

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on Monday 9th March, 2020
in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh.

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. S.Barnett, G.Caryer, J.Dunnett, P.Franklin, D.Higgins, P.Kendall (in the Chair), J.Lapsley, R.Youngman, Mrs.J.Bignell, District Councillor C Hedgley and 14 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence Mrs.A.Willetts, Mr.C.Burch - holiday

2. Declarations of Interest Mrs.Bignell, Mr.Higgins and Mr.Kendall declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Village Hall matters. Mr.Franklin declared an interest in Planning Application DC19/4868

3. Minutes The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13^h January, 2020 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mrs.Bignell, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Barnett to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting

The following issues were raised:

- Meeting Lane Verge The verge continues to deteriorate and was now not providing a barrier between the road and footpath resulting in serious dangers for pedestrians. . Representations had been made to County Council Highways, Customer Services and the Cabinet member for Highways.
- Thanks was expressed to Mrs.Willetts for her work in the successful Stop Ipswich Norther Bypass campaign.
- The County Council will be asked by a resident to provide the costs of extra signage at Basket Makers Corner on the B1079.
- The owner asked if the Parish Council could provide funds to resurface the Olde Forge Stores car park. £1,500 had already been allocated. She was asked to consult the owners of the adjacent driveway and to provide an estimate of the cost. They may be faced with a cheaper short-term fix or a more longer lasting but more expensive alternative.
- The Finance Sub Committee did not recommend a grant to purchase a SID submitted by the Speedwatch group for exclusive use in Grundisburgh.
- The Clerk will publish notes for Council Meetings on the Parish Council's web site during the week prior to the meeting.

5. County Councillor's Report No report. The Chairman will write to the Leader of Suffolk County Council asking that as County Councillor Robin Vickery had not attended a Parish Council Meeting since May 2019 and the Parish Council had had no contact with him since that date could a temporary County Councillor be appointed to assist and represent the Parish Council.

6. District Councillor's Report District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "A"

Mr Hedgley said, concerning the 2017 Local Plan Review, that when the Inspectors Report is received East Suffolk Council will work on all the proposed changes necessary and send it to the Inspector and then hopefully he will agree that the Review can go out to consultation on the modifications later this month. This may include modifications, if there are any, for Grundisburgh.

Assuming the inspector is agreeable the consultation will last 8 weeks as it will take place over Easter.

On that basis it is anticipated that with no substantive matters being raised then a positive report will be received from the Inspector late May with the hopeful aim of going to Full Council in July for formal adoption.

7. Community Engagement The Clerk reported that East Suffolk Council are organising a series of ‘Grundisburgh Drop In Sessions.’ These will enable the community to see what is being provided in their local area, promoting organisations/businesses and providing access to any help that they may be able to provide. These will be taking place every other month (the first session takes place on the 20th March and starts at 10:30am – 12:30) and will be based at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – but it will be including the surrounding villages.

- The other dates are as follows:
- 15th May 2020, 10:30 – 12:30
- 17th July 2020, 10:30 – 12:30
- 18th September 2020 – 10:30 – 12:30

For each session they will be having the Communities Team at East Suffolk Council, a ‘guest’ organisation such as Age UK and then a local ‘guest’ group present. They ask whether the Parish council would be interested in attending one of these sessions and which will allow it to promote to the community what it does. If the Parish Council are interested, they will send more details

The Chairman, Clerk and Mrs. Lynda Bridges (Lunch Club) met Mr. Andrew Jolliffe Communities Officer on the 3rd March and acquainted him with community services already being provided in the village.

8. Annual Parish Meeting 21 April 2020 Mr. Franklin suggested that Climate Change should be allocated a 20-minute slot at this meeting which should encourage plenty of public participation and ideas for the Parish Council to follow up. The 2019 meeting lacked audience participation. He suggested that car sharing, a bottle bank, encouraging more use of public transport, provision of electric car charging points and Park & Ride provision in north Ipswich could be amongst the issues that could be discussed. Any follow up should be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was suggested that initially the Footpaths and Environmental Sub Committee should be involved. Mr. Franklin pointed out that this Committee already had a very heavy workload and it would be difficult to take on more responsibilities. Mr. Caryer stressed the importance of finding a leader to spearhead a Climate Change campaign in the villages.

