

Little Waldingfield

Approved Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.30pm (immediately following the Parish Council's Meeting) at the Parish Room, Little Waldingfield

Attendees: Cllr Barbara Campbell (Chair), Cllr Stewart Braybrook, Cllr Matt Foster, Cllr Tim Sheppard, Cllr Allan Wells and Cllr Chris White (Little Waldingfield Parish Council), Cllr Margaret Maybury (Babergh District Council), Cllr Colin Spence (Suffolk County Council), Charlie Miller (Playing Field Committee), Sue Sheppard (Parish Room Committee), Terry Western (Little Waldingfield Charities), Simon Ashton (Parish Clerk) and seven Members of the Public

1. Welcome by Little Waldingfield Parish Council's Chair

Cllr Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that there would be opportunities to raise questions with the speakers of the relevant items. She also paid tribute to the tenure of Andy Sheppard as Chair of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

2. Agreement of Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting on 18 April 2017

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on 18 April 2017 were received, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr Campbell confirmed that there were no matters arising for consideration.

4. Report by Little Waldingfield Parish Council's Representative

Cllr Campbell delivered her report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information. Cllr Sheppard also invited residents to attend the public meetings on the Neighbourhood Plan on 9 June and 7 July 2018.

5. Report by Babergh District Councillors

Cllr Maybury delivered her report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.

6. Report by Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Spence delivered his report at the meeting. General highways issues were raised by those in attendance and use of Suffolk County Council's online reporting tool was advised in the first instance. SCC was finding it a challenge to keep up with the issues being reported. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information. He also showed his thanks and appreciation when working with Andy Sheppard, former Chair of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

7. **Report by Suffolk Police's Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team's Representative**
A representative of Suffolk Police's Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team did not attend the meeting to present a report. However, a copy of an email message received from the SNT's Parish Council Liaison Officer regarding attendance at a future Parish Council meeting has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
8. **Report by the Playing Field Committee's Representative**
Mr Miller delivered his report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
9. **Report by the Parish Room Committee's Representative**
Mrs Sheppard delivered her report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
10. **Report by the Little Waldingfield Charities' Representative**
Mr Western delivered his report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
11. **Report by the Speed Watch Scheme's Representative**
Cllr Wells delivered his report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
12. **Public Forum**
Cllr Maybury confirmed that Babergh District Council should be able to advise on highways work carried out by the Parish Council. In addition to the raising of a hedge trimming issue, Cllr Spence confirmed that he could intervene if no progress had been made following the reporting of issues using the prescribed online highways reporting tool. Supplies of dog poo bags in the phone box were nearly exhausted. It was also reported that the light in the phone box did not work. There was a need to ensure that correct contact details were held by the Box River News. The meeting finished at 9.00pm.

Simon Ashton, Parish Clerk
Little Waldingfield Parish Council
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11 April 2019

Little Waldingfield Parish Council - Annual Report 2017/2018

The Parish Council has had eleven meetings during the period, keeping councillors busy. Over the majority of the time it has operated at full strength, however a vacancy for a new councilor has recently arisen. Notice of the vacancy has been posted on the village website and also in the notice board opposite the telephone box.

Actions on planning during the year

There have been seven major planning applications submitted, including proposals for a barn conversion, a new stable block, two new agricultural buildings and two new residential dwellings, all of which were supported by the PC; a proposal for a new rear link extension was not supported. The remaining applications were to discharge previously agreed conditions, for minor works and for management of various trees.

Other actions during the year

Litter pick

The annual litter pick was undertaken on Saturday 18th March. As usual a large number of rubbish bags were filled.

Free dog poo bags

This initiative has continued during over the year, so dog poo bags remain available to all dog walkers from the telephone box.

Defibrillator Training

Following installation of the defibrillator in Jan 2017, and subsequent commissioning, a public defibrillator training session was arranged, in May, at which 30 people attended. The defibrillator is regularly inspected to ensure it is always in working order.

