

**Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Monday 12th September, 2016**  
**in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh**

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs.J.Dunnett, D.Higgins, P.Kendall, J.Lapsley, R.Youngman, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs.S.Grahn, Mrs.A.Willetts (in the chair) District Councillor A.Fryatt, County Councillor R.Vickery and 8 members of the public.

The chairman announced that Mr.C.V.Doyle had resigned as parish councillor.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Mr.S.Barnett (holiday), Mr.G.Caryer, Miss V Barker (sick), Mrs.P.Ross

**2. To receive member's declarations of interest** No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes** The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 11th July, 2016 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Lapsley, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 4th August, 2016 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mrs.Bignell seconded by Mr.Kendall, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. Public Open Forum** Mrs.Grahn proposed seconded by Mr.Higgins, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following comments were raised:

- A poster asking residents to cut back overgrown hedges and trees had been placed in the parish notice boards and posted to members of the News Group. More punitive action towards offenders by the County Council was needed.
- Residents suffered three weeks of hell when sewer works were carried out in Grundisburgh.
- Hopkins Homes used the description "Foundry Place" as a marketing tool for the Top Field housing development. It is not a permanent name for the site.
- Dates of Parish Council Meetings will be published in the Diary section of the Grundisburgh & District News.

**5. Police Report** The Clerk attended a meeting of the members of the old Kesgrave & District SNT - The 12PT, on the 18th August to discuss

a. the value and practicality of the continuation of the 12PT Tasking Group in Partnership with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams of Ipswich East and Woodbridge

*In conjunction with .....*

b. whether this Tasking Group should "retire" in favour of the Suffolk Coastal District Council Anti Social Behaviour Unit led Woodbridge and District Tasking Group (WDTG) or whether the 12PT Tasking Group continues with a feed into the WDTG at Tier 1 and 2

Inspector Salmon reiterated his belief that 12PT had been a very valuable asset to the SNT scene and if they wish to continue PCSO Sarbutts would be tasked to attend.

It was noted the composition of the tasking meetings at both Ipswich Borough and Woodbridge, although over a wider field, was very similar to that of 12PT in its beginnings as 3PT. Over time the 3PT partners (schools, businesses and local organisations) had dropped away. Then the SNT's had changed and 12PT had been formed and the meetings had become more parochial. At the time of the expansion the smaller parishes had been concerned about feeling overwhelmed by the larger parishes. However it had been quickly acknowledged the networking had been beneficial for all involved, enabling sharing of information about issues and how they can be addressed. There is some reluctance to losing this opportunity. However it was acknowledged that if 3 monthly meetings of 12PT were held any feedback into the SNT Tasking meetings would be somewhat historic.

***Police Report cont...***

It was suggested therefore in the knowledge of the split through 12PT across the SNT's the options open to the group were:

1. Close the Group;
2. Continue as 12PT;
3. Revert to 3PT with an open invitation to the smaller parishes who wished to attend;
4. Alter the composition to encompass the parishes on the periphery of Ipswich.

There being no consensus of opinion a fifth option was agreed. Members would take back to their parishes the thoughts of the meeting and encourage them to attend the Tasking Groups at Woodbridge for six months. With feedback on these SNT/ASB meetings a 12PT meeting can then be held to determine if the replacement Tasking Group meetings fulfil the expectations of parishes and therefore whether 12PT meetings need to be continued or the group disbanded. This was agreed by all with the exception of Kesgrave, who voted against.

**6. County Councillor's Report** County Councillor R.Vickery said he had a long meeting with County Council Highways Officers and discussed numerous highways issues which had been raised by parish councils and residents who had contacted him directly and the allocation of his budget to various outstanding projects. This included the verge in Meeting Lane, which one of the residents had raised with him during his election campaign. He was willing to arrange a site meeting with these Officers and the Parish Council to discuss outstanding highways issues. He was hoping to make a contribution from his highway budget when costs are confirmed.

He was willing to consider making a contribution from his Locality Budget towards the cost of a SID (Speed Indicator Device) to be used by SAVID members.

He said that in Ipswich the Borough Council will write to land owners with overgrown hedges and trees with the threat that if they didn't cut them back the Council would carry out the work and charge them.

The Clerk will distribute a County Council Newsletter giving the latest news of the Government Devolution Consultation. Views varied on the need for Devolution but opinion seemed to be firmly against an elected mayor.