The Clerk had suggested an agenda for this meeting and it was agreed that a 20 minutes item Climate Change slot be inserted early in the meeting.

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Exhibitions

MILLENNIUM

It is 20 years since the Millennium Celebrations in Grundisburgh surely one of the most memorable events organised by the Parish Council. There are lots of memorabilia to display including...

Mug, Artwork, Journal, poster, Videos, Bygones Exhibition, Millennium Meadow, opening, walk leaflet, Flower Festival, Village Green Celebrations – estimated over 700 people attended.

TREES – Ann Willetts has spoken to Tree Warden Kevin Muttitt who is keen to set up an exhibition

9. Update on Parish Councillor Vacancies Mr.Dunnett proposed seconded by Mr.Franklin, to unanimous approval that Mr.Allen Dunnett and Mr.Ben Cook be co-opted as members for Grundisburgh.

10. Financial Matters

10.1 Minutes The minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Sub Committee held on the 21st January, 2020 containing the Committee's recommendations and a proposed 2020/2021 budget had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Mr.Kendall proposed seconded by Mrs.Bignell to the unanimous approval of those present at that meeting that the minutes be signed by the Chairman of the Committee as a true record

Matters arising It was agreed that SALC should be asked to run a training session for Councillors and the Clerk in the Parish Rooms with an emphasis on their role and responsibilities/ .

10.2 Budget 2020/2021 attached

Chapel Field/Ipswich Northern Bypass Mr.Higgins proposed at the Finance Sub Committee Meeting held on the 21st January that the Council should set aside fighting funds for the two major issues which are of great concern to the inhabitants of Grundisburgh & Culpho namely the proposals to build 80 houses on Chapel Field and the building of an Ipswich Northern Bypass. He recommended allocating £2,500 for each issue totalling £5,000. The Committee agreed that the full council would be asked to consider Mr.Higgins request at its 9th March meeting and he was asked to circulate his proposal to councillors prior to that meeting. His Report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "B".

After discussion Mr.Higgins proposed seconded by Mr.Franklin that £2,500 be added to the budget for 2020/2021 as a fighting fund to oppose the Chapel Field development. This was approved. 6 members voting for, 2 against. 1 member abstained.

Mr.Kendall proposed seconded by Mr.Franklin that the budget proposed by the Finance Sub Committee with the addition of £2,500 Chapel Field Fighting Fund be approved by the Council. Passed 8 members voting for. 1 member abstained.

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

Society of Local Council Clerks	£92.00	2020 Annual Subscription
Mr.G.Caryer	£22.26	"A" frame Notice Board protector
Mr.P.Garwood	£10.79	Yard Broom for sweeping Bus Shelters
Mr.J.Dunnett	£170.00	Millennium Meadow hire of excavator to de-silt watercourse Previous cheque 102912 wrongly dated and cancelled
Anglia Water Business (Nat) Ltd	£28.23	Allotment water charges
Mr.R.Fletcher	£160.00	Grass Cutting Village Greens – November/December
M.P.Stephenson & Sons	£115.00	Village Green Christmas Tree
Safer Village Driving (SAVID)	£100.00	Donation
Mr.J.Ager	£690.62	Clerk's Salary 12 November 2019 – 31 January 2020
	£62.76	Clerk's Expenses 11/11/2019 – 17/12/2019
	£100.00	Donation Royal British Legion
	£57.48	2 black printer cartridges
	£12,77	A 4 paper and envelopes
HM Revenue & Customs	£64.00	Income Tax relating to Mr.P. Knights employment
Information Commissioner	£40.00	Data protection renewal fee
Mr.T.Coomber	£10.00	Petrol – mowing Alice Driver Road verge
Ipswich Borough Council	£550.00	Greenways - Millennium & Lyttleton Meadow Grass Cutting
R.J.Isbell & Son(East Anglia) Ltd	£100.00	Allotment Rent 2020

It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Barnett that these payments be ratified. Approved 8 members voting for. 1 member abstained.