Water damage in The Street

During the summer, a small dip in the road surface near the telephone box gradually became larger. This was from water escaping from a burst pipe below. Anglian Water (AW) were advised several times and finally came out to repair it. However their delay resulted in the telephone box being sprayed with muddy water and stones from passing vehicles, particularly lorries, causing some damage to the paintwork. After repairs had been completed, AW agreed to have it repainted and the box was restored to its former glory.

Closed churchyard 'tip test'

In September, Parish Councillors carried out a 'tip test' in the closed churchyard, for which the parish council is responsible, and with PCC permission also in the open churchyard. There were no unsafe headstones found in the closed churchyard however several open churchyard headstones were assessed as unsafe and the PCC was advised. Representatives of the PCC cordoned off the area and laid 7 headstones down, to ensure public safety.

Joint Local Plan Awareness

In October, the PC held a very well received public meeting to introduce the Babergh/Mid Suffolk draft Joint Local Plan (JLP), identify some of the policy options and point villagers where to go to obtain more information. Many villagers subsequently went to the final BDC JLP drop in session, so were able to obtain more information and then respond to the consultation.

Accidents within the village

In September, a fibre broadband telegraph pole was demolished when a car leaving the village failed to make the Haymarket corner. This followed a similar accident there in January 2017 and two councillors investigated whether some preventative action could be taken. After many months of negotiation, and with grateful thanks to Suffolk County Councillor Colin Spence, the following actions have been agreed and should soon be actioned:

Add 'bend warning signs' and 'Slow' road markings to both sides of the bend;

Renew the road centre white line;

Paint 30 mph 'roundels' to the road and

Increase the reflectivity of the matt black bollards in front of the Haymarket cottages.

Council Budget

The parish council agreed a budget of £8,415 for 2018/19, equating to a 3.9% reduction in precept.

Clive Memorial Funds

No monies were spent from this fund during the period and the balance remains at £1,950.

Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SID)

The triple SID sharing scheme with Great Waldingfield and Chilton became operational during the year, for two weeks out of every six. You may have noticed that when you pass the device it flashes up your speed so you can see how fast you are going. If it flashes red you are going too fast but I'm sure that never happens to anyone here! LWPC pays a small administration fee to GW. This helps towards the costs of maintaining the devices, keeping the batteries charged and moving them from location to location.

Issues Facing the Parish Council

The PC has a range of responsibilities which include maintaining the closed burial ground, several footpaths around the village and the street lighting. It is also consulted on planning applications within the village and can either support or not the plans submitted. The PC is not, however a planning authority and cannot refuse planning permission. That is the responsibility of Babergh District Council who is our local planning authority.

Speedwatch

The voluntary team, under the guidance of Allan Wells, our local speedwatch co-ordinator, regularly monitored the speed of drivers through the village. Those drivers caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit were reported to the police. In some cases letters were sent and in extreme cases offenders were visited by a police officer.

Footpaths/Grass cutting

Following a successful first year of operation since assuming both budget and grass cutting responsibilities from Suffolk County Council, the PC renewed the contract with D Gotts.

Front Churchyard Wall

After some delays caused by obtaining permission to undertake the work, the wall pier was rebuilt in May. The opportunity was taken to get the bricklayer to check the rest of the wall for damage, which happily was slight, but further minor pointing was undertaken at the time in order to prolong the life of the wall.

Closed Churchyard Trees

As reported last year, our tree survey identified that a fair amount of surgery was required, for public safety reasons. After some delay permission was finally received and the work completed last November.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This new piece of legislation takes effect from 25th May and the PC is working to ensure it is compliant.

Other Matters

The Swan Inn

Last year, after the pub was placed in the hands of the receiver and following a short period of temporary management whilst a buyer was found, The Swan Inn finally closed its doors in April 2017. The new owner, Mr Justin Grainger, purchased the Swan 'with the intention of creating a viable pub of which the village can be proud'. There have been some setbacks, not least of which is the cost of renovations. However, Mr Grainger has given a statement, which is available to read on the village website, that he remains committed to reopening the Swan Inn and is currently liaising with his architects to draw up plans to facilitate this. Once these are available he has stated they will be shared with us at an open event. The Swan remains on Babergh's schedule of community assets.

