

**MINUTES OF COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE PAVILION 17 MARCH 2015**

**Present:** Cllrs. David Cask (DC) (Chairman), Mike Porter (MP) Vice-Chairman, Nick Jarvis (NJ), Zoé Mair (ZM), David Whitwood (DW), Anne Thomas (AT), Ian Newton (IN), Rob Chase (RC). In attendance: Raymond Catchpole (Clerk), Dr Simon Weeks and four public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Bill Camplin, John Winter, Michael Bygrave , District & County Cllr Stephen Burroughes, PCSO Julie Hinton,

*Clerk gave the standard warning as to possibility of filming, photographic or audio recording of the meeting. Nothing applied for at this meeting however.*

**15/018 Declarations of Interest:** ZM & MP: continuing pecuniary interests in any CEA and Walpole & Cookley Playing Field Trust matters. AT: any CEA or Allotments matters. These members permitted to discuss and vote on these matters through a previous resolution. ZM also non-pecuniary interest in Marsh View matters.

**15/019 Public Participation: (a) Marsh View: relocation of garage.** Susan and Geoff Marling were in attendance to speak on behalf of the developer of Marsh View. A variation in planning conditions had arisen in respect of the proposed relocation of a garage. Drawings were tabled and had previously been circulated to members by the clerk. Garage had been pulled forward from its house and made slightly smaller. Questions were asked and discussion ensued including materials and landscaping as well as was it necessary to build this garage at all and whether control could be exercised over ownership and manoeuvring of vehicles on site.

*There being no further public matters the chairman took the meeting into council mode.*

**15/020 Approval of Minutes:** minutes of 17 February 2015 were unanimously approved and signed subject to a minor amendment.

**15/021 Matters arising from Minutes:** AT referred to Speedwatch at Bramfield & Thorington. She will arrange for Mr Niven to attend a council meeting to explain the project and the possible funding sources.

**15/022 Planning: Marsh View:** relocation of garage. Clerk pointed out consideration at this stage was limited only to the relocation of the garage. Item was considered in the light of earlier public participation and it was agreed there was no objection by unanimous show of hands.

**15/023 Finance: (a) RFO Report:** clerk presented his report and financial statement. Members were advised that a very small mathematical error had been carried through from a previous RFO Report which will be rectified in the next report, incorporating also year-end reconciliations as at 31 March 2015.

The following had been received since the last meeting:

Cemetery: plot fees £ 480.00

The following invoices were approved and paid:

Clerk's Expenses	£ 25.01	
SALC: training M Bygrave	£ 117.60	
P J Grimwood river works contribution	£	
200.00		

Balances to carry forward, assuming all above:

Community Account	£5,051.33	
Business Saver	£1,094.65	£6,145.98

Financial statement was approved unanimously by show of hands.

**(b) PAYE and Workplace Pensions Contact:** agreed unanimously to continue appointment of Ladywell Accounting Services as contact for these services at around £28 per annum.

**(c) Charitable Donations:** after discussion the following was agreed:

(i) Proposed drop-in centre for long term and terminal illness advice and information, Halesworth: £100 proposed ZM, seconded MP and approved unanimously.

(ii) East Anglian Air Ambulance: £100 proposed DC, seconded IN and approved unanimously.

(iii) Suffolk Accident Rescue Service: £50 proposed ZM seconded DC and approved unanimously.

**15/024 Appointment of Clerk:** position advertised with SALC, newsletter and website; two applications to hand. AT expressed concern as to interview procedures. Clerk accepted responsibility for interviews to date and all members will be kept informed in future.

**15/025 Adoption of Revised Standing Orders:** approved unanimously and signed by DC.

**15/026 Highways:** AT reported SCC did now seem to be taking some action. NJ reported that Heveningham Estate had cleared some ditches close to him. Comment was passed on condition of site of demolished cottages on Halesworth Road, Cookley.

**15/027 Footpaths:** NJ was the new Footpaths Officer. ZM asked if he could help with clearing the footway to the Pavilion as it was not good for elderly coming to events.

**15/028 Trees:** MP suggested a new bench and picnic table for the Village Green. ZM will collect prices to circulate before the April meeting.

