

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 12th September, 2022 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

Present: Cllr. Fleming, in the chair, Cllrs. Abu-Hejleh, Stangoe, Thomas, Whitmore, Cllr. Reid, SCC (7 to 7.10pm), Cllr. Mallinder, East Suffolk Council, (7.10 to 7.25pm), the clerk and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Clark and Cushing.

Tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth the Second: The chairman then led a minute's silence in tribute to the late Queen, who passed away on Thursday, remembering her many years of devoted service to the nation.

SCC Report: As Cllr. Reid had to leave very early, his report, which had been circulated, was taken as read, but he wanted to point out that the County Council is working hard on building up support services as the cost of living pressures are felt across the country.

He was thanked for his intervention regarding the state of the pavements in the village, and for his meeting on site with Joshua White, the Community Liaison Officer in the Highways Department, who acknowledged that there are defects, but none reach intervention level, and all are subject to regular inspection. Many parishes are suffering similarly, and Highways have to do their best with the available resources.

Cllr. Reid said that photos certainly help, in answer to a question from Cllr Stangoe who cited puddles which splash right over the top of her car, when waiting to turn out into the street, and Cllr. Abu-Hejleh is still trying to find out who is responsible for the broken hydrant outside her property.

Cllr. Reid said that there is limited funding available to help, should the Parish Council decide to fund a small maintenance scheme itself.

The community is urged to keep using the reporting tool on the SCC website. Meanwhile, a soakaway near the church was identified as blocked, and will be cleared.

East Suffolk Council Report: Cllr. Mallinder was then invited to speak, as he had to leave early. His report was taken as read. He offered a short tribute to the late Queen, and felt optimistic that King Charles would be a worthy successor.

Regarding the sale of the pub, he has flagged up its business rather than residential status, with East Suffolk Council, and with the Estate Agents. He assured the Parish Council that it would have to go through a change of use process with the council before it could be used as a private dwelling.

The clerk mentioned the difficulties in getting through to Norse, regarding obtaining a quotation for grass cutting on the rec. Cllr. Cushing had tried to make contact, even going to the depot, but has failed, and the clerk also tried phoning, but could not get through. Cllr. Mallinder will follow this up, and asked that any e mails should be forwarded to him.

Regarding the traffic matters to be discussed later, he stated that due diligence had been observed in the creation of the Local Plan, and he was still unsure what Cllr. Cushing wanted to achieve in challenging East Suffolk Council. It is important to involve Cllr. Reid in this. He assured the parish of his help in whatever way he could, now and in the future.

He will also make sure that Eyke Parish Council is added to the list receiving notification of planning applications for the Bentwaters Parks site.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Stangoe: planning application; Cllr. Whitmore, as a member of the Royal British Legion, in the purchase of a poppy wreath (F3)

There was no adjournment for a Parish Forum.

Minutes: Those of 11th July 2022, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

1. Village Hall. Mr Smith was invited to speak from the floor. Those present could see the progress which had taken place. The electrical work is being carried out, and hopefully next week work will begin again on the outside, then the back wall, the heating and the toilets.
2. Recreation Ground. Cllr. Fleming has not cut the grass during the summer, as, given the enduring high temperatures, there was a fire risk. Cllr. Cushing had met with Kim Tester to look at the barrier, and his view was that the posts need to be straightened up and re-concreted in, and he thinks it would be unnecessary to

straighten out the top bar. In the absence of anyone springing readily to mind, the clerk will research groundwork contractors.

3. State of pavements in Eyke Street. This had been dealt with in Cllr. Reid's report.

4. Noisy drain cover near Hope Cottage. The clerk had been unable to identify any noise, and had received no complaints.

5. Traffic Issues. Cllr. Cushing had circulated his documents to all councillors, and to members of the Joint Villages Traffic Group, with a view to any correspondence agreed on by Eyke Parish Council being supported by other councils, if agreed at their individual meetings. Cllr. Cushing wants an inquiry into the basis on which the Local Plan was ratified.