Police Matters

The village was targetted by a number of criminals over the night of 22nd / 23rd August, with eight properties subject to burglaries or attempted burglaries, from sheds and outbuildings. A public meeting was arranged by the PC at which PCSO Laura Mansell provided security advice and what to do in the event of an incident.

Parish Council Clerk

Following the retirement of Dave Crimmin, Simon Ashton was appointed as his replacement with effect from 1st October 2017.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following public meetings and consultation with villagers, the PC council resolved to pursue a local Neighbourhood Plan. A dedicated steering committee comprising both councillors and villagers was established, chaired by Councillor Tim Sheppard. The steering committee has met regularly since its inception and progress is being made towards the ultimate goal of having a LWNP. Actions taken so far include:

- Obtaining funding for the project
- Appointing an outside consultant to help with the process
- Issuing a questionnaire to every resident over the age of 11 years so that everyone could give their views on how the village might develop over the next 20 years
- Analysis of the responses undertaken by the consultant and considered by the steering group
- Beginning to appraise the village to understand its distinctive character
- Launch of a photographic competition to obtain illustrations of notable views, architectural features and other areas of importance within the village and surrounding parish

The next steps that will be taken are:

- To complete the village appraisal
- Obtain further funding so that a Locality survey can be commissioned
- Hold workshops/drop-in sessions to inform and consult with everyone in the village. Two sessions have already been planned for June 9th and July 7th. Further details of these will be published nearer the time.
- Formulate a vision for what the village might look like in 20 years time
- Start to put together a draft NP

This is a major piece of work and will likely continue throughout this year before being completed.

That concludes this annual report about the work of the Parish Council in 2017/2018. I am happy to take questions if there is anything you want to ask and Tim Sheppard is also here and can take questions about the NP.

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

From: "Margaret Maybury" <Margaret.Maybury@babergh.gov.uk>
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To: "Little Waldingfield Parish Council" <clerk.littlewaldingfieldpc@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: FW: BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

Dear Simon,

Please find below my annual report.

With kind regards,

Margaret Maybury
 Member for Waldingfield Ward
 Cabinet Member for Communities

-----Original Message-----

From: Margaret May bury <mmaybury106@aol.com>
 Sent: 16 April 2018 14:59
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 Subject: BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018 COUNCILLOR MARGARET MAYBURY PARISH OF LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

One of the top priorities for the District Council this year has been to increase the number of affordable homes available for local people. New affordable homes are now occupied in both Lavenham and Glemsford with more being built under a Community Land Trust scheme in Lavenham under a partnership with Hastoe Housing. Sadly it is a fact that the ratio between salaries and the cost of housing is rising with MSDC residents needing 9 times their salary and BDC 11 times to purchase an average priced home. Across the joint districts 1,751 active households are looking for affordable housing. Chilton Woods having gained outline planning permission should bring 25% affordable housing for the District over the development.

CIL Community Infrastructure Levy came into being this year and the increased benefits for parishes as well as the District is now filtering through.

Supporting local economy is another priority and Sudbury is a key focal point for this. A Vision for Sudbury initiative commenced in October and priority plans to revitalise the town centre is foremost. Funding of £3.4 across the two Leisure Centres in Sudbury and Hadleigh has been agreed which will allow the centres to become self sufficient with increased facilities.

A Leisure Strategy has been introduced enabling a structured approach to encouraging an active life style along with Eat Out Eat Well Awards.

Local government has a challenging time balancing the budget but still maintaining services and this year has been particularly challenging with funding from central government soon to end and New Homes Bonus being reduced. Our move to Endeavour House in Ipswich made savings as has our continued working together with MSDC. The merger as it is called, the dissolving of two district councils to form a new one, is now on hold after the move by the Leader of SCC, Colin Noble, to revisit the idea of a Unitary Council.