10.4 Payments received since the last meeting

National Savings & Investments	£168.43	Interest
HM Revenue & Customs	£1,073.19	VAT repayment

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

Mr.R.Fletcher	£59.80	Repairs Village Green Post & Rails - materials
	£160.00	Repairs Village Green Post & Rails - labour
SALC	£21.00	6 copies Good Councillor's Guide
	£24.00	Audit Training – Clerk
Mrs.J.Bignell	£7.00	Gift for Mrs. de Borman – Christmas Tree electricity supplier
Mr.P.Kendall	£55.78	St Mary's Church Driftway Parking Sign

10.6 Other payments requiring approval

Mr.J. Ager	£504.85	Clerk's Salary February-March 2020
	£257.00	Clerk's Office Allowance November 2019-March 2020
	£50.94	Clerk's Expenses 13/01/2020 – 28/02/2020
HM Revenue & Customs	£328.90	Income Tax
Ipswich Survivorship Fund No:20568	£300.00	At the request of Paul Garwood & Lucy Nightingale who cleaned the bus shelters during the past 12 months
Anglia Water Business (National) Ltd	£4.28	Allotment water charges
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£64.00	Dog waste bags
Vertas Group Ltd	£206.38	Playingfield Grass Cutting

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

10.7 Playing Field Grass Cutting

New contract for 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 £722.35 + VAT 2019 – 2020 £687.95

10.8 2019/2020 Audit Mr.Kendall proposed seconded by Mr.Barnett that as the Parish Council meets the required criteria for exemption it should complete a certificate certifying it as exempt from having a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability return to the External Auditor. Approved 8 members voting for. 1 member abstained.

10.9 Account Balances as at 9th March, 2020

Business Tracker Account	£62.58
Current Account	£16,420.89
Post Office Investment account	£21,221.71
VAT to claim	£60.94
TOTAL	£37,766.12

10.10 Budget Report attached.

11. Review Financial Standing Orders, Standing Orders & Risk Assessment Mr.Barnett proposed seconded by Mr.Kendall, to unanimous approval that councillors have reviewed and approved these documents.

12. Planning Report Mrs.Willetts report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "C"

13. Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) Report Mr.Kendall's report is appended to these minutes as "Appendix "D". He reported that newly appointed councillor Ben Cook was willing to be appointed at the Annual Meeting in May.as one of the Parish Councils representatives on the VHMC. Mrs.Bignell announced that she was standing down as Chairman of the VHMC at its AGM on the 11th March. She was thanked for her many years of dedicated work for the Village Hall.

14. Footpaths & Environment Committee Report Mr.Caryer reported that the committee will next meet on the 6th April. More volunteer help was needed on the Millennium monthly working party. The walks organised by the Committee are well supported.

15. Roads and Transport Committee Report

15.1 Driftway between St.Mary's Church and the Old School Mr.Dunnett asked what progress had been made in determining the ownership. The Clerk had conducted a search through the papers relating to the conversion of the school to housing and had found that St.Mary's Church owned the driftway. It was pointed out that the debris on the driftway came from churchyard trees. The Chairman had negotiated with Suffolk Housing that the sweeping of the driftway will be added to their maintenance schedule

15.2 Meeting Lane Verge Mr.Higgins was asked to produce a plan and costings for the renovation of the verge and to mobilise interested parties.

16. To Receive reports from Council Representatives to other organisations

Playing Field Mr.Caryer reported that the Playing Field AGM will be held on the 28th April. The fence surrounding the children's play area had been removed as it was beyond repair. This will create room for additional equipment to be installed.

17. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mr.Kendall .seconded by Mr.Lapsley to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting

The following issues were raised

- **Bus Services** It was claimed that the bus provision for Grundisburgh was not well used because of poor service. A round trip of 4½ hours from Grundisburgh to Woodbridge was cited.
- **Rose Hill Verge** Broken branches and debris are littering the verge. The Clerk will write to the owner.
- **Village Green** Holmes Plant Hire of Otley will shortly visit the Village Green to quote for the removal of the silt from the stream.
- **New Scout HQ** Little progress had been made in resolving site and access difficulties

18 Any Other Business

The road running past the Old School, St.Mary's Church and Ford House is in a very poor condition. The Clerk will submit report to County Council Highways,

2020 Council Meetings May 11th, July 13th, September 14th, November 9th, all meetings to be held in the Parish Rooms, except July13th, which shall be held in St.Botolph's Church, Culpho.

The 2020 Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st April.

Action Summary

- 5. Chairman
- 8. Clerk
- 9. Clerk
- 15.2 Mr.Higgins
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Appendix “A”

District Councillors Report to Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council

March 2020

Cllr Tony Fryatt Cllr Colin Hedgley

Statement from the Leader, Cllr Steve Gallant on Ipswich northern bypass

Having studied the findings from the strategic outline business case and the public consultation, I can confirm that East Suffolk Council does not support the proposals for the new Ipswich Northern Route.

I have been clear throughout this process that impacts on communities in our district would have to be taken into consideration and I do not believe our residents' interests would be best served by continuing with the project.

The reality is that this new road will only happen if additional homes are built to justify it and, at the moment, a figure as high as 15,000 new properties would be required to make it financially viable. According to standard Planning estimates, this could lead to a new settlement with a population greater than Felixstowe and three times the size of Woodbridge, with a further 20,000 additional cars on the road.

It is clear that new homes are needed in the district. However, the required growth has already been carefully considered and is laid out in our Local Plans. East Suffolk has a duty to represent the interests of our local residents and the significant extra housing that this project demands would place a genuine strain on existing communities and their quality of life.

The primary purpose of a new road would be to cut down congestion elsewhere, however the potential volume of new and additional traffic is worrying. In addition, the cost estimates are troubling and even without any legal challenge we would not see a road built before 2027.

The focus of East Suffolk in respect of transport infrastructure improvements needs to focus on potential projects which have the greatest positive impact on our district. These include improvements to the Orwell Bridge, The Copdock and Seven Hills junctions, and enhancements to the A12 from Felixstowe to Lowestoft, including campaigning for the re-trunking of this strategic road.

East Suffolk Council entirely supports infrastructure projects which provide clear, unarguable benefits to our local communities and businesses. We fully support the decision by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders to complete this study and public consultation. However, it is clear from the outcome that there will be significant impact on residents in the south of our district and I remain unconvinced that the benefits will outweigh a range of negative effects.

Funding secured to help rough sleepers in East Suffolk

East Suffolk Council has secured over £600,000 to help support rough sleepers in the district.

Following a successful bid to the Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative, the Council has been awarded an additional £693,735 to support work with rough sleepers over the next year. The national initiative has allocated £112million to help get people off the streets and into safe accommodation.

The East Suffolk funding will enable the employment of new street outreach and a specialist to work with vulnerable adults. The funding will also enable the council to retain the services of a rough sleeper coordinator, specialist mental health workers and ensures the continuation of an eight-bed rapid assessment hub. Staff will be solely focused on working with those sleeping on the streets, providing increased support and helping to find accommodation for those in need.

Improvements in sight as date agreed for plans to tackle Suffolk's parking problems

Council's in Suffolk are ramping up activity in order to take on responsibility for local parking management from 6 April 2020 in a bid to improve parking locally and drive down nuisance and unlawful parking.

Traditionally, roadside parking offences were a matter for the Police. However, this has become lower priority for them, so Suffolk County Council is transferring this responsibility to local district and borough councils under the process known as civil parking enforcement, or CPE.

Suffolk Constabulary is supportive of the move because the transfer of responsibilities will enable them to spend additional time on keeping communities safe and arresting and bringing offenders to justice.