The clerk had spent some time going through this in detail, and advised that modification to certain language used would be essential, and the main points of the document put in an order which avoided repetition and made clear what were actual quotations from other documents, with explicit references to back them up. She had put together a letter for discussion, which was circulated to all councillors, which she advised they could take away, and come up with their own thoughts on how to proceed: the letter could be amended, or discarded, or used as a basis for some future communication.

Councillors agreed that Cllr. Cushing had put in sustained effort, which was much appreciated, over many years and was extremely knowledgeable on the issues around the traffic in Eyke and beyond. Cllr. Abu-Hejleh urged that the matter does need taking forward, and East Suffolk Council needs to be held to account. Cllr. Thomas expressed deep reservations about how this should be done.

It was agreed that an informal meeting should be held, with the sole purpose of asking Cllr. Cushing to provide the detailed references which the Parish Council needs before it can take this forward. Councillors need some time to process the information, and a date for such a meeting agreed with Cllr. Cushing. If this can be achieved, a document or letter could be prepared for discussion and a decision made at the next full Parish Council meeting.

Other Matters:

1. Woodbridge/ Melton Community Partnership. The Parish Council has been invited to join this. Cllr. Thomas will look into what this involves before a decision is made.

2. "Ease The Squeeze" briefing. Cllr Thomas will attend this meeting on the revised date of 22nd September, in place of Cllr. Clark, who cannot now attend on the altered date.

Finance:

1. The clerk was reconfirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer.

2. Annual Review of Insurances. The clerk went through the schedule with the Council, and all was agreed to be in order except the amount of All Risks Cover which was considered too low at £50,000. It was felt that the street lights should now be valued at double, so £7400. It was agreed to raise this to £65,000.

3. Cheques agreed:

Clerk's quarterly salary: £582.60

HMRC, second quarter: £145.60

Mr A Comber, website services: £29.70

Business Services at CAS Ltd, Annual Insurance: £823.76

A cheque was agreed in principle for the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath, which is usually in the region of £17.00

4. Annual Audit: the notification of exempt status has been received.

5. Monies received since last meeting: 14p

6. Monies out: £789.38, including two DDR payments of £30.59 to BT Group.

7. Balances at the bank, 2.9.22: Community Account: £13,097.23; Rate Reward: £8,602.32; BPA: £118.64

8. Half yearly check of accounts: Cllr Stangoe will do this in October, when all the figures are in.

To receive items for information:

1. Cllr. Thomas reported that plans are well under way for a New Year's Eve party in the newly refurbished hall.

2. Cllr. Abu-Hejleh is planning a Dog Show next summer, as the last one was so well received.

3. Cllr. Stangoe handed over a cheque for £45 for the village hall, the proceeds from her plant sale.

Cllr. Stangoe then left the meeting, so her planning application could be discussed.

Planning Application: DC/22/3361/FUL

Front extension at 1, William Close, Eyke, Woodbridge IP12 2SA.

The Parish Council supported this application.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Next meeting: Monday, 14th November 2022.

Eyke Parish Council SCC Newsletter - August 2022

Suffolk supports residents with the cost of living

Column by Councillor Bobby Bennett – Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities

With the current cost of living pressures affecting us all, it has never been more important to ensure that people are supported to receive the right help, when they need it. In Suffolk we have a number of support services ready to help you, your friends or your family, if you are struggling.

The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme helps those experiencing financial hardship, including access to items like household furniture and white goods, fuel vouchers for electricity and gas top-ups, supermarket vouchers, and contributions towards increasing costs during the winter months.

