

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Council held on the 8th March, 2021

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

This meeting was held in accordance with Local Authorities and Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Participants: - Messrs. S. Barnett, G.Caryer, B.Cook, A.Dunnett, J.Dunnett, D.Higgins, P.Kendall (in the Chair), J.Lapsley, R.Youngman, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs.A.Willetts, District Councillor C Hedgley and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence County Councillor R. Rout

2. Declarations of Interest Mrs.Bignell, Mrs.Willetts, Mr.Cook and Mr.Kendall declared a Local Non-Pecuniary Interest in Village Hall matters. Mr.Youngman declared an Interest in Planning Application DC/21/0701/FUL Land at White House Farm, Stoney Road, Grundisburgh

3. Minutes The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 11th January, 2021 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr.Kendall that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record. 10 members voted for, one member abstained.

Matters arising

Item 19. The Clerk wrote to Rees Edward East Anglia One Project on the 12th January 2021 concerning the poor state of passing places retained after the Project had been completed...

No reply received on the 3rd February. So this message was Emailed to County Councillor Richard Rout for him to forward it to the County Council's Department who can deal with it.

4. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mr.Barnett 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 issue were raised

- Old Forge Stores Forecourt Mrs.Smith had complained that the forecourt hadn't been measured or assessed. This had been carried out and is reported later in the Meeting under Item 10
- Stop Sizewell C Campaign Mr.Herries complained that he had recently came across a report that 45 local parish and town councils had put their name to a letter written to the Secretary of State (Environment) inviting him to personally visit our part of Suffolk to see for himself the impact that the development of Sizewell C will have for us all.

On noticing that our Parish Council was not amongst the councils listed Mr.Herries wrote to the Chairman to ask why. The Chairman's replied that the Parish council had not been alerted and suggested that Mr.Herries might lead a campaign to find out how many residents would support this. Mr.Herries responded that he had raised this question because either by not being 'alert' or by ignoring this, the Parish Council is giving the impression that the Parish Council is not concerned with this issue.

He had several Email exchanges with the Chairman. The Chairman invited Mr.Herries to explain what he discovered had actually happened to the letter.

Mr.Herries explained that he had discovered from Bealings Parish Council that it was Snape Parish Council that wrote to every council in the East Suffolk area inviting them to become involved by adding their names to the said letter. He then contacted the chairman of Snape Parish Council and asked if he had written to the Parish Council. After investigations Snape Parish Council Chairman replied that they had emailed the Parish Council and not had a reply, nor did the email bounce back, so they assumed that the Parish Council was not interested. As a result of Mr.Herries enquiry, they crossed referenced with our village website and discovered that they held an incorrect or outdated email address for our clerk, which explains why this has happened.

Stop Sizewell C Campaign cont...

Councillor David Higgins reminded the Chairman that he had sent him an email which at Mr.Herries request he distributed to all our parish councillors complaining about the way he had been treated by the Chairman during his recent Emails exchange. It was suggested to Mr.Herries that if he wished to make a formal complaint he should write to the Clerk and should consult the Parish Council's Complaints Procedure which is published on the Parish Council's Web Site Home Page/Important Documents. <https://grundisburgh.suffolk.cloud/>

It was agreed that at the next Council Meeting an agenda item will be to debate

(a) whether or not the Parish Council should sign the Stop Sizewell C Campaign's letter to the Secretary of State.

(b) if the Parish Council should join the Campaign

5. County Councillor's Report No report

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

7. Chapel Field development Mrs.Willetts reminded the meeting that the closure date for objections has been extended to the 18th March. This date had been publicised on local social media. No date has been fixed for its determination.

8. Quiet Lanes Mr.Caryer reported.

Following approval of the Quiet Lanes proposal by the Parish Council a formal Notification Order from Suffolk County Council has now been distributed to each occupier on the proposed Quiet Lanes and notices posted in the lanes. Suffolk County Council has also publishing notices in EADT.

The lanes included in the notice are:

- Chapel Road/Chapel Lane/ Meeting Lane/ Half Moon Lane
- Elm Tree Farm Lane/ Gull Lane
- Lower Road/Park Road
- Sandy Lane (Lane between Church and The Green)

Grundisburgh Road (from crossroads with Park Road/Lower Road – Boot Street Great Bealings), will form part of a later wave of lanes as the Parish Council are co-ordinating with Great Bealings Parish Council who have not yet carried out their public consultation.

Copies of the Notification, and a map of the proposed lanes, are available for download from the Parish Council website..