**15/029 Cemetery:** clerk had nothing to report.

**15/030 CEA & Allotments:** (a) ZM presented a report, attached as appendix. (b) AT reported a further grant coming from Flagship which might be used for landscaping and sitting area around the communal shed. MP mentioned Cookpole

was considering funding a barn owl box on site which was received with enthusiasm.

**15/031 External Meetings & Training: (a) SALC Northern Area Meeting:** ZM had attended and reported on new pothole repair techniques, high cost of speed signs, police having to lose £20m from their budget, affordable housing development by parish councils through Community Land Trust, identifying Heritage Assets including landscapes and views, Quiet Lanes. **(b) Sizewell C:** the Forum having ceased to meet, AT had attended a meeting at High Lodge. Matters considered had included traffic and roads and need to consider response to Stage 2 Consultation in due course. There did not seem to be enough input from District Councilors and local meetings were needed to bring parishes together to give combined strength of argument.

**15/032 Correspondence:** none.

**15/033 Matters for future agenda:** Other than matters already referred to in these minutes the following was suggested: **(a) MP:** following up the speed indicator project.

**15/034 Next Meeting:** Tuesday 21 April, 19 May 2015 (the 'triple agenda' meeting comprising Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Parish Council)

*The meeting closed at 09.30pm*

**Chairman**

**Date**

## **APPENDICES**

**Suffolk County Council Report**

**Suffolk Coastal District Council Report**

**Cookpole Energy Action Report**

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

MARCH 2015



### REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN BURROUGHES

- **SCC FREEZES COUNCIL TAX FOR FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW**

SCC's share of council tax is to be frozen for a fifth year in a row. This means that Suffolk residents will not pay any more than they did in 2010/11. The council has successfully delivered savings in excess of £130m over the last four years. However, with the government's deficit reduction programme set to continue until at least 2018/19, there is a forecast of a further £120m budget shortfall that will need to be addressed over the next three years. The council tax freeze was agreed as part of the budget proposals for 2015/16, which include savings of £38.2million, to be made across services delivered by the council during the financial year 2015/16. The bulk of these savings (£24.6m) will be delivered through wide-ranging transformation programmes which will result in the council becoming a leaner and more focused organisation. The remaining savings will be made by reducing previous contingency budgets, set aside for major projects and change management as well as making other budgetary savings from within service areas. Meanwhile, over the last five years, there has been a reduction of around 47% in workforce numbers across council services. The best way we have help people across Suffolk is by managing resources as carefully as possible and keeping council tax down.

- **CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S CENTRES GET GREEN LIGHT**

Children's centre services in nine areas across Suffolk will be made more accessible for those most in need. A review of children's centres in Suffolk, including a wide-ranging public consultation, was concluded earlier this year. It recommended that services in nine children's centres be moved from their existing locations to different settings, either using other local community facilities or neighbouring children's centres. There would also be additional outreach work included, to ensure that our excellent children's centre services really get to those most in need of them. At the same time, the changes would allow the council to dispense with buildings that were either too expensive or not fit for purpose and so save money for the Suffolk tax payer. The decision, which was confirmed at a meeting of SCC's cabinet last month, will save up to £265,000, thus putting the services on a more sustainable footing. The nine centres affected are at: Brett River, Hadleigh; Jigsaw, Thurston; Meredith, Ipswich; On Track, Haverhill; Quayside, Ipswich; Reydon and Southwold, Reydon; Roman Hill, Lowestoft; Sea Breeze, Felixstowe; and Woodlands, Glemsford.

- **SCC BACKS PROPOSAL FOR JOINT DEPOT, TRANSFER STATION AND HOUSEHOLD WASTE SITE**

SCC has been working in partnership with St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council to develop a joint waste-transfer site, council depot and household waste recycling centre. The favoured option is to create a West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH) for all these important services on land at Hollow Road Farm in Bury St Edmunds. An alternative option is to use land at Rougham Hill for a waste transfer station if the preferred option is not successful. At its meeting last month, SCC's cabinet offered its full support to the proposal to develop a WSOH at Hollow Road Farm and will now consult local people, alongside the two councils in the west of the county, prior to the start of any

planning process. The Hollow Road Farm proposal presents the opportunity for all three local authorities to develop services in the same location, saving money for local tax payers. A joint approach will also free up the sites currently used to deliver depot, waste and recycling services, for future commercial development in the area.