Community groups help keep East Suffolk clean

East Suffolk Council is keen to encourage, enable and reward people to show more love for the environment we live in, and as part of the 'Love East Suffolk' scheme, community groups have a winning way of cleaning up their neighbourhood while helping themselves.

Last year a total of 170 litter picks were carried out in East Suffolk by 133 community groups. Under the 'Love East Suffolk' scheme, funded through the Council's partners East Suffolk Norse, those that carried out litter picks between 1 March and 31 May 2019 were entered into a prize draw with the chance to win £200 for the benefit of the community.

The winners were drawn earlier this month by Cllr James Mallinder, Cabinet Member for the Environment and they are: North Cove & Barnby WI, St Margaret S.E. Village Hall, Pakefield Park Litterpickers, Ashby Herringfleet and Somerleyton Parish Council, Priority Court Resident's Association, Martlesham Parish Council, Thorpeness Beach Baggers, Dennington Parish Council and Blaxhall Commons & Open Spaces.

The Love East Suffolk scheme will be repeated again this year and any community groups that take part will receive £20 for their nominated community fund or charity and will also be entered into a £200 grand prize draw. More details will be released in the spring.

Flower Club helping community to grow

Following a successful funding application to East Suffolk Council, a local flower arranging group has successfully hosted a wreath-making workshop to bring the Kesgrave community together.

East Suffolk ward councillor for Kesgrave, Cllr Debbie McCallum, donated £1,000 from her Enabling Communities Budget to the Orwell Flower Club to support an intergenerational event run with Kesgrave High and Health Primary Schools.

Students from the two schools were invited to attend a Christmas wreath-making workshop, held at the Royal British Legion Hall and organised by the Orwell Flower Club. Using materials supplied by the Flower Club, the students each worked with an older member for the community to create a wreath.

The Council's Enabling Communities Budgets support activities delivered by community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations. A total of £412,500 has been allocated for 2019/20 from the New Homes Bonus, funding generated through new houses built in the district.

Suffolk to host final stage of The Women's Tour 2020

The world's top cyclists will return to Suffolk this June as the county hosts the final stage of The Women's Tour on Saturday 13 June. It will be first time that Suffolk has hosted the final stage of the tour since 2014, with riders tackling a route from Haverhill to Felixstowe.

To mark the announcement, Cllr Letitia Smith, Cabinet Member for Communities, Tourism and Leisure, joined the organisers and other Suffolk partners at the Port of Felixstowe, which will feature in the closing kilometres of the race. Felixstowe last hosted the race in 2014, when Stage Three began in the town.

Planning permission granted for flood defences

Planning permission for the construction of flood defences, which will reduce the risk of tidal flooding for people and properties in Lowestoft, has been granted by East Suffolk Council's north planning permission. Two applications were approved; one for tidal flood walls around the Outer Harbour and another for Listed Building Consent, relating to alterations required to the site of the Grade II listed Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club as part of the works.

The flood walls will run around the Yacht Club and South Pier, with glass tops to allow unrestricted views across the yacht basin and from the Yacht Club building. Solid walls will be built around the north of the harbour, north of the Hamilton Dock basin and to the south of Hamilton Road.

The flood walls are part of the wider Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project (LFRMP) which will also see construction of flood walls and a pumping station to reduce the risk of flooding from the river and from extreme rainfall. Find out more at lowestoffrmp.org.uk

What communities really need: Innovative approach to funding gets underway

An innovative and progressive scheme, established to provide critical funding for projects which local people want and need most of all, will begin allocating money this month.

The East Suffolk Community Partnerships have been created to “bring ideas to life” and eight separate partnership groups, covering the whole district, will now each decide who to spend £10,000 this year and a further £25,000 for each of the next three years, based on one or more priorities which were agreed at a series of community workshops.

In addition, an overarching pot of £150,000 this year and £300,000 for each of the next three years will be available for the partnerships to bid for.