The move to Endeavour House, Ipswich, by both District Councils has seen customer access points

located in Sudbury and Stowmarket. The Sudbury Town Hall access point was selected after it emerged the majority of callers at Corks Lane, Hadleigh, originated from Sudbury and surrounding areas. Working in the same building as SCC and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (Health) will save £5.4m over 5 years. Agile working for staff has been embraced and the building is a focal centre for all Councillors.

Council Tax increased by 3.25% with those residents most in need only having to pay 5% of their council tax, a reduction from 8.5%. Tenants have benefitted from a 1% reduction in rent too. As a District we collect the Council Tax on behalf of SCC, the Police, Town and Parish Councils as well as ourselves but we only receive 10%.

The Council has invested £50m across the two Districts under CIFCO as a vehicle to support the Councils revenue Fund. The Councils have also introduced charged pre-planning application advice achieving an income of £88,000.

The Councils continue to grant fund which has enabled external funding of over £1.7m. Babergh has supported the purchase of Shotley Pier, encouraged fit villages, and celebrated the 80th anniversary of Arthur Ransome's book "we didn't mean to go to sea". BDC has also gifted Gainsborough Chambers to the Gainsborough House Museum.

The Council has embraced environmental issues with the Trees for Life campaign whereby every new child born during the Summer of 2018 to the winter of 2019 will receive a tree which can be planted in their family's garden or donated to a community wood, orchard or project. The Council has also encouraged food hygiene grading for food premises with 60% gaining the top scoring.

Locally I have supported the Neighbourhood Plan being investigated by Lt W, litter picked, attended parish council meetings regularly and listened and advised where applicable on issues raised by residents. Unfortunately a spell of ill-health did restrict some of my duties.

I am saddened to see Andy Sheppard retire from the parish council chairmanship as I believe good work was undertaken during his lead. I found him to be very happy to engage, listen and advise both me and others and thank him for his dedicated work. I do wish the new Chairman every success in their new role.

Personally I have been honoured to represent the Waldingfield Ward these last three years and thank residents for their continued support. I was appointed to the very first Cabinet in May 2017 as the member for Communities and I am very pleased to report that I have retained that position. I believe my greatest success in this role has been to secure the futures of the Leisure Centres in Sudbury and Hadleigh with a new swimming pool being planned in Hadleigh to replace the creaking tank currently being used. I am also proud to be able to state that the recent Public Realm consultation concluded a satisfactory review which stated the Council gained value for money from its contractors, but as always there is more to be done.

I extend my best wishes to all residents of Little Waldingfield.

With kind regards

Margaret

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Little Waldingfield: Annual Parish Assembly

Thursday 12 April 2018

Report from Colin Spence – Suffolk County Councillor – Sudbury East & Waldingfield Division

During the past year the County Council has attempted to move forward on a number of key major issues whilst meeting the serious continual challenges of reductions in its budget including:

(a) Consulting on the future Record Office Service in Lowestoft

The storeroom in the current Record Office building is not sustainable to continue holding Lowestoft's archive material. Its basement location means that it is prone to flooding and damp hazards, at risk of mould growth and fire resistance is not up to the required standard.

This, along with the general decline in visitors and the council's ongoing requirement to make savings in line with its objectives to fill the budget gap of £56m by 2021, means that changes need to be made to the service in Lowestoft.

The results of the formal consultation will be presented to Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Committee later in the year for a final decision to be made on the future service provision.

For further details of the consultation process, visit www.suffolkarchives.co.uk

(b) Proposal to change home to school travel

On Wednesday 28 February 2018 the consultation to help find a long-term solution to providing affordable home to school transport closed.

In Suffolk, £21 million of taxpayers' money is spent every year getting children to and from school. Suffolk County Council has already introduced a number of efficiency changes to the service saving around £2.6 million. Now, like many other councils across the country, the authority needs to consider making more significant changes across a number of areas, including home to school travel.

