

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on the 8th November, 2021 in St.Mary's Church, Grundisburgh

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. B.Cook, G.Caryer, A.Dunnett, , D.Higgins, M.Rankin, R.Youngman, Mrs.Bignell, Mrs.A.Willetts (in the chair) District Councillor A.Fryatt, C.Hedgley, County Councillor E.Bryce and 7 members of the public.

Mr.J.Dunnett sat with members of the public and did not participate in the meeting as a parish councillor.

1. Apologies for absence Mr.S.Barnett

2. To receive member's declarations of interest Mrs.Bignell, Mrs.Willetts and Mr.Cook declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Village Hall matters

3. Election of Chairman As the Clerk had not received any nominations for Chairman Mrs.Willetts continued to chair the meeting.

4. Minutes - To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th September and Matters arising.

The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 13th September, 2021 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mr.Cook seconded by Mr.Caryer, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising Mr.Higgins asked Mrs.Willetts what progress had been made in writing a job description for the Parish Clerk. Mrs.Willetts said that progress had been deferred until the Staff Committee had been augmented.

5. Chapel Field development Mrs.Willetts reported:

At the last East Suffolk Council Planning Committee South meeting, held on Tuesday 26th October, over a year since the application was submitted, the Council again failed to reach a majority in favour of approval from Members, despite significant pressure, and it took the casting vote of the Chairman to achieve the 'interim' approval. We say 'interim' since the matter was heard whilst a public consultation period for the application was still open, and this needs to conclude before an official approval notice can be issued.

The Parish Council have since submitted a document in which it describes a number of material considerations that have not yet been presented to East Suffolk Council Planning Committee South. Mrs.Willetts hand delivered the document and the letter to members of East Suffolk Council Planning Committee South on November 3rd. The same document was emailed to Officers and Senior Members of both East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council.

6. Public Open Forum

It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mrs.Bignell to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting

The following issues were raised

Chapel Field Mrs.Willetts was thanked for her leadership of the Parish Council's efforts to oppose the planned development of Chapel Field.

Old Forge Stores Forecourt Mrs.Smith reminded the meeting that a County Council Highways Officer had recommended that a kerb should be installed where the road meets the forecourt. County Councillor Elaine Bryce is arranging a further site visit to which, at her request, Mrs.Smith would be invited to attend, Some funding may be available.

Public Open Forum cont...

Complaints to Monitoring Officer. Mr.J.Dunnett read the following statement.

"As you are aware Madam (Vice) Chairman, I am currently the subject of two complaints to the District Council Monitoring Officer. These from a Barbara Waltham and a Mr. Christopher Dow. They appear to have taken exception to a letter I wrote as a parishioner to District Planning and I suspect, my failure as a Parish Councillor to join the clamour against much needed houses on Chapel Field. They insisted that I should be thrown off the Council ! Despite my profuse apologies, the complaints remain unresolved. In view of this, I reserve my position and wish, this evening, to remain in the Public Gallery"

Mrs.Willetts said that Mr.Dunnett was quite wrong in mentioning his service as a parish councillor in his letter of support of the Chapel Field development to East Suffolk Council. He had every right to express his views as a resident of Grundisburgh on planning matters but not as a Parish Councillor.

Mr.Higgins said that whilst he did not agree with Mr.Dunnett he too said he had the right to express his views and suggested that he mentioned his membership of the council to "establish his credentials".

Mr.Caryer said that Mr.Dunnett whilst advocating that more houses should be built in Grundisburgh had opposed applications for a housing development on Wood Farm Lane and housing and a new village hall on Felgate Way which Mr.Caryer suggested were perhaps "too close to home". Mr.Dunnett responded that as he, had invested many years participating in the management of the village hall he was opposed to its demolition.

7. Quiet Lanes Mr.Caryer reported

Quiet Lane signs are now being installed around Grundisburgh on Park Road/Lower Road, Chapel Road/Meeting Lane, Half Moon Lane, Sandy Lane (the lane in front of the Church) and Gull Lane/Wood Farm Road.

Not all the required signs have been installed and additional work is still required to complete Wave 1. Following a site visit the Quiet Lanes Suffolk team have compiled a schedule of the outstanding works required and it has been submitted to Suffolk County Highways Department.

Mr.Caryer has been advised by a resident that one of the new posts has been erected on private land. Highways are keen to confirm the status of location of the new post and he has passed on their request for information to the resident.

The Quiet Lanes scheme will be extended to include Grundisburgh Road (the road from Park Road/Lower Road/Chapel Road crossroads to Boot Street, Great Bealings) as part of wave 2 of Quiet Lanes. Newton Hall Lane, is included in wave 3 and still awaits a decision from Suffolk Highways.

It is planned to launch a Suffolk wide PR campaign in the spring of next year when more signs are in place.

8. Meeting Lane Verge County Councillor Elaine Bryce is in the process of following up the recent site visit. She was not happy with the time taken to resolve this issue.

9. Allotments Mr.Rupert Herries reported:

Mr.Herries has kindly agreed to work with a number of other allotment holders to establish an allotment holders committee to assist the Parish Council in the management of the allotments. He said that there was no allotment holders tenancy agreement although the Clerk had produced a draft document. The site has always been managed on a very informal basis. He, and his colleagues felt that whilst remaining informal and not overly autocratic guidelines and rules need to be established as some plots are in a very bad state.

He proposed that an appointed coordinator on both sides i.e. parish councillor and allotment holder would be a good place to start. Mrs.Bignell offered to be the parish council's representative.

Mr.Higgins questioned whether the council had previously agreed to increase allotment rents to £25. The Clerk will investigate.

10. Old Forge Stores Forecourt County Councillor Elaine Bryce is in the process of arranging another visit of a Highways Officer.

11. Queens Platinum Jubilee 2 – 5 June 2022 Mrs.Willetts said that a group would soon be formed to organise the celebrations. Various suggestions for a programme had been made including a Street Party, Music, Fireworks. The new Village Hall will be in full operation and could host some of these. The Scouts had indicated their willingness to be involved. She suggested that the Finance Sub Committee should consider allocating £1,000 towards the costs.

12 Planning Report Mrs.Willetts reported

Applications approved by East Suffolk Council since last Parish Council meeting

DC/21/3730/TPO. Akenfield Meeting Lane IP13 6UB. T1 Sycamore remove as tree is leaning towards the house and encroaching onto the roof T2 Oak side reduction away from house up to 2metres.

DC/21/4386/TCA. Finndale Cottage Woodbridge Road. Removal of overgrown Holly tree which is too close to house and road. There is an existing hedge in front of holly tree

Applications awaiting a decision

DC/21/1458/FUL. Hill House Woodbridge Road Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UF

Change of Use of garage and playroom to online shop. Change of Use of part agricultural Land to extended residential curtilage. Comments sent

DC/21/3247/TCA Hillside Cottage The Street Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6TD

Apple Tree - Requested fell due to low fruit produce and quality. Home owner wants to plant some more promising apple trees in its place but fear they will not do well due to the shade of current apple tree

DC/21/3768/FUL 46 Post Mill Gardens IP13 6UP proposed single storey rear extension.

Applications received since last Parish Council

DC/21/4360/LBC Purbrook House, The Green . Listed Building Consent –

Renovation of existing former butcher's shop, including provision of floor and wall insulation, replacement of existing matchboard linings, overhaul existing sash windows and install internal secondary glazing, carry out repairs to existing gutter, including provision of secondary outlet, removal of modern ceiling and installation of new ceiling insulation and roof void ventilation, install new lead flashings to roof and parapet upstands, and carry out repairs to apparent 'dropped corner of building.

DC/21/4364/FUL 3 Laurel Cottages Bonds Corner.