If anyone wishes to comment to Suffolk County Council on the proposal they can

Email George.Firth@suffolk.gov.uk or by post to Disputes, Education & Employment Team, Constantine House, 5 Constantine Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DH.

Comments should be received by the end of 15 March 2021.

The Quiet Lane Project had been very useful in the revision of the Traffic Report in the Parish Council's objections to the proposed Chapel Field development.

9. Meeting Lane Verge No reply had been received from County Council Highways Department for a site visit. The Chairman will provide District Councillor Colin Hedgley with a file of correspondence relating to the efforts the Council has made to restore the verge.

10. Olde Forge Stores Forecourt Mr.Cook reported that DAB's Civil engineer had estimated the cost of restoring the area at £13,210 excluding VAT. This would provide an effective long-term solution and would include part of the driveway leading to Longridge and the Dog carpark.

Mr.Cook, and Mrs.Willetts will visit Mrs.Smith to explain these proposals and to arrange a round table discussion of all interested parties to approve a scheme and how it should be financed.

11. Financial Matters

11.1 Minutes The minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Sub Committee held on the 20th January, 2021 containing the Committee's recommendations and a proposed 2021/2022 budget had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Mr.Youngman proposed seconded by Mr.Kendall, to the approval of those present at that meeting, with the exception of one member who abstained, that the minutes be signed by the Chairman of the Committee as a true record

11.2 Budget 2021/2022 Mr.Kendall proposed seconded by Mr.Barnett that the budget proposed by the Finance Sub Committee be approved by the Council. Passed 10 members voting for. 1 member abstained. The allotment rent will be reviewed at the 10th May meeting.

11.3 2020/2021 Audit Mr.Kendall proposed seconded by Mrs.Bignell, to unanimous approval, 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.

11.4 Payments received since the last meeting

N S & I £152.79 Interest

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

Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£234.00	New Fido Bin – entrance to St.Mary's Churchyard
Mr.R.Fletcher	£160.00	Village Greens Grass Cutting – October 2020
Vertas Group Ltd	£216.72	Playing Field grass cutting
Mr.P.Stebbing	£105.00	Weed killing, clearing and rotavating Plot 17
M.P.Stephenson & Sons	£100.00	Christmas Tree
Mr.R.Fletcher	£80.00	Village Greens Grass Cutting – November
Grundisburgh Luncheon Club	£135.00	Donation – Fish & Chips lunch £82.50 House plants £52.50
Mr.J.Ager	£512.85	Clerk's Salary December 2020 – January 2021
	£47.60	Clerk's Expenses December 2020 – January 2021
	£95.00	Society of Local Council Clerks – 2021 Membership
	£56.20	Allotment Water Charges – Wave

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

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

Information Commissioner	£40.00	Annual renewal
Mr.J.Ager	£89.92	HP Laser Printer Toners (5)
Mrs.J.Bignell	£43.75	Christmas Tree – Gratuities
Tree Fog	£180.00	Removing tree – Allotments
R.J.Isbell & Son (East Anglia) Ltd	£100.00	Allotment Rent 2021
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£64.00	Doggy bags

11.7 Other Payments requiring approval

Mr.J.Ager	£577.00	Clerk's Office Allowance 2020/2021
	£513.05	Clerk's Salary February – March 2021
	£46.30	Clerk's Expenses 13/01/2021 – 27/02/2021
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
East Suffolk Council	£35.00	Quiet Lanes Grundisburgh Leaflet
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£56.40	St.Mary's wheeled bins – emptying
SALC	£27.00	Payroll Service

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

Financial Matters cont...

11.8 Account Balances as at 8th March, 2021.

Business Tracker Account	£62.63
Current Account	£23,678.90
Post Office Investment account	£21,374.50
VAT to claim	<u>£951.51</u>
TOTAL	£46,067.54

11.9 Budget Report Appended to these minutes as Appendix "B". Mr.Dunnett said he considered the expenditure on the Millennium Meadow excessive and that in future all expenditure should be authorised by himself as the Millennium Meadow Warden. He asked the Clerk for s breakdown of the expenditure incurred so far in the 2020/2021 financial year.

