

MINUTES OF TROSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 1st March 2021 @ 7:30 VIA VIDEO LINK

Present: Cllrs G Norris, P Johns, R Anderson, J Moffat, S Rose, Sqd Ldr M Fixer, C.Cllr R Hopfensperger & W.S. Cllr S Brown

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr B Burridge, M Merchant & Indi Saunders

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. Cllr Rose declared an interest in item 13.2 on the agenda.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

2.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act.

3. Minutes The minutes of the Monday 11th January 2021 agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. Report from RAF Honington: Sqn Ldr M Fixter

Sqn Ldr M Fixter reported that the Covid situation seems to be more under control and the voluntary lateral flow tests are going really well. The station welcomed the new station commander, Piers Holland, he is very keen to make his mark and has already put forward new strap lines. The odd noise discussed at the last meeting was deemed not to have been coming from the camp but its location was not established.

5. Meeting open for questions from the public

Following the adoption of the revised standing orders it was agreed that the following information, in brief, is included on the agenda.

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than four minutes.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Johns and Frank for the tidying up they have been doing in the village. Cllr Norris has sent an email to the landowner, regarding the condition of the ditches in Church Road. So far he has had no reply. He will continue to pursue the matter.

Cllr Norris also emailed Mr Vipon about the overhanging and fallen brambled by the Old rectory. At the time of the meeting he has received no response. This work will be undertaken by a neighbour if no response or action is taken by next week.

6. Report from County Councillor: R Hopfensperger.

Cllr Hopfensperger was unable to attend the meeting but sent a full report from Suffolk County Council. A brief overview is provided below. The full report is available upon request from the Clerk.

Automatic number plate recognition to help improve visits to Suffolk's recycling centres

Alongside the installation of an automatic entry system at its recycling centres, these measures are intended to improve customer experience and plan for future demand.

Unique Suffolk project to save up to 600,000 tonnes of water each year

On February 2, a new project was announced that would see water normally pumped into Suffolk's River Deben, now being used in a new scheme near Felixstowe.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of tonnes of drainage water which fills land near the river's estuary is pumped away. This pumping process can also damage precious saltmarsh and mudflats, which are important habitats and part of the local ecosystem.

But now, the majority of this water is being carefully pumped inland thanks to an innovative project being led locally by Suffolk County Council, Felixstowe Hydrocycle Ltd, the Environment Agency and University of East Anglia.

The water is being reused by local farmers to irrigate food growing on their land and, in the future, can potentially be used in the public water supply.

Planning permission approved to redevelop Foxhall Recycling Centre.

It was announced on February 3 that plans to expand and improve Foxhall recycling centre had been approved.

Major infrastructure projects now underway in East Anglia

On 4 February work began on two new bridges on the East Anglian coast, promising to bring huge economic benefits locally.

Suffolk County Council complete sale of Chilton Woods land to Taylor Wimpey for future development of a new local community

On 9 February it was announced that the £35m sale of a significant part of the development site at Chilton Woods is now complete.

Situated within the parishes of Chilton, Acton, Sudbury and Long Melford, the Chilton Woods site had been allocated for development in Babergh District Council's Core Strategy and was granted outline planning permission by Babergh District Council in 2018.

Taylor Wimpey has purchased a portion of the site and will deliver 1,150 new homes, a quarter of which will be affordable for rent or shared ownership.

The housebuilder will also provide a village centre with shops, a pub and a community hall, large areas of new community woodland, land for a new primary school and pre-school, sports pitches, allotments and play areas for young people.

Suffolk County Council increases budget to support most vulnerable residents and county's recovery from Covid-19

On February 11, Suffolk County Council agreed its budget for 2021/22.

Following approval of its annual budget, Suffolk County Council is increasing its planned spending once again in 2021/22 to £597.9million, some £41million (7.4%) more than 2020/21. As part of this, the council will be spending £15.3million to address its ongoing Covid-19 costs, arising from the continuing local response to the pandemic. There are no proposed reductions in council services or personnel in 2021/22.

Highways doubles drainage budget following £27.2m announcement

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

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

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

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

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

16 new COVID-19 rapid testing centres to open in Suffolk

On the 19 January it was announced that a further 16 rapid testing centres for COVID-19 were to open in Suffolk, bringing the total number of centres to 28.

New hedgerow planted in Great Barton as part of Suffolk 2020 tree planting programme to increase biodiversity

On February 22, a new mixed-species hedgerow was planted in Great Barton as part of Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 project.