The consultation highlights the challenges faced with funding and asks residents for their thoughts on how we adapt to the changing education landscape in Suffolk as schools continue to become more independent, moving away from being historically under local authority control, with new powers to set their choice of admissions, adjust term dates and manage school travel plans.

The Council's current school and post-16 travel policies go above legal requirements, the consultation seeks views on changing these policies, giving the opportunity to explore local solutions as well as three alternative options for children aged 5-16 and 16 plus.

Over 3500 people have already responded to the school and post-16 travel consultation surveys, over 151 people attended one of the consultation workshops and 36 people attended the 'Have your say' event where alternative solutions were presented.

All of the feedback gathered will be carefully and thoroughly considered by Suffolk County Council's Cabinet in June 2018. Website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel.

(c) Suffolk to use drone technology to help manage blue light service incidents

February 2018 saw the official launch of the use of two Small Unmanned Surveillance Aircrafts in Suffolk. The technology, commonly referred to as drones have been developed and funded by the Suffolk Resilience Forum for use across the County. As part of a multi-agency Air Support Unit, the drones will be used by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue and Norfolk & Suffolk 4x4 Response.

The drones will provide a range of surveillance options to support emergency services and voluntary organisations across a wide range of incidents including:

- large-scale open fires or complex structural fires
- urban area search and rescue
- major incident or disaster response
- investigative support
- hazardous materials response including Environmental Impact Assessments
- road traffic accidents
- significant multi-agency events
- missing persons searches
- pre-planned operations and risk information gathering

By improving the ability to see and understand what is happening from the air, the drones will support emergency services and voluntary organisations to inform the decisions they make when dealing with an incident. They will also help to reduce risks to the public and emergency service workers.

The drones and camera equipment cost around £42,500 and they are based at Woodbridge Fire and Police station, have 24/7 emergency response capability and can be used by 17 specially trained remote pilots.

(d) More than 97% of students receive their preferred Secondary School on National Offer Day

This year, Suffolk County Council received its highest number of applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to be educated at from September 2018 in Year 7. The total was 7,447. Last year it was 7171.

91.61% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and 97.23% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. This percentage figure of 91.61% equates to a total of 6822 pupils.

Any parents or carers with children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 and who have not yet applied for a school place should make an application immediately by downloading the CAF1 application form from the council's website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

(e) Alignments of Ipswich's Upper Orwell Crossings unveiled

The preferred alignments of Ipswich's Upper Orwell Crossings have been announced by Suffolk County Council.

The main crossing is proposed to connect to the existing highway at the Rapier Street roundabout on Wherstead Rd, west of the river, and at a new junction, north of Cliff Lane on Holywells Road, east of the river. The bridge crosses the river at an angle and incorporates an opening section over the navigation channel.

The second crossing, will provide a new vehicular link to the Wet Dock Island site and is proposed to be accessed from Felaw Street. The third crossing is a refurbishment of the existing swing bridge over the lock for use by cyclists and pedestrians.

These crossings will improve journey times through and around Ipswich, benefiting those that live and work in the town.

(f) 2018/2019 Budget Setting

The council has recently agreed its budget for the forthcoming financial year. Set within the landscape of further reductions in budgets coupled with a continuing increase in demand for services the County Council has for the first time in seven years increased its general council tax levels by 2.99% and, in accordance with Government guidelines, approved a further council tax increase of 2% to cover the National Social Care Precept to meet the growing and serious demand for Adult Social Care services.

The total increase in the County Council's share of the Council Tax for 2018/19 is 4.99%. Recent news of the financial situation with other Councils struggling to balance budgets whilst trying to deliver services underlines serious concern for the future financial planning of local government both in Suffolk and across the Country.

(g) Suffolk Highways goes to war on potholes

Suffolk Highways has declared war on the potholes which are opening up on the county's roads, following one of the worst winters in recent years.

Since the start of 2018, Suffolk Highways has received in excess of 11,000 customer reports, which compares with approximately 6,000 reports in the same period last year. This demonstrates the impact the bad weather Suffolk has experienced since November has had on the county's road surface.