**7. District Councillor's Report** District Councillor A.Fryatt reported:

Devolution Consultation The Norfolk and Suffolk consultation closed on Tuesday 23 August. There was a good response. The results are being analysed and there should be an interim summary for Members on 19th September. The full results will be published in October and a decision announced shortly after.

Bromeswell Conservation Area After lengthy planning and consultation the centre of Bromeswell has now been formally designated as a Conservation Area. It was driven through by the enthusiasm of the Parish Council and they are to be congratulated on their hard work. Grundisburgh, of course, has had a Conservation Area designation for many years, but Mr.Fryatt is trying to encourage other parishes to consider this designation as it does provide some valuable protection for the more sensitive parts of our villages.

Local Plan Examination At last the end has been reached of the very lengthy exercise to put detail in the District Council's Local Plan. Work was started on the Sites Specific Plans and Felixstowe and District Area Action Plans in December 2014. These plans detail sites that could be developed to provide nearly 9,000 homes in Suffolk Coastal., as well as identifying areas suitable for employment. Both documents were considered by the DCLG Inspector over four days in Melton Hill prior to adoption. The findings of the Inspector are expected in early October and, if found to be sound, the plans will be adopted immediately after.

***District Councillor's Report cont...***

Health and Wellbeing Community Call to Action Through the Community Call to Action Programme, the District wants to fund innovative ideas from community groups and voluntary organisations that help to achieve one of the following:

- Community support for people with poor mental health and their carers,
- Community support for people with dementia and their families/carers,
- Community support for carers,
- Community support for people who are lonely and/or socially isolated,
- Community involvement in encouraging families and individuals to be fit and active.

Working with Suffolk County's Public Health and Protection there will be a total of £62,500 available for grants in Suffolk Coastal. The fund opens on the 1st October and applications should be made by the 30th November. It is open to community groups and parish councils

Exemplar Programme A new funding programme for larger community flagship projects (replacing the District Council's Capital and Revenue Grants Programme) has been introduced. These increased grants (£1k to £10k) will be available to organisations planning to deliver larger projects in a single ward or across multiple wards that warrant larger sums of funding than available through the Enabling Communities Budget.

Deben Leisure Centre. The swimming pool and leisure facilities at the Deben Leisure Centre in Woodbridge are past their sell-by date. It was agreed at Cabinet last week that there should be a major uplift of the buildings and facilities during 2017. There was a recent press release giving details. With help from various national sporting bodies (e.g. Sport England) it should be possible to undertake extensive renovation and improvements without increasing the Council Tax. This will provide a facility that meets modern day demands. The cost will be £3.5m and the Centre will be out of action for 12 months.

Amalgamation of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts. Work is progressing on proposals to formally amalgamate these two Districts. No progress to report at this time.

**8. Financial Matters** The Clerk reported:

**8.1 Finance Sub Committee Meetings** A meeting was held on the 17th November, 2015 to review the council's financial position and arrangements. A further meeting was held on the 19th January, 2016 to compile a recommended budget for the 2016/2017 financial year which was presented to the full Council on the 14th March, 2016. Members of the Finance Sub Committee agreed that these meetings be repeated in November 2016 and January 2017.

**8.2 Audit Accounts year ended 31 March 2016** The audit is now complete. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been posted on the parish notice board. The following issue resulted in the annual return being qualified. Risk Assessment - not minuted during the year. This was minuted after the end of the financial year at the Council Meeting held on the 9th May.

It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr.Lapsley, to unanimous approval, that the Annual Return and the Audit Opinion be approved and accepted by the Council.

**8.3 Payments received since the previous meeting**

Suffolk Coastal District Council	£1,000.00	District Councillor's Locality Grant - Defibrillator
Mr & Mrs.Herbert	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Dr.J.E.Trowell	£24.00	Allotment Rent
Mr & Mrs.Crombie	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mrs.J.R.Ager	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mr & Mrs.Webber	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mrs.S.Goode	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mrs.M.Penson	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mr.J.Dunnett	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mr & Mrs.Cole	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mr.D.Cole	£12.00	Allotment Rent
Mr & Mrs.Havard	£12.00	Allotment Rent

***Financial Matters cont...***

**8.4 Ratification of payments made since the last meeting and approved at the time**

Mr.J.Ager	£515.20	Clerk's Salary June/July 2016
	£71.99	Clerk's Expenses June/July 2016
HM Revenue & Customs	£193.20	Income Tax Pay 01/04/2016
Vertas	£255.80	Playing Field Grass Cutting
Suffolk Coastal District Council	£84.00	Annual Parish Meeting Printing
Mr.R.Fletcher	£240.00	Village Green Grass Cutting June
SALC	£180.00	Village Hall/Playing Field Briefing. Delegates: Messrs.J.Ager, R.Garnham, P.Kendall, R.Pepper, Mrs.J.Bignell
CPRE	£36.00	Annual Subscription
Community Action Suffolk (CAS).	£36.00	Donation

It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Youngman to unanimous approval, that these payments be ratified.

