engage for preliminary discussions for potential s106 obligations to benefit the village! The Parish Council does not feel it appropriate to respond to a comment. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to demonstrate how the Plan is erred in law?

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