Suffolk Highways has put in place the following measures with immediate effect to help cope with the demand:

- Deploying additional gangs to undertake pothole and road repairs across the county.
- Switching to a different temporary material to repair emergency potholes which, although slightly more expensive, provides a longer-lasting repair in damp conditions.
- Considering for large areas of intervention-level pothole defects whether 'making safe' (through organising traffic management and temporary road closures) is required in advance of making extensive repairs.
- Bringing in extra resource to undertake larger-scale patching works as part of a planned programme for dealing with sites on which traffic management or road closures have been arranged or areas where small-scale repairs will not sufficiently address the road deterioration.
- Moving internal resources from other teams to support the inspection of customer reports, particularly from staff with previous experience of dealing with customer reports and inspections.

This extra push to repair the high volume of potholes in the county is being assisted by the extra £21 million funding which has been borrowed to resurface a quarter of all roads managed by Suffolk Highways, by 2021.

(h) Suffolk Waste Partnership awarded £10,000 to help tackle blight of litter

Suffolk Waste Partnership have been awarded £10,000 from the Government's Litter Innovation Fund to run innovative local projects aimed at reducing litter.

Suffolk Waste Partnership's member authorities are responsible for clearing litter from public land and highways, with the cost of removing litter from Suffolk's major A-roads the A14, A12 and A11 standing at £300,000 per year.

The Suffolk Waste Partnership's project will:

- Work with businesses such as drive-throughs, service stations, garages and logistics firms to seek their support in promoting responsible attitudes to litter disposal.
- Trial new style litter bins at key layby locations and improve labelling and signage of litter bins along the A11, A12 and A14 in Suffolk.
- Trial new remote monitoring technology to help councils coordinate litter bin emptying more efficiently and effectively.
- Ensure that any person taken to court and convicted for a littering offence anywhere in Suffolk is named and shamed publicly.
- Run an awareness campaign to remind residents and visitors alike about the issues and the consequences of littering.
- Educate residents and businesses about how to prevent their waste inadvertently escaping their control and ending up as litter.

(i) Volunteers needed to help Suffolk get composting

Suffolk Master Composters are inviting green minded enthusiasts to join their ranks and master the art of composting this spring.

New volunteers will receive expert training from the Suffolk Waste Partnership and Garden Organic to enable them to act as composting ambassadors – encouraging the public to compost.

Composting resources and ongoing support will also be provided throughout the volunteers' involvement. In return volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of 30 hours to the scheme – promoting the composting message through talks to local organisations, visits to schools, writing articles and running information stalls at public events. No experience is required to join the scheme – all that is needed is an interest in composting and a desire to support your local community.

More information on the Suffolk Master Composter scheme and the training course is available at www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk.

(j) Residents are invited to take part in Suffolk's biggest walking festival to date

With up to 125 walks on offer, this year's Suffolk Walking festival is shaping up to be the biggest yet.

Whether young or old, a novice or an expert, there is something for everyone! You could kick start your day on a Dawn Chorus walk or end it on a Twilight Safari. You can have a go at Nordic Walking and realise the power in your legs or spend a day discovering GeoCaching and seek out the treasures dotted around the landscape.

The festival launches with two walks at St Peter's Brewery in Bungay, on Saturday 12 May, each walk including a brewery tour.

Once again, the festival will include a challenge walk and this year's walk covers over 60 miles in just four days. The walk explores The Sandlings, a landscape of sandy soils, heathlands and forests stretching between Southwold and Ipswich.

This year also sees the launch of the Festival Fringe, a series of events that get you close to nature in the very heart of Suffolk's countryside. Fringe highlights include "Twilight Safari", where you'll experience night life waking up in an ancient woodland; "Suffolk Sketchbook" where you can learn to sketch in the iconic setting of Snape Maltings; and "Iconic Images", a series of photography workshops with one of Suffolk's leading professional photographers.

Tickets for the events and walks are now on sale. Buy tickets at www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk.