Local organisations across Suffolk can submit an application for support, on behalf of an individual or family. These organisations include Citizens Advice Bureau, district and borough councils, health services and voluntary organisations. A list of these organisations, who will assess your circumstances and submit an application for you, is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship

After the recent spell of warm weather it may feel a long way off now, but Autumn and Winter can be a time when energy and fuel costs rise. Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People is a project designed to help vulnerable people and families make their homes more energy efficient cheaper to heat. It can help you to access grants to help pay for insulation, basic draught proofing, or first-time central heating. It can also offer emergency support if you need it in the form of temporary heaters or support with emergency boiler repairs.

If high energy bills are preventing you from putting the heating on, or you know any friends, family or neighbours who need extra help heating their home, please contact Warm Homes Healthy People on **03456 037 686** or email whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

There's also a wealth of support in Suffolk for families with young children.

Healthy Start vouchers help parents of children under four years old, to access healthy food and milk. Through the county's Tackling Poverty Strategy, we have been working with health visitors, and partners in the voluntary sector to support eligible families to take up the offer. We identified potential barriers to families accessing services, such as language barriers, and developed promotional materials to make the vouchers more accessible to families in need.

Since work began to promote the Healthy Start vouchers in November 2021 we've seen an 11% increase in those taking up the offer. The most recent data March 2022 shows 72% of those eligible are now taking up the offer.

You may be entitled to Healthy Start Vouchers if you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4. To check if you can apply or to find out more speak to your Midwife or Health Visitor or visit HealthyStart.nhs.uk

The Holiday Activities and Food programme, provides enriching activities to children and young people, as well as free meals during school holidays.

The programme launched in 2021 following a successful pilot in Suffolk in 2019 and 2020 and is backed by government funding of £200 million per year for the next three years.

In 2021, more than 44,800 meals were provided to children in Suffolk through the scheme and more than 48,400 face to face activity sessions took place. These Holiday club activities introduce young

people to new experiences and skills, from dance and drama to cooking and gardening, as well providing opportunities for physical and social activity.

More than 33,700 offers of support were offered remotely to children who could not attend the clubs in person. These offers included activity booklets and food packs.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, you may be entitled to support during future school holidays, speak to your school to find out more.

Suffolk County Council recently published its Tackling Poverty Strategy and action plan. The strategy, which has been coproduced with District, Borough and Voluntary Sector partners, along with people with lived experience of poverty, pulls together the many strands of work that have been helping people for many months, as well as looking to the future. You can view the strategy and action plan at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/poverty

Tackling poverty is a system-wide challenge and as such, the work of the Poverty Strategy will report into the Health and Wellbeing Board and Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and Suffolk's Collaborative Communities Board. Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have provided £1 million in hardship funding to support this work.

I want to say a huge thank you to the voluntary community and people who came forward to tell us their stories, which helped us to develop the Strategy and Action Plan. Finally, if you are struggling or know someone who is, then please look into what help is available.

Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship where you can find a list of the support services in Suffolk.

2Blue Badge abuser prosecuted and ordered to pay £3,504

On August 11th, an individual was prosecuted as part of an initiative by Councils in Suffolk to tackle the abuse of the Blue Badge scheme.

Peter Harrell, of Jasmine Road, Red Lodge, pleaded not guilty on 27 May 2022 at Ipswich Magistrates to altering a blue badge with the intent to deceive, contrary to section 115 of the Road Traffic Act 1984. During a trial on 10 August 2022, Mr Harrell was found guilty and fined £660, and was also ordered to pay investigatory and legal costs of £2778 and a surcharge of £66.

Mr Harrell was parked on the Access to Guineas Service Road in Newmarket in November 2021 when a Civil Parking Enforcement Officer (CEO) from West Suffolk District Council noticed that on the badge on display in Mr Harrell's vehicle the expiry date had been tampered with and the photo defaced and told him that it would be seized.

Mr Harrell told the CEO that the badge belonged to his mother, but an investigation by Suffolk County Council's Counter-Fraud Service found that she had passed away in August 2020 and the badge had been cancelled the following month. It should then have been returned to the council's Blue Badge team.