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

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

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

7. Report from B. Councillor: S. Brown

Cllr Brown provided the following report:

Dog Fouling

Regrettably there has been an increase in Dog Fouling across West Suffolk. The Council are responding to this with an increased drive to raise awareness and work with all communities to reduce it. Details can be read here Any bin will do (westsuffolk.gov.uk) There is Facebook activity to, as this is quick and easy way for many to keep awareness raised

<https://www.facebook.com/WestSuffolkCouncil/photos/a.279762395392747/3741786179190334/>

Council Tax

There will be an increase of 3p per week for a Band D property in Troston (and the old St Edmundsbury Borough Council area). This is in response to the increase costs to provide services, which are very prevalent.

Fly-Tipping

There has been an increase in fly tipping, West Suffolk Council recorded a rise in incidents – from 567 in 2018/19 to 630 in 2019/20. Please do let Customer Services know if you are aware of anything local.

Finance.

8.1 To following accounts were approved for payment:

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| Administration | | £671.70 |
| Kalkwik | Newsletter | £54.72 |
| Tramar | play area | £70.00 |

8.2 Bank reconciliation and accounts update.

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a schedule of payments, a bank reconciliation and a budget report.

8.3 Internal accounts review.

Cllr Rose agreed to carry out an internal audit review ahead of the accounts being submitted to the internal auditor.

Action Cllr Rose/Clerk

9 Play Area to include:

9.1 Update on shelter on Young Children's Play Area

A resident in the village has raised concerns about the Parish Councils plans to erected a shelter in the Children's play area. Unfortunately her pervious experience of shelters, at Thurston, was not a good one. The Councillors discussed her concerns but agreed on balance to go ahead with the project. They will however be mindful going forward of possible issues. Cllr Norris will write to the resident, thanking her for bringing these concerns to our attention and to reassure her that we will keep an eye on the situation and be ready to react if required.

Action Cllr Norris

9.2 Update on water pipe and tap for Playing Field

Cllr Norris and Cllr Johns met with two plumbers to discuss the installation of a tap on the playing field. The major concerns seems to be able to provide a suitable housing for the tap. A trench needs to be dug from Garden Fields to the playing field. The cost for the tap is likely to be in the region of £1000 with a further £2000 for Anglian Water to lay on the supply. Cllr Brown can make a contribution of approx. £350 towards the project.

9.3 To discuss replacement trees for playing field

The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Natasha, from the Sicon Charity, to discuss options for the playing field.

9.4 To discuss options for Wildlife Meadow on the Playing Field

Cllr Norris asked if anyone would be interested in doing a survey on the wildlife meadow, adjacent to the playing field, in the last newsletter. Unfortunately he received no response.

10. Village Maintenance/matters

10.1 To discuss refurbishing/replacing village sign

The Clerk made contact with Park Fencing who, for some reason, thought the people at the pub were doing the work for the village sign. The Clerk confirmed that we did want him to carry out the works. This is in addition to refurbishing the bench at Troston woods. The Clerk has sourced some planks at a reasonable price with no delivery costs.

Action Clerk

10.2 Update on option to move the speed restriction.

Cllr Johns and the Clerk are looking at carrying out a speed count at the entrance to the playing field.

Action Cllr Johns/Clerk

10.3 To discuss and confirm additional areas for grass cutting

The Clerk has made arrangements to meet with the grass contractors to discuss additional works in the village. These would include the passageway at King William House, area around the entrance gates, the verge to Troston woods and areas around the noticeboard and bus shelter.

11. Planning

11.1 DC/21/0164/RM | Reserved matters application - a. submission of details under DC/18/0861/HYB the means of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of two dwellings; b. discharge of condition 5 (tree protection measures) of DC/18/0861/HYB | Glebe Lodge Hammers Lane Troston. Noted.

A neighbour has raised concerns that when the outline planning permission was granted they had a hedge at the border to their property, and the access road for the development. They now have a fence and have raised concerns about construction traffic getting past it with damaging it. The Clerk has contacted planning about this concerns.

11.2 DC/21/0136/TPO | TPO 127 (1970) tree preservation order - three Scots pine (T5,T6 and T12 on plan withing A3 on order) fell | Tanglewood Ixworth Road Troston. No objections

11.3 DC/21/0044/TPO | TPO 127 (1970) tree preservation order - two Horse Chestnut (marked in red on plan within G3 on order) fell | Old Rectory Hammers Lane Troston. It was requested that diseased one be removed only and the other one left and it's conditioned monitored.

12. Councillors reports and items for future agendas.

The Chairman suggested that another member of the Council may consider standing for Chairman at the May meeting.

13. Correspondence for information

13.1 New consultation: Planning - model design code - deadline: 12 March 2021

The Council asked what West Suffolk are proposing to do regarding the above consultation. Cllr Brown said that they would not be looking at a blanket response, with a move away from one size fits all. It was agreed that Cllrs Anderson and Johns will have a look at the document and prepare some comments for submission. **Action Cllrs Anderson/Johns**

14. Date for next meetings. 10th May 2021

15 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: 15.1 Personnel Issues. None 15.2 Legal Issues. None