Replacement of fencing along the boundary between 2 Laurel Cottages and 3 Laurel Cottages (along the northern boundary of 3 Laurel Cottages). The fencing is split in to 2 portions. The first portion (light blue on plan) is to replace the existing close-board fence with one exceeding the 2m permitted development limit by 0.25m (the addition of a 30cm high trellis section to a 1.95m high fence). The second portion (dark blue on plan) is to replace the existing post and rail fence with a 1.95m high close-board fence. These works are proposed to reinstate the mutual privacy following construction of an extension at 2 Laurel Cottages (ref DC/20/4704/FUL).

Greenways, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh.

Outbuilding in front of property

This application has been withdrawn because the building was partly constructed on highway land. The owner is consulting with highways to try to find away forward.

13. District Councillor's Report District Councillor Colin Hedgley's, full report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "A" He is very involved in the Chapel Field planning application.

14. County Councillor's Report County Councillor Elaine Bryce's full report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "B" She is in touch with Mr & Mrs.Coomber concerning injuries suffered by Mrs.Coomber in a fall on an Grundisburgh pavement. She encouraged residents to respond to the County Council's Lorry Route consultation.

15. East Suffolk Community Partnerships

Mrs.Willetts proposed seconded by Mr.Cook, to unanimous approval, that Mr.G.Caryer should be appointed the Parish Council's representative.

16. Financial Matters The Clerk reported:

16.1 Committee Meetings The Finance Sub Committee will meet on the 23rd November and again in mid-December primarily to compile a recommended budget for the financial year 2022/2023 to be submitted to full council at its 11th January 2022 meeting.

16.2 Mandate change Mr.G.Caryer has been registered as “an authorised person” to sign cheques. He joins Mrs.J.Bignell and Mrs.A.Willetts.

16.3 CIL Annual Report The Report for the financial years 01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The total retained at year end, £5,181.20, has been approved as a grant towards the cost of the new Village Hall. at the previous meeting.

16.4 Letters of thanks Received from the Lunch Club

16.5 Application for grant Received from Citizens Advice Bureau, Headway

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

Mr.G.Caryer	£203.57	Velocity Speed Gun
Mr.R.Fletcher	£160.00	Village Green Grass Cutting – July/War Memorial Yew
Culpho Church	£195.00	Churchyard maintenance grant. Cheque 103054 cancelled
Mr.G.Caryer	£145.00	Grundisburgh Conservation Group Insurance – Millennium Meadow
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£64.03	Dog waste bags
PFK Littlejohn LLP	£240.00	2020/2021 Audit Fee
Mr.J.Ager	£513.05	Clerk’s Salary August/September 2021
	£52.08	Clerk’s Expenses
	£80.00	Royal British Legion
HM Revenue & Customs	£256.40	Income Tax
CAS Ltd	£260.68	Insurance 01/10/2021 – 30/09/2021
Mr.R.Fletcher	£240.00	Village Green & Hedge Cutting – August
Lunch Club	£200.00	Donation

It was proposed by Mr/Cook seconded by Mrs.Bignell, too unanimous approval, that these payments be ratified.

16.7 Payments received since the last meeting

Mr.P.Dedman	£6.00	Allotment Rent
Mrs.C.Sweet-Escott	£6.00	Allotment Rent
East Suffolk Council	£10,050.00	Precept – 2 nd instalment

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

Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£115.63	Emptying St.Mary’s wheeled bin
SALC	£27.00	Payroll Service
Mr.R.Fletcher	£180.00	Village Greens Grass Cutting September
Vertas Group Ltd	£227.56	Playing Field Grass Cutting
Mr.D.J.Ruse	£103.86	Pound Corner Bus Shelter Window Repairs

Financial Matters cont...

16.9 Other payments requiring approval

Ipswich Borough Council	£550.00	Greenways - Millennium & Lyttleton Meadow Grass Cutting
Mr.J.Ager	£512.85	Clerk's Salary October/November 2021
	£82.12	Clerk's Expenses
	£71.94	Printer toner set
HM Revenue & Customs	£128.40	Income Tax
Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee	£3,855.00*	Children's Play Area Grant
Mr.R.Fletcher	£91.00	Village3 Greens Grass Cutting
	£100.95	War Memorial restoring gravel surround
* Earmarked Reserve	£1,250.00	
Budget 2021/2022	£250.00	
Grant	<u>£2,500.00</u>	
	£4,000.00	
Less Planning Fee paid	<u>£145.00</u>	
	£3,855.00	

It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mrs.Bignell, to unanimous approval, that these payments be made

16.10 Account Balances as at 8th November, 2021

Business Tracker Account	£62.63
Current Account	£23,676.28
Post Office Investment account	£21,374.50
VAT to claim	<u>£507.78</u>
TOTAL	£45,621.19

16.11 Budget Report Appended to these minutes as Appendix "C"

17. Roads & Transport Report Mr.Caryer reported

17.1 Speedwatch Speedwatch team's activities continue around Grundisburgh. Thanks to funding from the Parish Council a new modern lightweight radar gun has been purchased and is now being used by the team. However additional volunteers are welcome, to enable more Speedwatch sessions to be scheduled.

17.2 Speed Indicator Device (SID) The SID mounting bracket from outside Finndale House has been moved to the 30mph sign outside Barn Farm, Rose Hill. Initial analysis of the first session show up to 25% of vehicles are travelling over 30mph and the highest speed recorded was 50mph. A new bracket for the SID has been ordered to replace the bracket lost when the post it was mounted on, next to new village hall, was removed. The SID has been just finished its scheduled period in Grundisburgh and has moved on to Little Bealings.

17.3 Community Partnership - Road and Traffic Safety funding plans Discussions around the allocation of funds are beginning in preparation for the next meeting on 10th January. G&CPC are asked to approve a request for funding to enable the parish council to purchase a SID for Grundisburgh. Currently Grundisburgh shares its SID with other SAVID villages and as more get their SID locations approved, the availability of the shared SID decreases. It was unanimously agreed that parish council should support this request also a request for funding the restoration of the Meeting Lane verge..

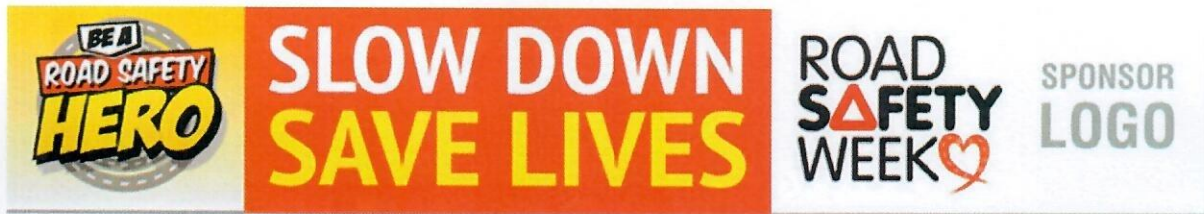
Roads & Transport Report cont....

17.4 Lorry Route Plan review in Suffolk As part of Suffolk County Council's Lorry Route Plan review, the parish council have been requested to act as a collection point for the public to report issues with HGVs in the parish. An invitation to provide comments has been circulated on Grundisburgh Google and on the Grundisburgh Village Facebook group.

Currently the only Lorry Route in the parish is the B.1079 which forms part of the route from Debach Airfield to the A12. However, the request for comments does not seem to be limited to existing Lorry Routes.

The review will look at the current approved county lorry network and will not address issues of Sizewell C. The Parish Council are limited submitting 3 issues, however, if as a result of this exercise, other issues with HGVs are identified, These can be pursued by the Parish Council via other avenues.

17.5 Road Safety Week Grundisburgh have been offered a 5m by 1m banner for display during Road Safety Week (15-21 November).



It is proposed to mount the banner on The Green using the railings at the side of the bridge. In addition A4 and A5 posters have been requested for shops/notice boards etc.

18. Footpaths & Conservation Report *Mr.Caryer reported*

18.1 Pound Corner Bus Shelter Following the smashing of 3 windows on the in the Pound Corner Bus Shelter, the broken glass has been replaced with Perspex for safety.