Bus charter to deliver highest standards for passengers

It was announced on August 15th that bus passengers in Suffolk can look forward to higher standards of service following the signing of a new charter.

The charter has been signed by Suffolk County Council (SCC) and bus operators covering the county and is a key part of the Suffolk Enhanced Partnership.

The Partnership is made up of councils, operators and other stakeholders and supports the improvement of all local bus services operating in the SCC, Local Transport Authority (LTA) area and neighbouring LTA areas where services are cross-boundary.

The charter has a wide range of pledges detailing what passengers are entitled to expect before, during and after their journey.

They include:

- Information about service disruptions will be posted on bus company websites, apps, and social media.
- A recognisable bus stop, with access to up-to-date timetable and contact information, and real-time displays at major stops
- To be able to pay to travel by contactless, mobile apps or smartcards – not just cash – and tickets that are easy to understand
- Buses that are clean, comfortable, and accessible
- A clear, consistent process for complaints, feedback, and praise – with a speedy resolution

The charter also outlines the part passengers can play in helping buses run smoothly.

This includes reporting damage to buses, stops, or shelters, having passes, tickets, or fare money ready as they board, and helping keep the bus clean by taking litter home and keeping their feet off the seats.

The charter will be reviewed and renewed every 12 months by the Enhanced Partnership.

More details on the Enhanced Partnership and the passenger charter can be found [on Suffolk On Board](#). Suffolk County Council website.

Suffolk Waste Partnership back national campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal

Suffolk Waste Partnership is backing a nationwide campaign urging people to safely dispose of old batteries in a bid to avoid starting fires in refuse vehicles

The Partnership has signed up to the Stop Battery Fires Campaign launched by national safe electricals recycling group [Material Focus](#), which aims to raise awareness of how householders can properly recycle batteries and electricals.

Batteries, or electricals containing batteries, that end up inside bins or recycling and waste lorries with other materials, get crushed in the waste or recycling process. This can result in them being punctured and self-combusting, setting fire to dry and flammable waste and recycling around them.

In June a fire at the Materials Recycling Facility in Great Blakenham, near Ipswich, which recycles waste from across Suffolk, is suspected to have been started by a battery dumped with household recycling. The fire was located deep within nearly 400 tonnes of waste and took firefighters and staff nearly two hours to extinguish.

Electricals containing batteries that tend to be discarded the most are smaller, frequently used and often cheaper electricals like toothbrushes, shavers, chargers and toys. Lithium-ion batteries are responsible for around 48% (more than 200) of all waste fires occurring in the UK each year according to the [Environmental Services Association](#), the trade body representing the UK's resource and waste management industry.

These fires cost some £158 million annually to waste operators, fire services and the environment. Yet the Material Focus survey found 45% of householders are unaware of the fire risk if they do not safely dispose of batteries hidden inside electrical items.

Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents

Solar Together Suffolk, a scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes to install solar panels and batteries, opens for new registrations on 22 August 2022.

The scheme helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers, whilst increasing their independence from the grid and reducing their carbon emissions.

Solar Together Suffolk is supported by Suffolk County Council and all local borough and district councils.

From 22 August 2022, Suffolk residents can register for free with the group-buying scheme, with no obligation to go ahead with an installation: www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk.

It is open to anyone interested in:

- installing new solar panels (with the option for battery storage and EV charge points)
- adding battery storage to an existing solar panel array

The innovative scheme builds on four years of the highly successful Solar Together programme run across the UK. To date, Solar Together Suffolk has:

- installed 17,900 solar panels at over 1,500 Suffolk households
- retrofitted over 200 batteries
- avoided carbon emissions totalling 28,730 tonnes of CO₂ across the county

How does it work?

- **22 August to 26 September:** registration is open, it is free and with no obligation
- **27 September:** pre-vetted installers take part in the auction to bid against each other to offer the best deal
- **17 October:** a few weeks after the auction you will receive a personal recommendation based on your registration details
- **25 November:** your deadline to accept your personal recommendation and proceed with an installation

Support is on-hand throughout the whole process which, together with information sessions, will allow households to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment.