- **PUBLIC MEETING ON LOWESTOFT THIRD CROSSING SEES DEBATE OF OPTIONS**

250 local people gathered last month to learn about an independent report regarding the potential crossing options for Lake Lothing. The discussion took place at Orbis Energy in Lowestoft. SCC leader Mark Bee was on hand to answer questions and respond to audience comments, alongside Waveney MP, Peter Aldous, and Graham Newman, SCC's cabinet member for roads and transport. They all spoke on aspects of the independent report, produced by international engineering experts WSP. In particular the point that the easterly option is the most cost-effective in relation to project cost and benefits to the economy and traffic flow. All three representatives agreed that a third crossing is needed to re-invigorate the economy in Lowestoft and on the basis of the independent report, the easterly crossing option should be pursued and taken forward as the preferred option. For more information visit the [consultation page for the proposal](#) on the Suffolk County Council website.

We all recognise the huge benefits that such a development would bring to the town and, indeed, to the north of Suffolk generally. As such, we are fully committed to doing everything we can to push for this much-needed bridge to be built.

- **APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE LEADING LIVES BENEFIT FUND**

Applications are currently being encouraged for the Leading Lives Community Benefit Fund for 2015. Leading Lives is a Suffolk-based social enterprise, formerly part of SCC, which provides support for a wide range of people. This year, they are awarding grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to Suffolk-based charities and community groups who support people with learning disabilities, older people with dementia, people with autism, young people in transition and family carers. This year's fund has been doubled in value to £30,000 to enable larger grants to be awarded and more projects to be supported. The fund has been set up to further Leading Lives overall vision to enable vulnerable people to lead the life they choose. The fund will support projects that allow vulnerable people to live more independently, to gain new skills, to stay safe and to participate in the life of their communities. Criteria for funding and an application can be found on our website [www.leadinglives.org.uk](http://www.leadinglives.org.uk). Please share this information with organisations and individuals who you believe may be interested in applying.

- **HAVE YOUR SAY: COUNTY-WIDE ADULT AUTISM SURVEY LAUNCHED**

SCC's autism survey has been launched as part of the council's commitment to empowering adults in Suffolk to live independent, healthy and fulfilled lives. The survey can be completed by adults with autism themselves, their carers, or, of course, together.

Responses will help the county council learn more about what is important for people living in Suffolk with autism and help to ensure there are innovative and accessible local community-led support networks available. Responses to the survey will help to identify new and exciting ways that will inspire Suffolk people to work together and support each other to build autism friendly communities. The survey can be found on-line at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/adultautismsuffolk](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/adultautismsuffolk) If a paper copy of the survey is required please contact: **Steven Emmerson** on **01473 265350**, or email [steven.emmerson@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:steven.emmerson@suffolk.gov.uk).

We are committed to supporting adults with autism and helping them to lead normal lives. That's why we want to hear from them. The more we learn from those with autism and those who support them, the more we can help find ways to help them, and enhance the opportunities available to them and their carers.

## SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



### REPORT BY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN BURROUGHES – FEB/MARCH 2019

- **ENCOURAGING MORE WOMEN INTO SPORT**

A national campaign has been launched to encourage and inspire more women to participate in sport. 'This Girl Can' is a celebration of active women across the UK taking part in sport and physical activity without any worries about how they look. The campaign, developed by [Sport England](#) and a range of partnership organisations, has been created to inspire women and girls to be more physically active. Studies show that women play less sport than men and one of the major barriers preventing women participating in more sports activities is a fear of judgment - over their appearance, their abilities and their choice to spend time on themselves rather than with family. This Girl Can aims to break down this barrier and show that women can exercise with confidence and without the fear of being judged.