18.2 Discover Suffolk As part of the Discover Suffolk initiative there are plans to install plastic plaques on Footpath Finger Posts. These plaques will contain QR codes linking to the Discover Suffolk website and the Countryside Code. Volunteers have been recruited to mount plaques on the 43 Finger Posts in Grundisburgh and Culpho.

18.3 Millennium Meadow Monthly working parties continue. Next Working Party will take place on Saturday 13th November 10am to 12.30, volunteers welcome.

18.4 Free Trees The Parish Council have been offered free trees from Eforests who supply wildlife trusts, community woodlands and community farms around the UK with free trees for their nature reserves, rewilding projects, etc. They generally supply a minimum of 150 trees for projects but can be fairly flexible. The trees are all UK native species, grown from UK seed and can be supplied with free shelters, stakes, weed mats, etc.

Mr.Caryer asked "do we know of any project in the area which would like to take up this offer?"

See <https://eforests.co.uk/freetrees> for more information.

They state "we prefer to work with nature reserves / community woodlands / community farms, we can possibly supply trees for private landowners that you work with that have public access to their land."

18.5 Bouquets Thanks are due to the many villagers who carry out voluntary tasks to support the Parish Council's work throughout the village. It is impossible to mention everybody but Mr.Caryer mentioned a few:

- Tom Comber for repairing the bench near Pound Corner and also keeping the grass verge in Rose Hill mowed
- Paul Franklin for repairing a bench on the playing field and keeping the verge outside the new village hall site in check
- Chris Lee for cleaning the Village Sign on the Green (Long ladders and a good head for heights required)
- John Ager clearing the weeds from the foot of the wall outside to the Old School
- Various councillors and the Clerk for cleaning street signs around the village

Footpaths & Conservation Report cont...

18.6 Mr.J.Dunnett read the following statement

"I hope you will bear with me if I return to this subject, While leading the volunteers in the Millennium Meadow on Saturday 9th October I suffered an aneurysm , or blood clot, behind my left knee. This necessitated a trip to Colchester Hospital via Ipswich A & E. There it was decided that an emergency operation was necessary and a avascular team carried this out from 3.00am – 7.00am on Sunday morning. Fortunately they were able to save my leg and I am now recuperating after a week in hospital. This was a timely reminder as to whether I should continue as Meadow Warden, at the age of 83. Our loyal volunteer, Mr. Paul Franklin, has indicated that he is willing to replace me. All that is needed is the approval of the Council and whether they would support him in this role"

Mrs.Willetts proposed seconded by Mr.Cook, to unanimous approval, that Mr. Paul Franklin should be appointed Millennium Meadow Warden. Members expressed their thanks to Mr.Dunnett for the many years dedicated service he has given as Warden.

19. To receive reports from Council representatives to village organisations

19.1 Playing Field Mr.Caryer reported.

Pavilion Roof The chairman od the Playing Field Management Committee has agreed to seek professional assistance on how to deal with the pavilion roof which is showing signs of rusting

Floodlights The chairman had also spoken with the football club for an update of when the additional floodlights were likely to be installed to be told later in the year

Chapel Field Development/ Footpath 20/Update of the New Scout Chapel Headquarters Fields in Trust continued to be updated re the planning application regarding Chapel Field. Fields In Trust have written to both the Council and planning Inspector in support of rejecting the application. It was agreed that the gap in the hedge adjacent to Chapel Field which is being used rather than the official Footpath 20 route be filled in. This would ensure only the correct route was used.

Play Area A confirmation had been received from Viridor that the funding bid of £49K had been ratified. This together with other funding bids and donations has resulted in £72k being resourced for the new play area. An updated quote for updating the play area has been received and accepted. It is anticipated that work on the play area will commence in the spring, subject to lead times by the supplier.

The Playing Field Management Committee expressed their thanks to Emma Dixon and Frankie Nixon for all the time and energy spent on this project and their willingness to see it through to completion.

Maintenance A pothole had appeared in the entrance to the field next to the boundary of the highway, this has been filled in with a tarmac repair kit. There were also some holes appearing in the safety surface around the play equipment that needed attention. These have now also been filled. The tennis club cut and reduce the height of the hedge round the courts over the week end of 16th/17th October

Date of next meeting December 8th 2021 at 10.00am in the pavilion

19.2 Village Hall Mr.Cook reported

The new hall is progressing on time and budget and it is hoped will opened in December.

20. Public Open Forum

It was proposed by Mrs. Willetts seconded by Mr. Youngman. to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting

The following issues were raised

- Diseased Ash Trees Mrs. Smith was advised to contact Tree Warden Trevor Muttitt concerning a survey of diseased Ash.
- Allotments The Clerk will ascertain who is responsible for managing the hedge bordering "Thistleton"
- Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association Mrs. B. Waltham was willing to act as the Parish Council's link with the Association.

21. Items for next meeting No items were suggested.

22. Any other business

2022 Council Meetings January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, November 14

It was agreed that the 10th January meeting should be held in St. Mary's Church,

23. Co-option of new members for Culpho and Grundisburgh– closed session

One application had been received for the Culpho vacancy but had since been withdrawn.

A decision on the Grundisburgh vacancy was deferred.

Appendix “A”

District Councillors Report to Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council for November 2021
(Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward).

Rushmere Village, Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Bredfield, Grundisburgh & Culpho, Witnesham and Swilland, Westerfield, Hasketon, Clopton, Charsfield, Dallinghoo, Tuddenham, Boulge, Burgh, Debach, Otley.

From Cllr Colin Hedgley:-

As you are all aware the Chapel Field application will be going forward to a Planning Public Inquiry next week starting on Tuesday 16th November. The hearing is expected to last three days. I shall be there for all for the three days and have requested to speak. We lost the vote at the last Planning Meeting by only one vote and I was very disappointed., as of course was your Parish Council. The Grundisburgh “Chapel Field Team” have been working very hard towards the hearing and all I can say is that we must hope that common sense will prevail.

The Environment is at the top of everyone’s agenda at present so I thought I would reprint something I published here some time ago just to remind ourselves of some of the things that our council has already set out and agreed.

Our climate commitment At its Full Council meeting on Wednesday 24 July 2019, East Suffolk Council voted unanimously to step up its positive work on environmental issues to help fight climate change. It has joined other local authorities in recognising the fact that there is a climate emergency and committed itself to doing more to reduce its own carbon emissions and to encourage communities to help fight climate change.

What next?

- The council commissioned an independent review of its progress to-date identifying opportunities for further work to reduce carbon emissions which will feed into the development of a new Climate Action Plan that will help us monitor progress towards meeting this challenging new target.
- The council has set up a new cross-party member [Environment Task Group](#) to consider the results of that independent review and to recommend future priorities for action on climate change, building on the progress that has already been achieved.
- The council will continue to work with its partners across the county to ensure a coordinated approach, joint working in areas where we can deliver more by working together and to ensure a strong voice to influence and encourage others to act.

What have we achieved already?

- The [Environmental Guidance Note](#) has been produced to offer clear, concise information on a range of key environmental issues relating to the building industry, assisting those seeking to mitigate the contribution of construction to climate change and its impact on the environment by offering support and advice. It was endorsed by the Council on 25 November 2020.
- We have moved to new more energy efficient council offices in Melton and Lowestoft which are more compact, well insulated, and utilise renewable energy sources, including air-source heat pumps at East Suffolk House and solar photovoltaics (PV) at Riverside.
- As part of the [Suffolk Climate Change Partnership](#), we have helped businesses and residents to reduce their energy bills through free advice and improvement grants.
- We are refurbishing our leisure facilities, building in renewable energy generation.
- Alongside the [East Suffolk Greenprint Forum](#), we have been running awareness raising campaigns across the district to improve air quality and reduce plastic waste and littering.