11.10 Financial Analysis 2020/2121

Cash in hand 31 March 2020	£37,303.22
Plus Income to date	£24,405.99
Less expenditure 2020/2121 to date	£15,643.18
Less estimated 2020/2021 further expenditure	£8,180.82.
Estimated cash 31 March 2021	£37,885.21
Less estimated earmarked reserves	£15,603.34
Estimated unallocated cash (General Reserve)at 31 March 2021	£22,281.87
Unallocated cash (General Reserve) 31 March 2020	£21,905.88

11.11 Financial Analysis 2021/2022

The Finance Sub Committee's recommended budget

Income	£20,392
Expenditure	<u>£25,258.</u> Includes £5,181.20 CIL grant to New Village Hall
Deficit	£4,866

11.12 Earmarked Reserves

Agreed that £1,500 allocated in the 2020/2021 but not spent be placed in an earmarked reserve

11.13 General Reserve

Estimated General Reserve on the 31 st March 2022	£15,933.87
Target General Reserve 50% Precept	<u>£10,500.00</u>
Estimated Surplus	£5,933.87

11.14 Playing Field Grass Cutting Contract signed with Vertas to continue to cut the Playing Field Grass for the 2021 season starting 1st April 2021 ££758.52 + VAT (2020 £722.35)

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

13. Public Open Forum relating to Item 14 It was proposed by Mr.Kendall seconded by Mr.Cook, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting

Mr.M.Rankin addressed the meeting.....

He understood from the Chairman that councillors had received all correspondence relating to their ongoing engagement about the way the Parish Council Planning Sub Committee deals with domestic planning applications.

His main complaints came under four headings...

- There does not appear to be any guidelines/policies that govern how and when the Parish Council respond to domestic planning applications.
- If the parish council considers objecting to a domestic planning application then Mr.Rankin considered it fair and reasonable that a "site visit" should be undertaken to contribute to the decision with regard to how the Parish Council will respond. Everything should be local - hopefully this wouldn't be a major overhead and would ensure a more informed response.
- He had been told there is a policy in place that the Parish Council Planning Sub Committee will inform neighbours of planning applications to allow them to respond. This has not been his experience and the policy should be clarified.
- There appears to be no policy with regard to contact between the Planning Sub Committee members and neighbours/applicants prior to and during the planning approval process. Without this Mr.Rankin was not clear how there can ever be clarity for either the Parish Council or planning applicants that a fair process has been followed without undue influence.

He understood that the Parish Council do not make planning decisions but it's actions can and do have emotional, social and financial consequences for parishioners.

14. Planning Report

14.1 Planning response policies On return to the formal meeting Councillors debated Mr. Rankin's proposals at length.

Mr.Cook proposed seconded by Mr.Kendall, to unanimous approval, that the Planning Sub Committee should, bearing in mind Mr.Rankin's proposals, re-consider the Planning Application Policies agreed at a full Council Meeting held on the 14th September, 2020 and report their conclusions to the full Council Meeting to be held on the 10th May, 2021.

14.2 Planning Report 8th March 2021 Mrs.Willetts reported.

14.2.1 Applications approved by East Suffolk Council since the last Parish Council meeting

DC/20/4548/FUL Land adjacent to Ipswich Road Grundisburgh.

Erection of new Village Hall with associated external works. Submitted by the parish council.

DC/20/4704/FUL 2 Laurel Cottages Bonds Corner Grundisburgh.

Single storey rear extension following demolition of single storey lean – to.

DC/20/4891/VOC 3 Pine Grove, Lower Road Grundisburgh.

Variation of condition no.5 of DC/20/2660/VOC. Outbuildings repositioning of new dwelling

DC/20/5061/FUL. Boundary Farm, Clopton Road Grundisburgh.

Proposed alterations and rear extension.

14.2.2 Applications refused by East Suffolk since last PC meeting

DC/20/5195/FUL.13 Orchard End Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UA

Erection of single storey outbuilding

14.2.3 Applications awaiting a decision

DC/20/5150/FUL. Valley Barn Otley Road Grundisburgh Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6RX

Change of use from agricultural land to garden associated with Valley Barn

Applications approved by East Suffolk Council since the last Parish Council meeting cont...

DC/203284/FUL & DC/20/3362/FUL. Land to the west of Chapel Road Grundisburgh Chapel Field.

Neither application have been presented to the planning committee of East Suffolk.

Revised plans for 70 homes have been submitted to East Suffolk.

14.2.4 Applications received since the last Parish Council Meeting

DC/21/0073/FUL. Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road Grundisburgh

Installation of 10mX5m inground residential swimming pool, natural paved pool surround

Timber shed for plant equipment

DC/21/0701/FUL Land at White House Farm, Stoney Road, Grundisburgh

Change of use from agricultural to an enclosed dog exercise field. *Sui generis* is Latin for 'of its own kind'. It is a term used to categorise buildings that do not fall within any particular use class for the purposes of **planning** permission. The different use classes are set out in the Town and Country **Planning** (Use Classes) Order 1987

DC/21/0563/FUL Little Pip Ipswich Road Grundisburgh.