(k) Suffolk to host opening stage of OVO Energy Women's Tour

The OVO Energy Women's Tour will return to Suffolk this June, as the county hosts the opening stage to the UCI Women's World Tour race on Wednesday 13 June.

Over 100 of the world's top cyclists will race from Framlingham to Southwold, home of race sponsors Adnams, taking in a 130-kilometre route through Suffolk, including Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Ipswich, Stowmarket and Halesworth.

It will mark the fourth time that Britain's biggest women's cycling event has returned to the county, and in a boost for fans there will also be a chance to ride much of the route, in the OVO Energy Tour Ride sportive event supporting Breast Cancer Care on Sunday 1 July.

In total 17 teams will compete in the 2018 OVO Energy Women's Tour, including four British squads, Wiggle HIGH5, Trek Drops, WNT Rotor and Storey Racing, with the riders set to compete in the race being announced during the early summer.

You can find further details of the [OVO Energy Tour Ride](#) supporting Breast Cancer Care on their website, including how to enter.

County Councillor's Locality Budget

Every County Councillor has access to a small budget to support local initiatives and projects. The budget was set this year at £8000.00 and covers my whole Division i.e. Sudbury East and the rural parishes of Acton, Chilton, Great & Little Waldingfield.

During the past year I have been able to financially support the replacement of the kitchen ceiling and redecoration in the Parish Room with a grant from my SCC Locality budget of £995.00

In addition I have committed the sum of £4000.00 from my local SCC Highways budget to address some highways safety work at the Haymarket bend. The order for the work has been issued. It has not been carried out yet and I am informed it will be several more weeks before it is implemented due to Highways technical requirements.

Chilton Woods Planning Development

The proposed Chilton Woods development plan, which is over 95% within my Division was approved in outline at Babergh District Council's Planning Development Committee late last year.

Work is continuing within the County Council, who is over-seeing the implementation, to identify, plan for and agree the strategies for making the overall plan a reality. More detailed information is expected to be available soon. The County Council's Cabinet meets on Tuesday 17 April 2018 to consider the next stages of the process on the approved planning application.

Colin Spence

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Little Waldingfield Parish Council

From: "Mansell, Laura" <Laura.Mansell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk>
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Subject: FW: Little Waldingfield Annual Parish Meeting 120418

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your email.

I am the Parish Council liaison officer at Sudbury Police Station so any further communication can be sent straight to me.

We are unable to attend the meeting on the 12th April due to staff shortages. I have forwarded your email to my sergeant to check who is on duty on the other dates you have provided.

We aim to attend at least one Parish Council meeting a year, which would preferably be the annual meeting, but with lack of staff and also 40 other annual meetings around that time it cannot always be possible. I will let you know which meeting we will attend and who it will be.

We also do not present a hard copy of a Police Report anymore. This is due to our station clerks being made redundant and this was one of their main jobs. Now, instead, we have a monthly newsletter on our Police website under 'Sudbury' with what we have achieved over the last month. Which ever one of my Police Colleagues attends will go through some of the important work we have done over the last year and will also take any questions from councillors and the public about policing.

I hope this helps somewhat. I will email you when I know the preferred date.

Kindest regards

Laura

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Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Subject: Little Waldingfield Annual Parish Meeting 120418

Dear *Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team*

Little Waldingfield's Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place at the Parish Room on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.30pm.

Following the presentation of a report at the meeting in 2017, you are invited to attend the forthcoming meeting to present an annual report on behalf of Suffolk Police. Please can you therefore let me know if you will be able to attend and make a presentation. I will then make arrangements to forward a copy of the agenda. I would also be grateful if I could be provided with an electronic copy of your report in due course to facilitate the public's access to the information following the meeting.

If more convenient, you are invited to attend one of the meetings of the Parish Council on 10 May, 12 July, 13 September and 8 November 2018 and 10 January and 14 March 2019.

Please let me know if you have any queries. Thank you.