The motion unanimously agreed by Full Council is:

“This council pledges to:

1. declare a climate emergency

2. set up a Cross Party Task Group, commencing by October 2019, to investigate ways to cut East Suffolk Council's carbon and harmful emissions on a spend to save basis, with ambition to make East Suffolk Council (including all buildings and services) carbon neutral by 2030. The Cross Party Task Group will report on their progress on a quarterly basis
3. work with Suffolk County Council and other partners across the county and region, including the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the public sector leaders, towards the aspiration of making the county of Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030
4. To work with Government to a) deliver its 25 year Environmental Plan and b) increase the powers and resources available to local authorities in order to make the 2030 target easier to achieve."

For a complete Environment Information site visit:- <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/>

Recycling in Suffolk

East Suffolk residents are great at recycling and we want to help you to recycle as much as possible - whether through your recycling bin at home, your nearest Suffolk Recycling Centre or a local bring bank.

These items CAN be recycled in your recycling bin at home:

- paper / card (newspapers, magazines, junk mail, papers, books, cardboard, clean food packaging, boxes and cards)
- metals (aluminium foil and trays, food and drink cans, empty aerosols - no paint, fertiliser or weedkiller)
- plastic bottles (empty, squash, lids on) and plastic yoghurt pots, tubs and food trays
- all items should be bigger than 4cm



We ONLY want these items in your recycling bin

Items should be  **EMPTY**  **CLEAN**  **DRY** **NO BAGGED ITEMS**

 **YES**
Plastics



Plastic bottles - empty, wash, squash and lid on



Plastic yoghurt pots, tubs and food trays



Bathroom and household cleaning with all tops on

 **YES**
Metals



Food and drinks cans



Aluminium foil and trays - roll foil into a ball



Empty aerosols - e.g. deodorant, air freshener

 **YES**
Paper/card



Paper, newspapers, magazines and junk mail



Cardboard, clean food packaging, boxes and cards



Books, paperback and hardback

The below items should NOT be placed in your recycling bin as they may contaminate recyclable waste. Some of these items, such as glass and textiles, can be recycled at your nearest Suffolk Recycling Centre or a local bring bank. Cartons, batteries, metal pans and electrical items can all be recycled at your nearest Recycling Centre.

- glass
- food and drink
- textiles (clothes and shoes)
- nappies
- plastic bags and film
- small items under 4cm (shredded paper, loose bottle tops)

- cartons and Tetra-paks
- crisp packets
- pet food pouches
- polystyrene
- gas cylinders
- mobile phones
- batteries
- electrical items
- needles / medical waste



**Please NEVER
put these items in
your recycling bin**

**They will contaminate the recycling and
YOUR BIN WILL NOT BE EMPTIED**

<p>NO Black sacks, plastic bags or wrappers</p>	<p>NO Food</p>	<p>NO Nappies</p>
		
<p>Put these in your rubbish bin</p>		
<p>NO Glass</p>	<p>NO Textiles</p>	<p>NO Cartons e.g. Tetra Pak</p>
		
<p>These can be recycled elsewhere - see back cover</p>		
<p>NO crisp packets - polystyrene - pet food pouches pill packs - toys - plant pots - tissues - kitchen roll wipes - shredded paper - wood - hazardous waste</p>		

[What you can and cannot recycle through your recycling bin.](#)

[Find your nearest Recycling Centre](#) and book your time slot. You will only be able to take waste to a Recycling Centre if you have booked a slot.

[Find your nearest bring bank \(for bottles, clothing and more\).](#)

[Check which day your bins are collected.](#)

Funding for local communities

The call on my **Enabling Communities Budget** is as intense as ever and I have donated £7500 already to various projects and pre promised another £2000.

I am hoping to donate some money towards the Meeting Lane verge improvement once we know the estimate.

New beach village gets the go-ahead

As part of ongoing investment, a new beach village is set to be built on Felixstowe's South Seafront to improve the beach hut experience for locals and visitors. At a meeting of East Suffolk Council's Planning Committee South today (Tuesday 26 October), approval was given for a new beach village on Felixstowe's South Seafront.

The beach village will include 5 accessible, purpose-built pods, 27 traditional huts and a new public convenience block with Changing Places facilities. The existing trim trial has been moved to Langer Park and the current volleyball site will be re-landscaped and made into an activity park. As part of this, new outdoor gym equipment will be installed, along with additional facilities, including concrete table tennis tables, a climbing wall, petanque pistes, accessible picnic benches, chess tables and outdoor space for workouts.

The aim of the project is to create accessible facilities that enables families and groups to enjoy everything the beach and town has to offer by hiring a beach pod for a day, or longer, as well as improving facilities for local people and visitors alike with the addition of new public conveniences and an activity park.

Cllr Craig Rivett, East Suffolk's Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Economic Development said: "Beach huts are an important part of the seaside experience and East Suffolk Council is committed to making this experience more accessible to a wider range of people, allowing families and groups to access and enjoy the beach and resort for a day, or longer. "Tourism is incredibly important to East Suffolk and this new beach village will attract visitors from across the country, increasing footfall in the town centre, boosting the local economy and enhancing the lives of local residents.

"The South Seafront has undergone significant redevelopment in recent years and East Suffolk Council has invested a lot in revitalising the area. We believe it is vital that we continue to build on this investment and create developments that benefits local businesses and people as well as visitors to the area."

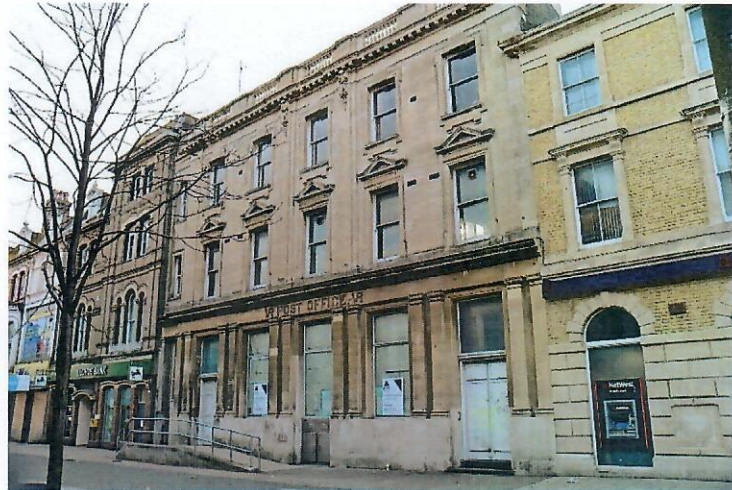
Furthermore, a new name for the site has now been decided after East Suffolk Council ran a recent survey in which local people were asked to vote for their favourite names from a top five. Nearly 500 people took part and with over 30% of the votes, the new site will be named the Seashore Village.

The development is part of a bigger project of ongoing investments in the South Seafront area, where the Martello Park has already delivered new homes, a play area and new car parking facilities. The Council has also invested in the development of a new iconic café, the refurbishment of two public shelters on the South Seafront and the long-term maintenance of its historic Martello Tower. Construction is expected to begin in early 2022 with completion scheduled for later in the year.

Restoring historic character of Lowestoft building

An exciting project to restore the façade of Lowestoft's former Post Office is set to start later this year.

The project will help improve the condition and appearance of the building whilst restoring its historic character. It will include work to fix the roof, repair the windows, carry out conservation



of stonework and reconfigure the ground floor windows to restore the entrance to the central bay of the building, as per the original design of the building. This will incorporate repositioning the existing ramp which would greatly improve the appearance of the building.

A planning and listed building consent application has been submitted on behalf of the Council to seek permission for the scheme and, if approved, work is intended to start in the winter. These repairs will be funded through the London Road, Lowestoft High Street Heritage Action Zone, financed by Historic England and East Suffolk Council, delivered in partnership with Lowestoft Town Council and East Suffolk Building Preservation Trust.