**8.5 Emergency payments made prior to the meeting under Section 5.7 of Financial Standing Orders**

Mrs.S.Cavanagh	£60.00	Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra Score
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£53.35	Emptying St.Mary's wheeled bins
Mr.J.Dunnett	£12.96	Millennium Meadow - petrol for mower/hedge trimmer
Mr.R.Fletcher	£320.00	Village Green Grass Cutting July
Mr.B.R.Quinton	£47.50	Duck Food

**8.6 Other payments requiring approval**

Grundisburgh Village Hall	£20.00	Hall Hire - Extraordinary Meeting 4 August 2016
BDO	£120.00	Audit 2015/2016 fee
Mr.J.Ager	£515.20	Clerk's Salary August/September 2016
	£64.06	Clerk's Expenses August/September
	£25.42	Allotment water charges - 27/04/2016 - 04/08/2016
	£28.56	Envelopes & A4 paperx
Royal British Legion	£80.00	Donation - Remembrance Wreaths
Signs Express	£129.60	Grundisburgh Ward Sign
Grundisburgh Baptist Church	£195.00	Grant for churchyard maintenance
HM Revenue & Customs	£193.20	Income Tax Pay 05/10/2016

It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Youngman, that these payments be made. Payment was approved with seven members voting for approval and Mr.Dunnett voting against registering his complaint against the quality of wreaths supplied by the Royal British Legion. The Clerk said that the British Legion had confirmed that the specifications and quality of their wreaths had not changed from previous years. The Clerk will consult Mr.Fletcher to see whether a composting bin could be installed in St.Mary's Churchyard to reduce the cost of the wheeled bin service provided by the District Council.

**8.7 Account Balances as at 12th September, 2016**

Business Tracker Account	£62.30
Current Account	£7,421.59
Post Office Investment account	£20,679.42
VAT to claim	<u>£379.22</u>
TOTAL	£28,542.53

**8.8 Budget Report Attached.**

**9. Planning Report** Mrs.Willetts reported:

**9.1 Applications approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council since last Parish Council meeting**

DC/16/2583/ARM Land adjacent to –Ipswich Road Approval of reserved matters in respect of the Village Hall element only.

**9.2 Applications received since the last Parish Council meeting**

DC/16/3155/CPL Old Bakery, The Green, Existing poor quality glazed lean-to extension to be demolished and replaced with a pitched roof extension of white painted brick and bi-fold doors opening into the garden.

All the proposed changes are to the rear of the property and are, improvements. Replacing a poor quality flat roofed lean-to with a brick built living space.

DC/16/3529/FUL Park House, Ipswich Road. Erection of children’s play equipment in back garden. Play tower, slide, cargo net and 2 swings 3.36metres high.

Neighbours have no adverse comments.

**9.3 Planning sub-committee held in public on Friday 2nd September, 2016.**

Mrs.Willetts said that the well attended meeting discussed the following applications.

DC/16/3127/FUL Olde Forge Stores, The Green, Grundisburgh. Proposed alterations and erection of first floor extension to provide one bedroom flat over shop. Resubmission of previously approved application C07/1476/FUL

A Draft Response agreed by the Planning Sub Committee at that meeting was distributed to the full council prior to this meeting and is published as Appendix "A" to these minutes.

After discussion Mr.Higgins proposed seconded by Mrs.Bignell that the Council approve the draft response and that it should be submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council. Approved six members voting for the motion - 2 members abstained.

DC/16/3282/FUL Laneside, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh. This is for a wood store/workshop, roof to accommodate photo-voltaic array

A Draft Response agreed by the Planning Sub Committee at that meeting was distributed to the full council prior to this meeting and is published as Appendix "B" to these minutes.

After discussion Mr.Higgins proposed seconded by Mr.Kendall that the Council approve the draft response and that it should be submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council. Approved six members voting for the motion - 2 members abstained.