Suffolk's local authorities are again working in partnership with independent experts iChoosr to roll out Solar Together Suffolk.

iChoosr has a strong track record of delivering group purchase schemes for local authorities. It has worked with 160 UK local authorities on its collective energy switching schemes. iChoosr's schemes have also been delivered in partnership with local authorities in five countries. Over 70 schemes led to 110,000 residents installing solar PV systems.

Free registration, with no obligation is open from 22 August to 26 September 2022, submit your details at www.solartogether.co.uk/suffolk.

Suffolk to take part in trial walking and cycling on prescription scheme

Walking and cycling to improve mental and physical health is to be offered by GPs in Suffolk as part of a nationwide trial.

The county is one of just 11 areas in England to take part in the £12.7 million scheme announced by the government.

The pilots, part of the government's [Gear Change plan](#) published in 2020, aim to evaluate the impact of physical activity through cycling and walking on a person's health, such as reduced GP appointments and reliance on medication.

The scheme in Suffolk will receive £1.5 million and will focus on Ipswich and Lowestoft.

The funding will go towards several pilot projects including adult cycle training, free bike loans and walking groups.

Other schemes include all-ability cycling taster days where people who may not have cycled before can try to in a friendly environment, or walking and cycling mental health groups where people can connect with their communities as they get active.

Individuals assessed as being suitable to take part in the scheme will be provided with:

- A bicycle/e-bike or e-cargo bike to be used as a mobility aid (with safety equipment, adaptive cycles/trailers, and secure storage),
- 1-1 support with learn to ride/cycle confidence/Bikeability training,
- Basic bike maintenance
- Journey planning using the local cycle network
- 'Buddy riding' to destinations such as workplaces, schools, or shops to build confidence for everyday journeys.

Stakeholders led by the Public Health and Transport Strategy teams at Suffolk County Council include the primary care networks, Healthwatch Suffolk, Community Action Suffolk, Active Suffolk, and the University of Suffolk Integrated Care Academy.

The county's former NHS clinical commissioning groups - now Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System and Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System – are also stakeholders.

The pilots will be delivered between 2022 and 2025 with on-going monitoring and evaluation to support continued learning.

The project brings together a range of government departments and agencies including:

- NHS England
- Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
- Sport England
- National Academy for Social Prescribing
- Defra
- Department for Health and Social Care

Council to boost electric vehicle charging across Suffolk

It was announced on August 24th that the council submitted a bid of £1,362,000 to the Department for Transport, as part of the Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot scheme.

Suffolk's residents and visitors will see further improvements to the county's electric vehicle (EV) charging network, following Suffolk County Council's successful bid to fund more charging points.

With additional contributions such as commercial funding, the project will see a total investment of around £2.75m.

The new LEVI funding will allow the council to develop the county's EV charging network by:

- PV solar power and battery storage upgrades to approximately 10 existing sites
- Installing community EV charging, PV solar power and battery storage at over 30 further sites in urban and rural areas
- Identifying key commercial sites for 7kW, rapid and ultra rapid chargers, which will benefit the local community

Suffolk County Council has led the way in electric vehicle charging, following the launch of Plug In Suffolk in 2019. It was the UK's first 'fully open' public EV fast charging network and has seen other local authorities around the country follow that model.

Plug In Suffolk has now installed 100 charging points around the county, with an emphasis on installations in rural locations and supporting households without off-street charging capabilities.

This project contributes to Suffolk's commitment to be Net Zero by 2030. The Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan identified that decarbonisation of vehicles in Suffolk was a key aspect of meeting that target.