Improving private rented homes in East Suffolk

We're working with Generation Rent UK to better support East Suffolk residents who privately rent their homes and help ensure that homes in the district are secure, safe and energy efficient.

Earlier this year, we asked private renters living in the Harbour & Normanston ward, Beccles & Worlingham ward and Aldeburgh & Leiston wards, to share their experiences in a survey.

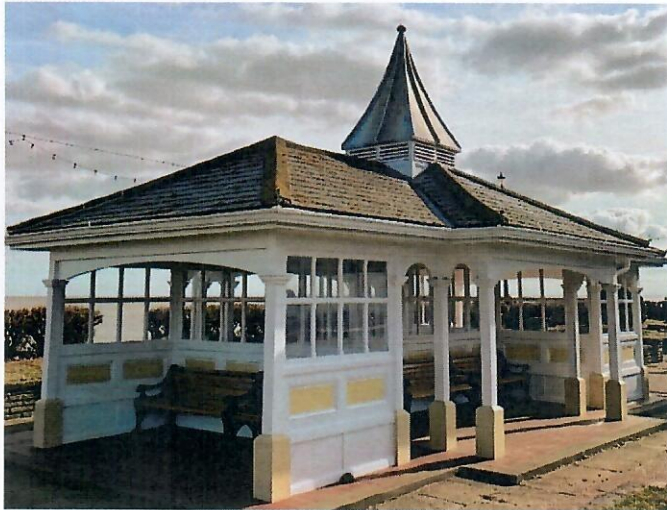
Findings from the survey revealed that private renters in these three wards are most concerned about:

- losing their tenancy
- being unable to move into homeownership
- rent increases
- almost 50% of those surveyed are concerned to some degree about being asked to leave their home by their landlord or letting agent this year.

As part of this work, we will be running focus group discussions later this year. Anyone who rents privately in East Suffolk can get involved in these, regardless of which ward they live in. Eligible participants will receive a £10 shopping voucher.

People can sign up now at https://my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/service/Private_renter_session_registration

Historic shelter reopens following arson attack



Council's ongoing investment in the South Seafront area.

Having been damaged during an appalling arson attack last year, the historic Manwick shelter on Felixstowe's South Seafront has been reopened to the community.

The shelter, along with the nearby Arwela shelter, were fully refurbished in 2018 after suffering significant timber decay, vandalism and weather damage over the years, exacerbated by flooding during tidal surges. This £150,000 project was part of the

Support available to help businesses recover

Funding and support is available for businesses in East Suffolk which have been, and continue to be, severely affected by Covid-19 restrictions.

Delivered in partnership with the New Anglia Local Enterprise, the new 'Plan for the Future' scheme provides support to local businesses which are looking to bring forward investment projects that will have a significant impact on their business. Eligible businesses will be able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to help support their projects.

Businesses wishing to apply for support should first contact the New Anglia Growth Hub on 0300 333 6536 or email growthhub@newangliagrowthhub.co.uk

Expert and impartial Business Growth Advisers will work with businesses to develop an action plan and complete the application.

See more information at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/support-available-to-help-businesses-recover/

Key infrastructure projects to benefit from £6.3m funding

Over £6 million in contributions from new housing developments has been allocated to support the expansion of schools, leisure and health facilities in East Suffolk.

Earlier this month, cabinet agreed to award a total of £6,308,245 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to support seven major projects which are identified within the Local Plan as being key to planned growth within the local area.

CIL is a fee which we can charge developers when new housing is built in the district. CIL can then be put towards improvements to local infrastructure, such as play areas, schools and GP surgeries. We hold a list of key projects which are included in the Local Plan and these projects are then put forward for the latest round of CIL funding.

See more details about the projects at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/key-infrastructure-projects-to-benefit-from-6-3m-funding/

Helping young people take the next step

We're continuing to support young people with further funding agreed by cabinet for the East Suffolk Youth Employment Service (YES), which is helping young people, aged between 16 and 24 years old, to find employment and training opportunities.

Delivered by [Inspire Suffolk](#), young people can visit the dedicated [YES. Suffolk](#) website at www.yessuffolk.co.uk to view current job opportunities, find training programmes and other support information and advice. Referrals can also be made by community groups. Young people will be allocated an employment coach to support them into appropriate work, education or training. Wellbeing services are also available, provided by Inspire Suffolk.

Funding agreed to support First Light 2022

To help ensure an incredible programme of activities at [First Light Lowestoft](#) in 2022, we've committed £200,000 to support next year's event.



Plans for the 2022 festival are still being developed but it is hoped that the event will be even larger than 2019, with a focus on young people.

The programme is expected to include a mix of music, international DJs on the main stage, a larger Beach Club Bar, a showcase for talented new musicians and writers, comedy, dance and a late-night silent beach cinema.

Surveys and consultations

We are currently running a couple of surveys and consultations and, as always we want to encourage participation as feedback from people in East Suffolk is invaluable and helps us ensure we're making the right decisions for our communities.

- **Recycling in East Suffolk**

As part of a wider social media campaign, we're currently running a recycling survey to get a better understanding of how much people in East Suffolk know about recycling and what we can do to help when it comes to knowing what items go into what bin. The survey is aimed at social media users only via our online social media accounts and closes tonight.

Staying up to date on the latest East Suffolk news

The Communications Team share all media coverage on Sharepoint, so you can easily stay up to date on all media stories relevant to East Suffolk Council, whether on local, regional or national news outlets, tv, radio, print or online.

Access these at any time at

<https://eastsuffolkgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/Communications/Lists/Media%20coverage/AllItems.aspx>

If you have any questions or need any help with this service, you can email the team on communications@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Appendix “B”

County Councillors Report

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HEALTH

Extra COVID-19 support heading to Suffolk

Public health bosses in Suffolk have welcomed the Government’s commitment to provide extra resources to help fight COVID-19 in the county.

It comes as pressure on the county’s hospitals is reaching critical levels due to more people needing treatment - and some of the highest rates of infection in the country.

A request for additional support was submitted earlier this week by Public Health Suffolk - on behalf of public sector partners - and is intended to secure in additional support, funding and resources to help the NHS avoid unsustainable pressure. The additional support will include:

- Support for the vaccination efforts by extending opening hours and creating pop up vaccination clinic within our communities
- Help to coordinate on the ground door knocking campaigns
- Help to reduce transmission in schools with increased testing and additional temporary powers
- Funding for COVID-19 awareness raising communications and advertising.

Cllr Matthew Hicks, chair Suffolk’s Local Outbreak Engagement Board and leader of Suffolk County Council, said:

“I very much welcome this additional help and funding from the Government. It will support our already considerable efforts to get more people vaccinated and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Suffolk.

“Throughout the pandemic, Suffolk has been effective at keeping our COVID rates low compared to other parts of the country. This is because we have worked hard and been proactive at every stage.

“The situation facing Suffolk now calls for the same forward-thinking and preventative work to protect residents, businesses and our way of life.

“As we learn to live with COVID-19, it will be actions such as this that prevent COVID from having an even worse impact and, ultimately, holding back our recovery.”

From Monday 1 November, Suffolk will therefore become an ‘enhanced response area’ (ERA) for up to five weeks. This approach has already been used in other parts of the country to help reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within the community and is also being taken in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough at the same time.

To help reduce the spread, residents in Suffolk are now being encouraged to:

- Get fully vaccinated and your booster when it’s due
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water
- Always wear a face covering in crowded areas
- Ventilate indoor spaces
- Get tested regularly and stay at home if you feel unwell

It's the latest move to slow the spread of virus which has made a particular impact among Suffolk's school age children and, consequently, their parents and grandparents. Earlier this month, additional measures, including siblings of children with COVID self-isolating, restrictions on visits to schools and older children and adults wearing face masks, were reintroduced. The face mask policy starts on Monday 1 November.

Any such support does not mean any additional restrictions on people's movements or actions. It is not a lockdown or like the tiering system that was trialled in England in 2020. Instead, it will boost the county's ability to raise awareness, tackle outbreaks and encourage people to get vaccinated.