**10. Roads & Transport Report** Mr.Kendall reported that a meeting of the Roads & Transport Sub

Committee had been held on the 30th August.. The minutes, which had been circulated to members prior to this meeting, are appended to these minutes as Appendix "C".

Mr.Dunnett said that three businesses in the Elm Tree Farm, Gull and Wood Farm Lane had requested that street signs should be installed. He said the hedges on Lyttleton Meadow and Elm Tree Farm Lane ,on the Hopkins and New Village Hall site, are overgrown and should be cut.

The Clerk will investigate a complaint that weeds in the gutters of Orchard End have not been sprayed.

**11. Footpaths & Environment Report**

**11.1 Allotments** The Clerk reported that Dr Trowell has given up Plots 2 & 17. Plot 2 has been taken over by Mrs.Higgins, Walnut House, Meeting Lane and Plot 17 by John Richards, 14 Thompson Close. There are three names on the waiting list. All live outside the village.

The Clerk will write to the owner of Thistelton asking them to cut back the hedge bordering the allotments which is overgrown and blocking the pathway.

**11.2 Walks** Mrs. Grahn reported that the organised walks are well attended with 6 and 15 walkers taking part.

The popular Christmas Torch Lit Walk is planned to take place on the 19th December to the home of Hilary and Trevor Hills home near Hasketon.

**12. To receive reports from Council representatives to other Organisations.** As the following organisations had not met since the previous Council Meeting no reports were given. SAVID, Village Hall and Playing Field.

**13. To agree dates and venues of 2017 Council Meetings** In previous years all meetings have been held bi-monthly on the second Monday.

The following dates were approved for 2017. January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13. All meetings to be held in the Parish Rooms except for the July meeting which will be held in St.Botolphs Church, Culpho.

The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1st March - 1st June incl. The 2016 meeting was held on the 26th April

**14. Items for next meeting**

- Defibrillator County Councillor Vickery agreed to allocate £1,000 from his Locality Budget.
- SAVID SID
- Christmas Tree
- Peter Bellfield Memorial Seat - possible locations Village Green or New Village Hall

**15 Any other business**

**15.1. Johanna Deacon Memorial Seat** It was agreed that the inscription should read

*Johanna Deacon ????-2015*

*Sit a while, enjoy the peace and quiet*

and that the seat should be placed under the willow tree on the Village Green. The Clerk will inform the family.

**15.2 2016 Council Meeting date** November 14.

**16. Public Open Forum**

Mr.Lapsley proposed seconded by Mr.Kendall, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following comments were raised:

- Could wire netting, or some other form of non slip material, be fixed on the Parish Rooms Bridge. The Clerk will pass the request to the Parish Room Trustees. Deck Safe was suggested.

## **APPENDIX "A"**

### **DC/16/3127/FUL Forge Stores, The Green Grundisburgh.**

#### **Proposed Alterations and Erection of first floor extension to provide one bedroom flat.**

The Parish Council objects to the above application.

Any residential parking would exacerbate an already very dangerous parking/ traffic problem at the entrance to the centre of the village. The wall outside the Coach House opposite this site has been knocked down several times by vehicles reversing from the stores. This main street between the Parish Rooms and the Forge Stores has been recognised as a dangerous pinch point at the entrance to the village for many years. The Parish Council took the unusual step of erecting our own warning sign on Weir pond green to alert road users to the danger of the concealed entrance / exit. Clients accessing the car park of The Dog have a right of way across the land to the side of the store, as do the owners of the bungalow to the rear and members of the Bowls Club situated at the rear of the pub. The access is often blocked by parked cars and delivery lorries causing danger as well as inconvenience.

The proposals would constitute over development of this site in the centre of the village conservation area. A two storey building with black cladding would stand out in the street scene in this very important and significant part of the historical centre of the village.

The plans show a proposed door leading from the storage area of the shop directly onto the garden of Willow Cottage. The proposed first floor would also take light/sunlight from both the building and garden of the cottage. The Parish Council understands that there are disagreements over the ownership of the land in front of the shop and, though not a planning matter, is very significant where parking and rights of way are concerned.

There has been much talk/rumour in the village about plans to move the Post Office (PO) from the current premises on The Street to Forge Stores. If this were to happen the ensuing extreme parking/traffic problems could result in the village losing the PO facility all together. The PO is used by most of the villages around. If people can't park or have difficulty in parking close to the facility they will soon go elsewhere making the PO non-viable.