Regards

Simon Ashton
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Little Waldingfield Playingfield Annual account 1st April 2017 - March 31st 2018

Income				1st April 2017 bank balance	6086.52
		0			
100 club	193 in total - only 174 paid	2088		Loss	74.1
Donations		315			
SRL sponsorship		250		Total	6012.42
Marquee hire		663			
Summer fete		2275.49			
Roof insurance claim		1050			
	Total	6641.49			
Expenses				Current bank balance 31.3.2018	6012.61
100 club prizes		1065			
Water rates		145			
Electricity		125.49			
Fete expenses		440.5			
Pavilion insurance		377.73			
Tractor insurance		112.17			
Rates		143.38			
Solicitors		700			
Bouncy castle		47			
Waste bin		171.79			
Ipswich building society		10			
Windows		1329			
Roof repairs		1715			
Ballast		77.53			
Bar licence		28			
Tractor expenses		103			
BBQ meat		75	17-18 Loss	74.1	
100 prize money April 18		50			
	Total	6715.59			

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

From: "Susan Sheppard" <sheppard.susanm@gmail.com>
Date: 12 April 2018 10:19
To: "Little Waldingfield Parish Council" <clerk.littlewaldingfieldpc@hotmail.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Little Waldingfield Annual Parish Meeting Agenda 120418

Simon,
Report for inclusion in annual parish meeting minutes

Little Waldingfield Parish Room, year ended 31 March 2018
Income £4196.79
Expenditure £2489.44
Balances £10,186.69

Sue

Sent from my iPad

On 4 Apr 2018, at 16:29, Little Waldingfield Parish Council
<clerk.littlewaldingfieldpc@hotmail.co.uk> wrote:

Dear All

A copy of the agenda for next week's Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is available:

<http://littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/assets/Parish-Council/Agenda-2017/LW-Annual-Parish-Meeting-Agenda-120418.pdf>

A copy of the draft minutes of the previous APM is attached for your attention. As previously mentioned, please can you provide me with an electronic copy of your report as soon as possible to facilitate the public's access to the information following the meeting.

Please feel free to enter the Parish Room on the Thursday evening in time for the 7.30pm start. However, please note that a meeting of the Parish Council will be underway as you arrive. Please can you therefore take your seats quietly until the APM begins. Please can you let me know if you cannot attend. Thank you.

Regards

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<LW Annual Parish Meeting Draft Minutes 180417.pdf>

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The Annual Report from the Little Waldingfield Charities

Our total income this past year was £3631 deriving from rental income, investment income from the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) ~~this we distributed~~ and National Savings interest. Of this we distributed £1185 within the village. The size of our Christmas gifts are decided at our autumn meeting. Our other outgoings include liability insurance and clerks salary and expenses.

Our total assets and investments are as follows:

£83,684 COIF at September 2017

£17,051 National Savings

£ 3209 Lloyd's bank

Giving a total of £103,944. We are awaiting the March COIF valuation which may increase or decrease the value of that investment.

Thank You

Little Waldingfield Speedwatch Scheme

We together with 4 other villages, share the Speedwatch equipment with a view to monitoring speeding vehicles through our 30 mph limit. Equipment consists of Speed Gun, Speedwatch road signs and Speedwatch High Visibility jackets.

This scheme is controlled by Suffolk Police but operated by volunteers in the village .

We usually operate early mornings 08.00-09.00 or afternoons 17.00-18.00 and ideally have three volunteers on each shift.

1. to note registration number of offending vehicle
2. To identify make, model and colour
3. To Complete details onto Police documentation.

The daily report sheets are then transferred to the Police and various action is taken.

Offenders receive written letters and reminded to observe built up area speed limits.

High Speeders are visited by Traffic Police and asked to explain their action and again reminded not to re-offend.

Repeat offenders are also visited by the Traffic Police and warned of their future driving.

Unfortunately we are now down to a bare minimum of volunteers and unless we can enrol additional volunteers, it maybe that we cannot continue with this worthwhile service for our village.

So if there are any local residents that would like to help, then feel free to ring me on 248338. It would be very much appreciated.

Allan Wells
Co-ordinator