Letting agent sentenced after leaving landlords out of pocket

A Newmarket business owner convicted of defrauding his customers by over £80,000 was today sentenced to 34 months in prison. Numerous complaints from landlords and tenants prompted an investigation into Francis Smart, proprietor of Smart Residential Letting Agents, after it was claimed that he had broken the law by pocketing tenancy deposits instead of placing these into a Deposit Protection Scheme.

More than 30 witnesses alleged that they had faced substantial losses after using Smart's services, resulting in Suffolk Trading Standards, alongside colleagues from the National Trading Standards Tri Regional Investigations Team, initiating court proceedings against him.

Mr Smart, aged 46, subsequently pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud in respect of retaining rent and deposits under S1 Fraud Act 2006 earlier this month. Upon sentencing him to 34 months per offence, to run concurrently at Ipswich Crown Court today, Friday 26 August, the judge commented that 'this was particularly sad as people had liked and trusted you... You have betrayed those who trusted you and caused a lot of distress and upset'.

An application was made to have Smart disqualified as a Director of a Company in the future and this matter will be dealt with together with any compensation at a Proceeds of Crime hearing in March 2023. Smart, of Dowding Avenue in Cambridge, is already serving prison time for another police matter and will be remanded in custody and serve his latest sentence concurrently.

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Welcome to my monthly newsletter

Helping East Suffolk Ease the Squeeze on cost of living



As the UK continues to face a cost-of-living crisis, households are seeing huge increases in their outgoings.

As we head into the colder months, East Suffolk Council has a responsibility to help residents find the support they need.

That is why we have launched Ease the Squeeze – a comprehensive scheme which helps connect those needing help to those helping.

We are working closely with key partners on a number of local schemes, while also directing people to other available support and services.

All the information, including practical support, funding and advice, has been gathered on our website, at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze

This page is continuously being updated as more schemes, services and support becomes available, so please share this with others.

We will also be running a social media campaign to raise awareness of the website.

Customer Services, Communities and Housing are working closely together to provide a wide range of support and advice.



And any concerns you may have or aware of any issues your neighbours have please do not hesitate to contact me .

Bold new beach huts officially opened on Lowestoft's seafront



As part of ambitious plans to enhance Lowestoft and help the town gain further recognition as a visitor destination, 72 striking new beach huts are now officially open.

The contemporary beach huts, known as Eastern Edge, have been built on the site of the former Jubilee Terrace huts on Lowestoft's seafront.

Work began in September 2021, with the huts designed by Norwich-based architects Chaplin Farrant and manufactured by Lowestoft-based PJ Spillings, and the platform, hut installation and ancillary works undertaken by M S Oakes – also from the town.

Half of the beach huts are available to hire on a weekly basis, while 10 have been designed with accessibility in mind and are accessed directly from the promenade.

'Efficient, clean and super green' refuse lorries hit the streets of East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council has welcomed the addition of 'efficient, clean and super green' biofuel-powered trucks to its fleet of refuse collection vehicles.

The arrival of the vehicles on the streets of East Suffolk is the latest move towards switching the entire fleet to eco-friendly fuel.

Last year, the Council approved plans to switch its diesel fleet to be fuelled by HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) and reduce total carbon emissions by more than 30%.





An advanced renewable and sustainable fuel, HVO offers up to 90% reduction in carbon emissions compared to diesel.

The 246-vehicle fleet, mainly operated by waste management partners East Suffolk Norse, was the biggest single contributor to the Council's carbon footprint last year. A third the vehicles will initially be converted to HVO, including 60% of heavy goods refuse lorries. As your cabinet member for the environment I was really delighted to introduce this initiative, something really practical and meaningful in dealing with increasing environmental concerns .

Holiday accommodation owner fined for environmental breaches

A business owner has been ordered to pay £5,160 in fines and court costs for failing to properly dispose of rubbish at premises near Halesworth.

Richard Boddy admitted two counts of failing to comply with requirements imposed under section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act, between 7 June and 28 September 2021.