The Parish Council trusts that for all the above reasons the District Council will refuse this poorly thought out application.

## **APPENDIX "B"**

### **DC/16/3282/FUL Laneside, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh.**

Wood store/workshop, roof to accommodate photo-voltaic array.

The Parish Council objects to this retrospective application on a site within a Special Landscape Area outside the village physical limits boundary on the following grounds:

- the plans as submitted are misleading and totally out of scale to the buildings on the ground
- photographs of the site as existing should have been submitted with the application
- Saved Policy AP13 applies, this states that 'no development will take place which would be to the material detriment of, or materially detract from, the special landscape quality
- the new building is industrial in design and size
- the size and capacity of the wood store is far greater than that needed to supply a domestic wood burner
- the building is prominent and dominant in the street scene at a high point on Meeting Lane
- the use of chainsaws causes an unacceptable nuisance by way of noise in a residential area on the edge of the village
- the roof of the building is much higher than necessary, designed it would appear to accommodate photo-voltaic cells, which could have been placed on the dwelling and garage

The Parish Council considers that had this application been submitted in the normal way, at the correct time, it would have been refused by the District Council. Therefore there is no reason to approve this application now for all the above reasons.

As the building was constructed without the benefit of planning approval, does this mean it has also not been inspected or approved by building inspectors during the various stages of construction?

## APPENDIX "C"

### Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of the Roads & Transport Sub Committee held at Ford House, The Green, Grundisburgh on the 30th August, 2016

**Present:** Mrs.J.Bignell, Mr.P.Kendall.

**1. Apologies** Miss.V.Barker (illness)

**2. Election of Chairman** It was agreed that Mr.Kendall should chair the meeting.

**3. Declarations of interest** No interests were declared.

**4. The Committee's Function** It was agreed that the subcommittee has no delegated powers such as spending, but has an advisory function. Its role is to consider in detail individual issues relating to roads and transport raised by the Parish Council, to carry out research where necessary and make recommendations for action to the Council. It was also agreed that the committee should be increased from three to four members.

**5. To Agree and Approve the Minutes of a Committee held on the 25th September, 2015 and matters arising** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

#### **6. Matters arising from the Council Meeting held on the 11th July, 2016**

**6.1 Half Moon Lane** David Brown, 36 Half Moon Lane Emailed the Clerk on the 4th July to which the Clerk replied on the 19th July after the July Council Meeting. Mr.Brown was advised to use the County Council's reporting tool to complain about overgrown trees at the lower end of Half Moon Lane and posts installed by the owners of Laneside on the Half Moon Lane side of their property.

**6.2 Village Green Bridge Replacement** The bridge works have been delayed from the initial start date in June. However, Suffolk Highways are now planning to start the reconstruction of the bridge on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. The work is planned to last for 6 weeks. A letter drop will be carried out within the immediate vicinity of the bridge to inform the public of the upcoming works.

It is anticipated that the plans will be the same as was planned for the initial start date.

The access through the Western ford will be closed. Stoney Road, as before, will be closed at the bridge and a suitable diversion route will be put in place with numerous local alternatives for pedestrians.

The ford to the East is not accessible for traffic coming from Woodbridge (as it has NO ENTRY signs with the junction with Woodbridge Road).

The works will have no effect on the Footpaths that criss cross the Green or over the Footbridge by the western ford, so access to the Church & shop on foot will still be possible.

SLOW- Vehicles/Pedestrians emerging from left' will be erected to slow and warn traffic driving west to east past the Church.

Extra signs will be placed at the end of Meeting Lane- saying- 'Not suitable diversion route'

Arrangements will be made with the Rev Clare Sanders & Churchwarden Robert Fletcher re services, christening, weddings and funerals.

**6.3 Elm Tree Farm Lane & Wood Farm Lane Road Signs** Mr. Dunnett made a request for street name signs to be installed for Elm Tree Farm Lane & Gull Lane and that the Parish Council should pay for these if the District Council cannot. The District Council web site quotes the cost of providing a set of two name plates as £405. Elm Tree Farm Lane was previously known as Wood Farm Lane in the Electoral Register which now starts from the beginning of Gull Lane. It was pointed out that there are other roads in Grundisburgh which do not have street name signs e.g. Woodbridge Road, The Green, The Street, Otley Road, Charity Lane and Gull Corner. A village survey was suggested as there could be more.