If you would like to try a new sport, there are hundreds of sports clubs, classes and activities in Suffolk Coastal to choose from. Go to <http://www.suffolksport.com/> and search for activities and events in your area. There is also a wide range of classes and activities at the Council's [sport and leisure centres](#) in Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Leiston.

For more information and inspiration, please visit <http://www.thisgirlcan.co.uk/> and join in the conversation on Twitter using #thisgirlcan.

- **KEEP WARM THIS WINTER**

Suffolk Coastal is reminding people to take care during the cold weather which is expected in the next week and is encouraging those who may be entitled, to get help heating their homes. The message comes as NHS England issues a cold weather alert for the next seven days and warns that prolonged periods of cold weather can be dangerous, especially for the very young, very old or those with chronic diseases. Suffolk's Warm Homes Healthy People project helps vulnerable people and families make their homes cheaper to heat. The scheme can help home owners or tenants who privately rent and are on a low income or in receipt of a means tested benefit. The scheme also takes into account age, disability and cold related health conditions.

If you're struggling to keep warm or are worried about the cost of heating your home, you could get help with: Emergency boiler and heating repair costs. A contribution towards heating costs. Free home energy survey with advice on

contribution towards heating costs. Free home energy survey with advice on insulation, fuel switching and cheaper oil prices. Basic draught proofing. Temporary loan of heaters. People with vulnerable relatives or neighbours are also urged to help them find out more about the support available.

Eligibility criteria apply. For more information, call Warm Homes Healthy People helpline on 08456 037 686 (Local rate, lines open Monday-Friday, 9 - 5pm) or visit our website: [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/warmhomes](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/warmhomes)

## **Warm Home Discount Scheme**

Did you know that electricity suppliers can award eligible customers with a £140 Warm Home Discount? Receiving this discount won't affect your cold weather or winter fuel payment. To find out more, contact your energy supplier direct.

- **NEW LOCAL ENABLING BUDGET FOR COASTAL AREA A SUCCESS**

A new community enabling budget introduced across Suffolk Coastal District in 2014 to help promote the core aims of the council, i.e., protecting the environment, promoting healthier lives, and increasing physical involvement of young people, has been a roaring success. It is seen as a way to significantly help promote active community involvement and applications for funding can be made to your District Councillor setting out the nature of the scheme, how it will be of benefit to your community, and how it will be delivered sustainably. The County Council already operates a successful 'Locality' Scheme, which is vital in the Council's objective of supporting communities financially.

- **SUFFOLK COASTAL COUNCILLORS APPROVE MOVE TO NEW HQ**

Councillors have given their approval for negotiations to commence on moving it's operations to a new site based in Melton. The move to a new site and the construction of state of the art office space will take the best part of 2 years, but will enable the council to change the way it works, and become a new and contemporary local authority building. The cost of the build will be met mainly through the sale of the Melton Hill offices and land for development. The existing office are becoming increasingly costly to run, are not particularly accessible or 'fit for purpose'.

Suffolk Coastal's Full Council members gave approval at a special 'extraordinary' meeting held in Woodbridge.

- **NEW LEISURE STRATEGY UNDERGOING CONSULTATION**

A new coastal leisure strategy is still out for consultation to parish councils and community groups looking at assessing what the capability is locally for providing leisure opportunities and gathering evidence of exactly where facilities are located in order to help it identify and focus on local needs etc. It is important to pull together all the leisure assets we have throughout Suffolk Coastal, particularly in the more remote rural areas and add this to the whole offer for a joined up and effective leisure service. Hopefully all parishes will look at the strategy and feedback information and details particularly the areas they feel are relevant for them.

For further information please visit [www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk) or email me at [stephen.burroughes@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.burroughes@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk)

## **Report from CEA to Cookley and Walpole Parish Council 17 March 2015**

- Funding bids for the Community Wind Turbine project have been written and sent.
- The Electric Bike project has £6,500 funding agreed so we now feel in a position to proceed with the base and storage shed, prior to bike and battery purchase and the electrical work. The lease is in hand. If all goes well we hope to make the grand launch during the Cookpole Open Villages week end 20/21 June 2015.

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On behalf of Cookpole Energy Action