The eight partnerships cover the whole of East Suffolk and are based on natural grouping of communities, using the new East Suffolk Council ward boundaries as building blocks. Working alongside East Suffolk councillors will be County and town & parish councillors, the police, health bodies, community groups, businesses and other key organisations.

Help available to those struggling with hoarding

East Suffolk Council has been awarded £56,950 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to trial an innovative approach for housing tenants who may be hoarding items in their homes and neglecting their health and wellbeing.

Working in partnership with Lofty Heights, Access Community Trust and Flagship Housing, the Council’s Private Sector Housing Team will work with tenants and landlords to address poor housing standards in properties where the tenant is showing signs of hoarding and self-neglect.

The trial will offer support to tenants through the decluttering process as well as help to improve their mental wellbeing, addressing the causes of their hoarding and reducing the risks of hoarding recurring in future.

Following the clearance of hoarded items, any underlying housing issues and hazards will be addressed by the Private Sector Housing team to ensure the home provides a good standard of accommodation.

As well as supporting vulnerable residents, Access Community Trust will also operate a fortnightly ‘Tenant Tuesday Café’, providing a safe space for tenants in need of further support. Training will also be available in Lowestoft and Saxmundham for landlords who want to learn more about supporting vulnerable tenants, such as those leaving care.

Work officially begins at the UK’s most easterly park

Work has officially started at ‘The Ness’, the most easterly park in the UK.

The site of the park, next to Birds Eye on Whapload Road in Lowestoft, will be regenerated with £1m secured from the Coastal Community Fund in 2017.

The Ness, which is being delivered by Lowestoft Town Council, East Suffolk Council and Concertus Design and Property Consultants working in partnership, will celebrate Lowestoft’s maritime heritage and feature a picnic and play area, a bespoke bridge to the sea wall as well as interactive and educational information. The site, which will be sensitively landscaped to protect the area’s unique flora and fauna, also includes the seafront walkway and the most easterly point in the UK, Ness Point.

An official ‘sod-turning’ event was held on Wednesday 22 January to mark the beginning of the works, which are being carried out by Blakedown Landscapes and are expected to be completed by early summer.

TV Series

East Suffolk Council will be starring in a brand new series for BBC daytime TV, which gets underway soon.

The new series of *Britain’s Housing Scandal* will be shown daily (Mon-Fri) from Monday 24th February at 09.15 on BBC One.

Presenter Matt Allwright, and crew, shadowed our Housing Team last Autumn and learned more about our efforts to improve outcomes for tenants and communities through improved housing offering and enforcement.

The East Suffolk Council stories feature in episodes 2, 3, 7 & 9. For further information on the programmes, visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0c3gjh0/episodes/guide>.

If you are unable to see them live, they will of course be on the iplayer for a period after broadcast.

Appendix "B"

Chapel Field/Ipswich Northern Bypass Report from Mr.D.Higgins

Clearly the proposal to earmark funds to contribute to legal action that the Stop Campaign might have taken against the further development of the Ipswich Northern Bypass is now no longer necessary. That was not the case at the time of the Finance sub Committee meeting on 21st January

As far as I understand the current position, no decision on the part of the Planning Inspector ref. the Chapel Field site, has as yet been made public(?) So my proposal to set aside £2500 to support legal action against that development remains relevant.

The proposal responds to the views expressed against the development more or less unanimously at a previous Parish Meeting (Aug 2019) and substantiated by the current 650+ petition organised by Mrs Willetts. It also aligns with the recently stated commitment that "...the PC will fight vigorously to oppose the scheme put forward by Hopkins Homes."

In the past I have referred to the combination of both these developments as an existential threat to the ambience and quality of lifestyle of the village's residents. While thankfully one of these has receded, the other remains a major threat to the community and is unwanted by the vast majority of residents.

So I query whether we have any choice but to commit (in principle) significant funds to the cause of halting the Chapel Field plan. There was certainly an air of defeatism evident at the Finance sub Committee meeting i.e.. remarks to the effect that we were inevitably heading for defeat on this issue and that the money would be wasted (if spent). That remains to be seen. The alternative would be to appear so financially cautious that we choose to withhold what are understandably perceived as the community's 'own funds' from a particularly popular cause.