Face masks back as additional measures brought in to reduce Covid-19 transmission in Suffolk schools and education settings

From October 20th face masks and restrictions on visitors are to be reintroduced to Suffolk schools to help slow the current rate of transmission in education settings.

SCC are advising that the following measures be implemented from the 1 November 2021.

- **Staff** in all education settings (primary, secondary, and higher education) to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.
- **Students** in all secondary and higher education settings to wear face coverings in communal areas outside of the classroom, unless exempt for medical reasons.
- All education settings to restrict entry to their site to essential visitors only.
- Any visitors to wear a face covering while on-site, this includes adults collecting children in the playground.

On October 6, SCC introduced a new sibling policy, which advised children and young people aged between 4 and 18 years to stay at home when a sibling they live with tests positive for COVID-19. This applies to schools with an outbreak of Covid-19 and is still in place.

The number of cases within children and young people aged 10-14 has increased by almost 15% and cases amongst 15-19-year-olds has increased by 32% in the past week of data. This means that in October alone school children in Suffolk have lost 26,264 days of education due to positive cases of Covid-19. There has also been an increase in cases amongst other age ranges across Suffolk, which may be due in part, to family transmission.

These measures will be reviewed during the week commencing Monday 15 November 2021.

Stuart Keeble, Director of Public Health said:

“We have seen the number of Suffolk pupils with covid-19 increase so are working with schools to implement these additional measures immediately to help break the chain of transmission.

“We are taking these numbers seriously and school leaders are being extremely vigilant to ensure children and staff safe. If parents have concerns, we would advise them to speak to their schools who will be able to reassure parents of the measures they are taking.

“Our main focus is to balance pupil and staff safety whilst giving children as positive and normal education as possible.”

TRANSPORT

Cabinet to study £50 million plan to boost Suffolk bus services

On October 7th it was announced that wider coverage, cheaper fares, improved ticketing, and better evening and weekend services are among proposals forming part of a £50 million plan.

Subject to approval by the Suffolk County Council Cabinet, the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) will be submitted to the Government by the end of the month.

Following on from the submission of the BSIP, the council, bus operators and other stakeholders will be working together to establish a countywide Enhanced Partnership.

This will enable the BSIP proposals to be delivered, building on experience gained from the existing Ipswich Quality Bus Partnership.

The funding bid is being made to the government's £3 billion fund under its Bus Back Better national bus strategy for England.

Suffolk County Council will be asking for a minimum of £50m over three years - £15m each for the first two years and £20m for the third.

A report to Cabinet members said:

"The Bus Back Better National Bus Strategy provides a real opportunity to be ambitious in delivering a bus service for Suffolk that will support sustainable transport and the Council's carbon reduction ambitions."

Other proposed features include:

- Reviewing service frequency on Suffolk's key corridors, including evenings and weekend services
- Simplified services - including regular timetabled buses and 'demand-responsive' services
- Expanding the experimental Katch electric demand-responsive bus, which is currently being piloted between Framlingham and Campsea Ashe for Wickham Market station to other rural areas
- Identify and implement bus priority opportunities and changes to parking on key corridors, with particular focus on the 'last mile' where buses are delayed by congestion approaching key destinations
- Lower fares for those aged up to 25
- Contactless touch-on and touch-off ticketing and daily fare caps
- Multi-operator ticketing o Expanding rail and bus ticket options (PlusBus)
- Develop existing park and ride sites as mobility hubs and identify new ones to serve rural areas or new development sites o Explore merging Ipswich's two bus stations into one main hub

The Cabinet meeting takes place on Tuesday 12 October at 2pm.

Read the:

- [agenda containing the full report](#)

[Bus Back Better strategy for England](#) (GOV.UK)

Lorry Route Plan review in Suffolk

The technical and community led review of lorry routes that considers changes to the highway network since the plan was updated in 2011.

The technical and community led review of lorry routes that considers changes to the highway network since the plan was updated in 2011. This includes:

- new strategic roads
- new Lorry Watch areas
- Air Quality Management Areas in Suffolk

Councillor Richard Smith MVO, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Transport Strategy and Waste responsible for the ongoing review of the county's Lorry Route Plan.

The review will involve two parts and will update and validate the County Council's existing lorry route network plan

The technical review is currently taking place. It'll look at a range of evidence including:

- Collision records and traffic data
- Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for weight, width and height restrictions

- The resilient road network and its strategic road network diversions as well as GPS data – showing the origin and destination of trips, routes taken and the locations of building strikes
- Public complaints
- Data from Lorry Watch schemes

The Community led review will run from 22 October 2021 to 17 December 2021.

Suffolk County Council is seeking the views of Parish and Town Councils about their local issues and intelligence.

Information will be gathered by a survey sent to all of Suffolk's Parish and Town Councils and their County Councillor will then be asked to endorse the key issues for their area. Each local council will be limited to three issues within their community to ensure fair and equal representation across the county.

The review will be completed in Spring 2022 where the County Council plan to publish a new interactive Lorry Route map.

For more information click here: [Lorry Route Plan review in Suffolk | Suffolk County Council](#)

ENVIRONMENT

Suffolk continues to create the greenest county with £150,000 for new trees

It was announced on October 15th that a joint bid by a number of Suffolk's authorities has secured funding from the Forestry Commission to plant around 3,000 trees this coming planting season.

Suffolk County Council submitted the bid on behalf of itself, Ipswich Borough Council, Babergh District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and West Suffolk District Council. The successful bid will see £149,712.55 come into the county for new trees, from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund.

The fund targets treescapes that have been neglected or suffered damage in the past, including disused and vacant community spaces and those affected by tree diseases such as ash dieback. The locations are chosen where they are likely to be experienced directly by people, as well as on improving the age structure of trees in all the project areas.

One of the interesting methods being adopted to re-establish woodland as part of this project, is the Miyawaki method. It is regarded as one of the most effective tree planting methods for creating cover quickly on neglected land, or land that has previously been used for construction or agriculture. It uses natural principles, such as using trees already native to the area and replicating natural regeneration processes, and is particularly effective in the urban environment.

Councillor Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment at Suffolk County Council, said:

"I'm delighted to have secured this funding, as it means Suffolk will benefit from even more tree planting this coming season and we can make more progress towards the county's joint ambition of Net Zero by 2030. We are also supporting our wildlife and biodiversity, and offering more green spaces for people to get in touch with nature and support their health and wellbeing.

"Last year, the county council committed £228,000 to treeplanting and hedgerows, with 100,000 planted already and the same amount to be planted this coming season. With the Suffolk Tree Warden Network, we are following the 'right tree, right place' policy, to be sure that the planting is effective and has the best chance of establishing itself."

One example of tree-planting with this project, is the planting of over 100 trees at Needham Lake. The lake is actually a flooded gravel pit close to Needham Market, with part of the site a nature reserve with wetland areas, meadows and a small woodland. The project will create an area of wet woodland alongside the river to link two small, wooded areas together. The trees will include Alder, Downy Birch, White and Grey Willow.

The planting will also contribute to Suffolk's commitment to support the Queen's Green Canopy project. Suffolk is working towards linking up existing woodland with the planting of new trees and hedges to connect communities and encourage natural corridors for biodiversity, aiming to plant a tree for every resident.

Suffolk businesses work hard to ensure we achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

Creating the Greenest County Awards 2021 sponsors show how they are making a difference.

Suffolk facilities management company Vertas, Opus People Solutions and design and property consultants Concertus are coming together to sponsor Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County Awards, taking place on 12 November at The Hold in Ipswich.

As we approach the United Nations COP26 event in November, all three companies are working hard to improve their environmental credentials and help Suffolk move towards its net zero carbon 2030 target.