**6.4 Road north side of the Village Green** Several complaints have been made about the potholes at this location. The following response was received from the East Area Highway Manager.  
*The dimensions of these potholes are less than those which would require urgent intervention under the criteria set down within our Highways Management Operational Plan (HMOP). Whilst it is possible for individuals to trip on potholes which fall below our intervention criteria for urgent repair we are not able to commit to attending to every minor defect which appears on our roads and footways and so it is appropriate that we apply our intervention standards. The standards are based on national guidance contained in the current version of the Code of Practice for Highway Highways Maintenance Management.*

These are the criteria which apply to roads in Grundisburgh.

Bus Routes are 3b (1' x 1' x 4" repaired in 48 hours) (2' x 2' x 2" repaired in 5 days)

Side Roads are 4b (1' x 1' x 4" repaired in 5 days) (2' x 2' x 2" repaired in 2 weeks)

These criteria do not take into account that the area is primarily used by walkers and is unlit. It is to be expected that more damage will be caused during the Village Green Bridge Replacement especially the bed of the fords.

It was agreed that County Council Robin Vickery should be asked to see whether the criteria for pot hole repairs can be changed to speed repairs in unlit mainly pedestrian areas.

**6.5 Gull Lane passing places** It was agreed that a passing place is needed on the Lane between the entrance to Brook Farm and Stoney Road but it could have the effect of encouraging more people to use the lane. Village people may be inhibited from using the lane because of the fear of meeting oncoming vehicles and having to reverse long distances. Nevertheless the Clerk will write to County Council Highways.

**6.6 SAVID** Mr.Kendall will attend the next group meeting in early October.

## **7. Other Roads & Transport Issues**

**7.1 Meeting Lane Verge** The Clerk will forward the latest correspondence with the Highways Department to County Councillor Vickery to see whether progress can be made in installing kerbs on the worn stretch of the verge.

**7.2 Fallen Tree, Ipswich Road** Traffic lights have been deployed at this location in place of the priority system. This is due to the fact that a permanent repair to the location will not be undertaken for around 14 weeks, dependant on budget constraints.

**7.3 Woodbridge Road speeding complaint** An Email was received from Mrs.Neall, Hill House, Ipswich Road on the 24th July asking for a vehicle activated speed sign to be installed between Lower Road and Hill House. Over the two years the traffic has got faster and faster along the B1079 and she considers it a major risk getting out of her driveway. She now has children that are driving and believes that at some point there will be a fatality along the road. She estimates that 95% of drivers travel over the 30mph speed limit with most travelling well over 45mph with many more over 60mph. It is such a worry to her family every single day. Mr & Mrs.Neall are considering purchasing a speed monitor.

The Clerk asked the police for a speed census to be carried out. In past years two surveys in Grundisburgh were carried out very discreetly 24/7 with small speed apparatus placed on existing posts. The information they provided was invaluable. The police replied that 40 villages who complained about speeding were in a queue for a speed census and he was advised to contact SAVID.

The Clerk Emailed County Councillor Robin Vickery explaining the position and asked for his help.

Peter Kendall has done a considerable amount of work researching speed warning and census signs. Please look at the attachments.

The Committee felt that a Speed Indication Display (SID) which also collects data and produce reports on traffic volumes, speeds, time of day etc was ideal as the public's perception of speeding needed to be backed up by hard evidence if changes to speed limits and traffic management are requested.

The total cost of battery operated SID would be approximately £3,370. A solar powered version would cost an additional £650.

The Committee recommends that SAVID should be encouraged to purchase a SID funded by contributions from its 6 member villages and that applications should be made for grants from our County & District Councillors Locality budgets.

**7.4 Recent road closures** The closure of Ipswich Road and Post Mill Gardens for sewer works was scheduled to be completed on the 29th August. Work was completed and the roads re-opened on the 26th August.

**7.5 Overgrown hedges** Notices have been placed in the Parish Notice Boards asking residents to "Please keep your hedges and trees trimmed" A complaint was registered on the 25th August with the Highways Authority Ref: 00148700 concerning the overgrown hedge narrowing the carriageway at Yew Tree Cottage, Chapel Road.

**7.6 C323** A section of the C323 (Ipswich Road) was resurfaced today, 30th August, but no prior notice of the road closure was given to the Parish Council or to the public. The Clerk will write to the Highway Authority.

**8. Village Bus Services** Scheduled services will not be affected by the Village Green Bridge Reconstruction.

**9. Future Meetings** It was agreed that the committee should meet annually and that other meetings could be held if found to be necessary.