This is not a request to spend money now on a particular course of action, but simply to put a sum of money aside in the event that we decide a vigorous response is justified. That would require a further PC discussion at an appropriate juncture.

Deciding not to earmark funds for this cause suggests that our words are meaningless, our intentions suspect and our priorities muddled. Surely we must differentiate between serious threats to all our community's lifestyle and the relatively less urgent requests for grants made by societies representing considerably fewer residents.

I also query the suggestion that we cannot afford such sums of money. What is the evidence to support this contention; how is the unaffordability measured?

If we are not prepared to commit funds to resist the Chapel Field development in response to the overwhelming evidence of public support for this cause, then what is the use of the Parish Council at a time of widespread local consternation?

Surely we are deserting the interests of the community as a whole if we are unwilling to match our 'fine' words with genuinely substantive action designed to oppose the plan.

If we won't do this what will we do in the event that the PI's recommendation is unfavourable?

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Appendix “C”

Planning Report March 2020

Application approved by East Suffolk Council since last Parish Council meeting

DC/19/4562/FUL 34 Stoney Road Grundisburgh Rear extension at first floor level, no comments sent.
Amended DC/20/0678/AME changes to fenestration (considered improvement)

DC/19/4698/FUL Driftway Cottage Lower Road Construction of rear/side extension No comments sent.
Following comments sent as result of Councillor Dunnett’s comments at Jan Parish Council meeting
The Driftway is an unadopted road used as access by 3 properties ,the Millennium Meadow and the public footpath network. Driftway Cottage, one of these properties is the subject of the above planning application. The PC has no comments to make on the proposals contained in that application but concern was expressed about the condition of The Driftway at a meeting of Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council held on 13th January,

There is a history of damaged verges and access roads in the village caused by building works where, as there was no condition placed on the approval, the builders have not reinstated the damaged area.

Could a condition be placed on any approval for the above application that the Driftway, a private road, be reinstated to its original condition, to the satisfaction of the adjoining properties owners.

No condition attached to the approval.

DC/19/4773/OUT Grundisburgh Village Hall Demolition of Existing Village Hall and erection of residential development.

DC/19/4782/TCA Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road. Fell various and many dead trees and branches, Robinia pseudoacacia, sycamore and ash along tree belt. All trees being removed could cause obstructions and damage to passing vehicles as they are overhanging the road.

DC/19/4783/TCA 1 Barley Mow Cottages, Malting Lane, Fell Ash tree in rear garden

DC/19/4885/FUL Highfields, Woodbridge Road, Proposed single storey rear extension and internal remodelling.

DC/20/0056/FUL Half Moon House, Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh,
Proposal: Alterations and single storey extension to existing three storey dwelling.

Following comments sent:

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council objects to the above proposal in such a prominent position in the conservation area (CA). This dwelling, a former public house, is the nucleus of a small group of historically and visually important dwellings at the eastern end of the CA at Woodbridge Road. The buildings in the area retain their traditional form, materials and details. The trees and hedgerows provide a link to further important listed buildings within the CA towards the village centre.

Half Moon Lane provides a very narrow access at this point and serves some 30 properties.

The footprint of the proposed extension is more than half the area of the original public house.

The extension ridge is approximately 500mm higher than the highest point of the existing lean too kitchen and only 500mm lower than the rear eaves of the existing house.

The choice of materials are totally unsuited to this prominent position in the CA.

The design and bulk of the proposed extension along Half Moon Lane would be dominant in the street scene and when approaching from the village centre.

The Parish Council trusts East Suffolk District Council will refuse this poorly designed extension to an important building within the village conservation area.

The materials to be used have been changed to slate roof, and the extension considerably reduced in size.