The holiday accommodation owner failed to provide suitably sized bins for the waste produced at Holly Tree Farm Barns, in Cratfield, allowing rubbish to collect around the bin compound.

Mr Boddy was issued a section 47 notice by East Suffolk Council in October 2020 following a number of complaints concerning overflowing bins and excessive waste – in some cases attracting wild animals – at the Cratfield holiday let site.

The notice directed that all waste products be placed in receptacles of a suitable size and type; that no waste be left on the ground around the bin compound or on the public highway, and that a trade contract for regular removal of waste be arranged.

However, during subsequent site visits, conducted in June and July 2021, a waste management officer discovered loose litter and black refuse bags full of rubbish on the ground around overflowing bins.

Strategy for sustainable and inclusive future of leisure and sports facilities

This Council has renewed its commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of its residents by adopting a new strategy for leisure and sports provision.

The East Suffolk Leisure Strategy will help to ensure that the needs of the community are met by developing the provision of sport and physical activity across the district.

Key among the strategy's will be to protect and enhance the existing supply of playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities where needed for meeting current and future demand.



The overarching strategy incorporates the Council's Indoor and Built Sports Facilities Strategy (IBF), Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) and Open Space Report. A total of 571 sports clubs responded consultation during the development stage of the documents, along with community groups, town and parish councils, schools, health partners and operators.

The resulting studies will prioritise areas most in need of improvement and identify ways to potentially improve existing shortfalls, while also helping the Council achieve its strategic objective of Enabling Communities by providing data that could assist with future funding bids for local improvements.

Households urged to get Food Savvy and plan ahead to save money and avoid waste

As the cost of living continues to bite a new campaign has been launched in Suffolk to help families reduce food waste and save money.

Back To Savvy is a Suffolk Waste Partnership initiative which advises people on how to reduce food waste through planning out meals and storing them effectively.

The campaign will advise on planning meals and batch cooking, storing prepared meals so they are ready for work/school, and repurposing leftovers into new meals.

The three main top tips are:

1. Cook today, eat tomorrow - cook multiple meals together using batch recipes and store in a fridge or freezer for later
2. Love your leftovers - turn dinner leftovers into tasty lunches or even remix them into fun new recipes.
3. Plan ahead - organise your lunches by planning and buying in advance. Even a minute planning your meals will save you a tonne of time and money.



Community partnerships update on principle



The Communities team comprises almost 30 experienced and dedicated individuals who work to deliver a huge range of community projects. The team drives towards the following outcomes:

- Better outcomes and quality of life for individuals, families, communities and organisations
- Resilient, connected, cohesive and inclusive communities
- Resilient, independent and safe individuals and families, particularly those who are vulnerable
- Reduced health inequalities and improved mental and physical health and wellbeing
- People and communities do more for themselves and, if necessary, can access the right service at the right time

The team works collaboratively with partners and communities to deliver these outcomes. In fact, the Communities team's ethos is all about empowerment and enablement. This applies to our partners as well as our residents. We provide help and advice on understanding community need and in delivering the most appropriate projects; we offer access to a network of community leaders and volunteers; we have extensive experience in reaching out to all our communities and have senior marketing resource within the team; and we can bring together the most appropriate people to successfully deliver any project.

Any project Eyke might be looking at please reach out to our community partnership (which I chair)

Misc

I continue to try and improve my ward – I have flagged up the footpath from Wilford roundabout to Sutton Hoo with Highways – which is now a safety concern, initial response from SCC stated it was an issue so I have asked them to look again

I was able to provide a new recycling bin for our friends at Sutton Heath :



And as some of you have seen I made sure the road sweepers spent a couple of hours in Eyke recently



Have spoken to planning over the marketing of the pub and the estate agent and all understand this is sold as an on going concern
And is a commercial pub with accommodation – the estate agent assured me this was in the paperwork
We monitor and use planning enforcement where necessary and wait for a possible application for change in usage

And I like to think you district councillor has contacts in high places !





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