Vertas has committed to minimising the impact of its operations on the environment, particularly emissions to air, land and water, and continually improving its environmental performance. Driving positive change through its supply chain has eliminated the use of single use plastic cutlery throughout its sites, instead using wooden alternatives, removing over 1,000,000 plastic items a year.

Vertas has also focused on eliminating the waste it produces, over the last 12 months it has collected 18,720 litres of cooking oil to turn into biodiesel and recycled 500,000 kilos of waste paper back into paper products, which is the equivalent of saving 8,500 trees.

Opus has recently achieved ISO14001 certification for environmental management, offering green travel discounts, a Cycle 2 Work scheme and ensuring printed materials are made from recyclable/sustainable materials and come from environmentally responsible suppliers to encourage positive change.

Concertus is passionate about using sustainable design to reduce its carbon footprint whilst delivering the best engineered solutions for the built environment. Adopting the approach of Fabric First, it is committed to recommend environmentally friendly and sustainable materials, and is currently delivering two Passivhaus certified care homes – Hockliffe Road (one of the first registered Passivhaus care homes in the UK) and Steppingley Road (the largest registered Passivhaus care provision in the UK).

Councillor Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance & Environment for Suffolk County Council, said:

“The county council has the ambitious goal to be Net Zero by 2030 and further countywide aspirations set out in the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan. So it's important that we are actively reviewing all the choices we make across the council and our wholly-owned companies. Vertas, Opus and Concertus are great examples of this, from making seemingly small changes such as swapping out canteen cutlery, to larger infrastructure decisions. But for me, these are perfect examples that every carbon reduction change we make, is a positive one.

“Every decision we make as individuals or businesses will have a positive impact on carbon emissions, energy saving and climate change. Of course, the council and its companies still have work to do, but we're proud of the progress we're making and I thank all staff who are making positive choices, no matter how small.”
The Awards provide an excellent opportunity for individuals, businesses, communities, schools and voluntary organisations to be celebrated for the environmental work they do to combat climate change, or simply for improving the area where they live.

Nominations for the Awards have now closed and the winner will be announced on 12th November. Read more at [The 2021 Suffolk Creating Greenest County Awards \(greensuffolk.org\)](https://www.greensuffolk.org)

88 local leaders come together before COP26 to set ambitious Net Zero targets

On October 21st Suffolk County Council signed up to the NGO UK100's 'Net Zero Pledge'.

There are now 88 cross-party local leaders, representing over half of the UK population and 34,030,804 million people, committed to meeting Net Zero at least five years earlier than the UK government.

In the weeks ahead of COP26, the annual UN climate conference hosted in 2021 by the UK, 23 more council leaders from all four corners of the UK signed up to the NGO UK100's 'Net Zero Pledge'.

The new UK100 members include South Tyneside Council, Suffolk County Council, Portsmouth City Council, East Ayrshire Council and Greater London Authority.

The new commitments, from rural and metro councils alike across the UK, come just over a week before COP26, with Councillor Douglas Reid highlighting the “innovative thinking and practical work” to meet Net Zero in East Ayrshire, Scotland.

Councillor Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council, said:

“Rising to the challenge of climate change has long been a top priority for Suffolk County Council; our Greenest County Awards started back in 2007, we were amongst the first councils to declare a Climate Emergency, and we’ve an ambitious goal to be a net zero authority by 2030.

“In Suffolk, we’re planting hundreds of thousands of trees, rolling out over 100 rural EV charging points, ensuring battery storage and renewable energy generation are a firm part of our estate, installing intelligent LED street lighting, and much more. So I’m delighted to join the UK100’s Net Zero Pledge.

“We know that to address climate change everyone in our society needs to act; whether that’s a local council, a school, community organisation, businesses, or each of us as individuals. We all need to think about the choices we make in our day to day lives. This is why Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have agreed the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, which will help drive a green economic recovery in our county and make sure everyone in our communities can be involved.

“I’m delighted to see so many councils making our environment a clear priority and coming together under the UK100 banner. It’s only by working together locally, nationally, and internationally that we’ll deliver the change that’s needed.”

PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

MPs from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex and County Councillors, unite to protect the countryside and communities from the worst impacts of new pylons and cables

It was announced on October 12th that the Off Shore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) has been set up to review and respond to the Government’s Offshore Network Transmission Review (OTNR).

A new group of MPs from across the region, under the chairmanship of Sir Bernard Jenkin, and including County Councillors from the region, has been set up to ensure that the emerging proposals of the Government’s Offshore Network Transmission Review (OTNR), and proposals to change the Nationally Significant infrastructure Planning regime, are effectively scrutinised.

The Off Shore Electricity Grid Task Force (OffSET) supports the government's commitment to meet the target of Net Zero by 2050, and the aspiration to deliver 40GW of Offshore Wind, by 2030. However, this will result in a succession of electricity generation and connection projects in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, over the coming decades, which will have significant impacts on the environment and communities of the region.

The group believes that these ambitions and targets cannot be met, on an "at any cost" basis. Therefore, the further development of the onshore transmission system, and the connection of offshore wind farms, and interconnectors, will require a new deal for communities and the environment. It remains a key priority that we speed up the Government’s timetable to transition to the offshore transmission system, in order to protect our communities from the damaging effects of multiple cable corridors.

As well as scrutinising and responding to new policies and initiatives, the group will be a contact point for Ministers and senior officials, as well as for the National Grid, Crown Estate, and Ofgem, to engage with Regional Leaders. The group will also be inviting key stakeholders and community groups to meet with them, to better understand the impacts, and opportunities, of Net Zero transmission and generation infrastructure in the region.

OffSET’s mission statement:

“OffSET exists to promote strategic leadership of the development of a coordinated offshore electricity grid, to address the need for increased grid capacity which off-shore wind, coastal new nuclear, and international interconnectors will demand, while standing up for the countryside of East Anglia so that the welcome transition to net zero electricity generation does not do unnecessary damage to our communities or the environment.”

James Cartlidge MP, South Suffolk, said:

“OffSET will play a vital role in ensuring that our region’s voice is heard in the national conversation about how we boost the output of renewable energy. I am proud of the huge contribution that our region is making to reaching our net zero targets, but this cannot come at a disproportionate cost to our beautiful countryside. It is vital that at all times we balance the need to reinforce the electricity grid against minimising detriment to our landscape, e.g. by using undersea cables and undergrounding through sensitive landscapes.”

The Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP, Suffolk Coastal, said:

“Whilst integrating multiple projects is undoubtedly the right thing to do, rather than having separate connections, it’s essential our precious landscapes and communities are protected by placing the infrastructure in the appropriate place, preferably on brownfield land, like Bradwell.”

Richard Rout, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Environment for Suffolk County Council, said:

“The County Council has long stated its support for renewable energy generation and the Government has quite rightly set ambitious targets in this area. However, to deliver on these it is essential that public support is maintained for the necessary transformation of the energy system. This means a much more coordinated approach is needed, with more transmission being delivered offshore. We must also see full engagement with our communities so that they and our unique natural environment are protected.”

Suffolk County Council pledges to take its outstanding Sizewell concerns to the Secretary of State and the Government

As the Sizewell C Examination draws to a close, Suffolk County Council has set out in its final response.

The council has raised a number of important concerns that it now feels must be taken up directly with the Government’s Secretary of State on behalf of the communities of Suffolk.

Throughout the many rounds of consultation and examination of EDF Energy’s plans and proposals for a new nuclear plant on the Suffolk coast under the name SZC Co, the county council has used every opportunity to promote the community’s response, influencing and moving many aspects of the initial proposal into a much more considered proposition.

The latest proposals include a promise of a great deal of new investment from the energy supplier into local infrastructure, upskilling local people and compensating the local economy and environmental impacts that the project would pose if it went ahead.