Applications received since last the Parish Council Meeting

DC/19/4868/FUL Larks Rise, Ipswich Road Construction of ground floor extension

DC/20/0429/CLE Gull Farm, Gull Lane a certificate of lawful use following comments sent

The lean-to is attached to a large barn which has consent for storage and distribution. The lean-to is inherently part of the large barn and as such, should not be used as a dwelling.

This application is based on historical, inappropriate use of the lean-to. Considering the location of the lean-to and the function of the attached building, the Parish Council objects in principle to the application for a certificate of lawful use.

DC/20/0562/TAC Coach House The Green Willow to rear of house to be felled as tree interfering with drains, Willow to side of house repollard to previous pollard point.

DC/20/0784/TAC Spinney Breeze Burgh Corner Trees in grounds of Finndale House , 2 Silver Birch to be reduced by half to reduce shading into garden of Spinney Breeze.

Local Plan Inspection. Policy SCLP12.52: Land to the West of Chapel Road, Grundisburgh.

Following the 'Public Consultation' by Hopkins Homes on Jan 20th and the very obvious feeling against any building on the site Grundisburgh Parish Council started a petition worded as follows

We the under signed say NO TO HOPKINS HOMES PROPOSAL TO BUILD ON CHAPEL FIELD GRUNDISBURGH.

Grundisburgh is just about the right size, the community is able to take care of each other. Grundisburgh does not need 500 more vehicle movements per day, the centre of the village is already showing the strain from the amount of traffic that has to go through now. The facilities, surgery, school, village hall, shops and play area in Grundisburgh can just cope with the population as it is.

All the roads abounding the site are narrow lanes with no footways, totally unsuitable for the proposed increase in traffic 80+ dwellings would bring.

We ask COUNCILLORS of the newly formed East Suffolk District Council to say NO to any development on Chapel Field.

Over 650 signatures have been collected and it is intended to send a copy of the petition to Lord Cranworth, Robin Gurdon and East Suffolk.

The inspector has sent a letter to East Suffolk Council listing changes he wants made to the Local Plan, more letters may follow. He also made clear that the examination is not yet concluded and consultation on main modifications is still to take place. Chapel Field is a main modification, as the site area, point of access, and numbers of dwellings have all changed since the Final Draft Local Plan was published and inspected. When all the changes have been made to the plan, Mark Edgely of the plan team suggested that would be middle/end of March beginning of April, there will be a period of at least 6weeks PUBLIC CONSULTATION and the PC will be notified as to how comments (objections) can be made.

All information can be found on eastsuffolk.gov.uk suffolkcoastallocalplanexaminationlatestnews

Appendix “D”

Report from the Village Hall Management Committee for the Parish Council Meeting on 9th March 2020

3rd March 2020

This report following the VHMC meeting on 25th February is relatively brief as the Village Hall AGM is on Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm where full details will be given on all relevant subjects. It is hoped that the PC members will attend the VHMC AGM.

Planning Consent for the existing Village Hall

The “renewed” consent for the existing village hall and a varied demolition condition was received on 31st January 2020.

Accounts

The report and accounts for the year to 31st January 2020 were reviewed and approved. These are now publicly available on the website and have been advertised as such via Facebook and Grundisburgh Google.

(<https://www.grundisburghvillagehall.com/reports>)

Operational Review

It was agreed that due to the enormous amount of work required in the next 12-18 months we wanted to operate in a different way and bring in new skills. This included a discussion as to the officers for 2020 and the creation of various working parties to focus on the issues we have to address.

Stephen Cooper was co-opted onto the committee with immediate effect. Michelle Sanford and Tracy Kearney both resigned as trustees, but Michelle will remain as Bookings Secretary.

New Village Hall update

The Big Lottery might formally consider our application at their March or April panel meetings, but they were not sure as yet which one.

CIL funding will be pursued, the Match Funding is progressing well and we agreed to engage a specialist firm to make various new grant applications on our behalf. We decided to engage a VAT specialist to ensure we can achieve zero VAT rating on the new build construction costs.

AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved and are available on the website, along with the agenda for the 2020 AGM on 11th March. (<https://www.grundisburghvillagehall.com/reports>)