In its final response, submitted to the Examining Authority on Tuesday 12 October 2021, Suffolk County Council has made its position clear that while much has been achieved during the last 12 months, the additional pylons around the site continue to pose significant blight to the natural landscape and character of the area. This comes after alternative options were rejected by EDF Energy. There remains concern that EDF Energy’s current surface water drainage strategy is not fit for purpose which is very important given the scale of the development. The county council is therefore saying there is still more work to be done.

The council wants to see the removal of the planned Sizewell Link Road after the power station is built to avoid a lasting impact on the environment.

At present, an auxiliary car park used during station maintenance outages is planned for land which is classed as part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at Goose Hill, this would damage natural habitats unnecessarily.

The other area of concern is the design of the planned road crossing through the local Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI). Although the design has moved in the right direction through positive stakeholder discussion, it does not represent the desired ‘Three-Span’ Bridge which the council has pushed for to provide greater protection to local wildlife and natural habitat.

Suffolk County Council’s Deputy Leader, Councillor Richard Rout said:

“As the examination into the proposed Sizewell C development closes, the County Council still has a number of concerns that we feel we must raise at the highest level with the Secretary of State on behalf of the communities we represent. We need to ensure that the mitigation put in place for such a huge development offers the

maximum protection of Suffolk's unique natural environment and our communities. We will continue to put forward a voice for Suffolk.

“Over the last 12 months we have made great progress seeking maximum value for Suffolk. We have secured pledges for investment in the region of £175m, covering environmental protection, highways development, and increasingly delivery in local housing, skills and tourism. We have also secured concessions which would ensure far more of the construction materials required for the development will be delivered by rail and sea, reducing the number of lorries on our rural county's roads.

“However, there remain a number of issues outstanding that we want to see addressed, most notably the blight of the additional pylons at the main site, the unnecessary and damaging outage car park at Goose Hill, and our firm view that the Sizewell Link Road should be removed after construction to prevent lasting damage to the environment. These issues are of such importance to us and to Suffolk that we feel the Secretary of State should consider them when reaching a final decision.

“The County Council and the Suffolk community, in giving such effective evidence as part of the examination, has significantly improved EDF Energy's proposals but we still believe there are areas that should be improved further to make the project the very best it can be, should the Secretary of State approve it.”

Read the county council's response in full on the [Sizewell C nuclear power plant page](#).

EDUCATION

500th independent journey made by young people and adults with SEND

It was announced on October 22nd that students with special educational needs and disabilities have completed more than 500 journeys on public transport after taking part in travel training.

The travel training helps build self-esteem and confidence by supporting young people and adults to use all forms of public transport, or walking routes. Trainers work one-to-one with the students to enable them to travel to their place of education or for work.

Commissioned by Suffolk County Council in 2015, the Independent Travel Training Service is delivered by Essex County Council and has helped more than 500 students across the county.

Rachel Hood, Cabinet member for SEND, Education and Skills at Suffolk County Council, said:

“This travel training is an absolute lifeline for young people and adults.

“It teaches them very practical skills about how to use public transport which will stay with them through adulthood and gives them confidence in their own independence which undoubtedly benefits other aspects of their lives.

“My priority is to ensure all children and young people, including those with SEND, are given the very best start in life. This travel training is vital to achieve this aspiration.”

Tony, 21, has just completed his travel training. He was shown how to get to school on two buses, before being taught another route to get to college and he now uses the bus to meet friends and watch Ipswich Town.

Tony said:

“I have become much more independent and can do it on my own now.

“It means I don't have to rely on my mum for lifts everywhere. I have learnt about road safety, what route to take and how to pay the bus driver.”

Another student, Kelly, 21, said:

“I have learnt how to read a timetable and get on the right bus. I am a lot more confident on the bus now.”

Callum, 21, who has had training since 2017 whilst at school, then when he went to college and recently to his work, said he would recommend the training.

The three students were presented with a certificate by Suffolk County Council Chairman, Councillor Graham Newman, at a ceremony today after completing their training.

WS Training is one of the many establishments that support SEND students and the Travel Training Service in Suffolk. The company offers a diverse study programme including apprenticeships, work experience and employment support. For more information visit: [Home | WS Training](#)

“As we learn to live with COVID-19, it will be actions such as this that prevent COVID from having an even worse impact and, ultimately, holding back our recovery.”

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Category Description	01/04/2021 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2022 Difference
INCOME			
Allotment Rent	198.00	192.00	6.00
Bank Interest	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Precept	20,146.00	20,100.00	46.00
TOTAL INCOME	20,344.00	20,392.00	-48.00
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Audit Fee	200.00	200.00	0.00
Clerk			
Expenses	269.84	500.00	230.16
Income Tax	769.40	0.00	-769.40
Office	0.00	577.00	577.00
Payroll Service	22.50	90.00	67.50
Salary	2,052.00	3,854.00	1,802.00
Soc.Clks	0.00	95.00	95.00
Training	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL Clerk	3,113.74	5,166.00	2,052.26
Clrs. Exp.Train	0.00	300.00	300.00
Data Protection	0.00	40.00	40.00
Hire of Rooms	0.00	250.00	250.00
Insurance	260.68	300.00	39.32
Laser Printer	59.95	200.00	140.05
Parish Meeting	0.00	435.00	435.00
Photocopying	0.00	110.00	110.00
SALC	559.77	550.00	-9.77
Stationery	0.00	100.00	100.00
Website	110.00	100.00	-10.00
TOTAL Administration	4,304.14	7,751.00	3,446.86
New Village Hall			
Grant	819.12	0.00	-819.12
Grant CIL	5,181.20	5,181.00	-0.20
TOTAL New Village Hall	6,000.32	5,181.00	-819.32
Run Costs			
Bus Shelters			
Cleaning	0.00	300.00	300.00
Repairs	86.55	200.00	113.45
TOTAL Bus Shelters	86.55	500.00	413.45
Defibrillator	0.00	250.00	250.00
Highways			
SAVID	0.00	100.00	100.00
Snow Clearing	350.00	0.00	-350.00
Speedwatch	261.07	300.00	38.93
TOTAL Highways	611.07	400.00	-211.07
Local Fighting Fund	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Pks Open Spa			
Allotments	41.51	200.00	158.49
Dog Fido Bins	53.36	0.00	-53.36
Footpaths & Environment	50.00	150.00	100.00
Grundisburgh Baptist Church	195.00	195.00	0.00
Litter Bins	0.00	100.00	100.00
Millennium Meadow	687.69	1,100.00	412.31
Playing Field Play Area Reserve	0.00	250.00	250.00
Playingfield	749.49	900.00	150.51

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Playingfield Play Area	4,000.00	2,500.00	-1,500.00
St.Bots	195.00	195.00	0.00
St.Mary	640.00	640.00	0.00
Village Greens			
Mowing	1,367.00	2,000.00	633.00
Posts & Rails	67.68	300.00	232.32
Stream	0.00	500.00	500.00
Trees	555.00	0.00	-555.00
Xmas Tree	0.00	180.00	180.00
TOTAL Village Greens	1,989.68	2,980.00	990.32
War Memorial	100.95	100.00	-0.95
Wheeled Bin	361.27	100.00	-261.27
TOTAL Pks Open Spa	9,063.95	9,410.00	346.05
TOTAL Run Costs	9,761.57	11,560.00	1,798.43
Section 137			
British Legion	80.00	80.00	0.00
Citizens Advice	50.00	50.00	0.00
CPRE (Suffolk Preservation Soc)	0.00	36.00	36.00
Disability Advice Service	50.00	50.00	0.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance	100.00	100.00	0.00
Lighthouse	25.00	25.00	0.00
Lunch Club	200.00	200.00	0.00
Sflk Accid Resc	100.00	100.00	0.00
St.Botolphs Benefice Magazine	100.00	100.00	0.00
Suffolk Family Carers	50.00	50.00	0.00
SWLT	75.00	75.00	0.00
TOTAL Section 137	830.00	866.00	36.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,896.03	25,358.00	4,461.97
OVERALL TOTAL	-552.03	-4,966.00	4,413.97