Single storey rear extension and alterations including replacement flat roof.

DC/21/0722/LBC Finndale House Woodbridge Road Erection of a freestanding Greenhouse in

DC/21/0721/FUL. the garden of the existing house.

DC/21/0736/PN3 Prior Notification Gull Farm, Gull Lane, Grundisburgh

Change of use of existing agricultural barn to residential use.

15. Village Hall Management Committee Report Mr.Cook reported

New Village Hall Progress Report

- Topsoil strip complete
- Foul water sewer connection in to existing AWA sewer complete and signed off by AWA inspector – Backdrop manhole completed on site ready for connecting up village hall once constructed
- Off-site surface water connection in to existing AWA sewer in Felgate Way complete and signed off by AWA inspector. These are additional works being carried out directly to Hopkins as the lateral connection was never put in as part of the original development
- Surface water attenuation tank has been installed under the car park
- All surface water drain runs and gullies for the car have been installed
- This week we are commencing with subbase formation of the car park with a view to kerbing and asphalt to base course by the end of this month
- Building control drawings by Last & Tricker have been submitted to the Committee for comment and approval. We need to close anything out that affects the structure of the building urgently so that design is frozen and we can press the button on timber frame manufacture off site.
- The plan is to start on building foundations end of this month so it is imperative we get the 'structure' and 'layout' approved to ensure we don't cause any delay to the overall construction of the hall by preventing Flight Timber from putting the building in to fabrication stage now.
- All works are currently running on schedule and despite the recent weather, DAB have remained on programme, which deserves credit, given the site conditions during Feb.
- We have now received grants to the tune of 49k
- We are still on track in moving towards the CIO, awaiting signatures of Felgate Way residents, then timetable for completion can be set
- Many of you will be aware that we are looking to continue fund raising, to help towards green energy sources, in particular PV panels. I would welcome any ideas or advice from members who may have expertise in putting together appropriate letters, posters or notices, that might encourage people to donate towards this very worthwhile component of the new Village Hall

16. Footpaths & Environment Committee Report Mr.Caryer reported.

16.1 Millennium Meadow No formal working parties have taken place due to Covid-19 restrictions.

16.2 Benches Paul Franklin has offered to continue the repair and maintenance of benches in the village. I have accepted his kind offer.

16.3 Allotments As a result of the weight of snow, an ivy covered tree on the edge of the allotments was leaning against the fence and in danger of toppling into a nearby garden. The Clerk contacted the Tree Warden who asked Tree Frog to deal with the problem. This has been done.
A subsequent report has been received of a tree on the Allotments leaning on the Fence of a house in Thompson Close. The Clerk has contacted the Tree warden to carry out a survey.

16.4 Litter Bins Suffolk Norse reported that the 2 open litter bins on the Green were in need of replacement. As the replacement bin suggested has a greater capacity then the current bins, Mr Caryer requested that both damaged bins are removed and 1 new one installed at a total cost of £230 plus VAT which is less that it would cost us to purchase the bin directly from the manufacturer. The bin to be replaced is the one in front of Williams Store. The bin to be removed is on the small triangle of land outside Folly Cottage.

16.5 Village Green Stream Mr.Fletcher has removed silt from the stream.

17. Roads and Transport Committee Report No report

18. To Receive reports from Council Representatives to other organisations No reports.

19. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mr.Barnett 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:

- A Monkey Puzzle Tree has been removed from the front garden of a bungalow in Meeting Lane where a beach hut type building has been erected on the front boundary. East Suffolk Council Enforcement have been informed.
- A request had been made to East Suffolk Council for Tree Preservation Orders to be placed on significant trees bordering Chapel Field and the Playing Field.

20. Items for Next Meeting The condition of the Pond Conservation Area of Lyttleton Meadow. Mr.,Caryer agreed to investigate..

21. Any Other Business

- Mr.Dunnett complained about fly posting in Grundisburgh especially when old tattered posters were not removed, the terrible state of the Dog Green, Meeting Lane verge and the driftway between the Old School and Church.
- 2021 Council Meetings May 10th, July 12th, September 13th, November 8th. The Annual Parish Meeting can be held at any time between 1 March and 30 June.

22. Parish Council Vacancy – closed session

Casual Vacancy - Resignation of Paul Franklin

The period of 14 days within ten electors could give notice claiming an election expired on the 11th February and the vacancy must now be filled by co-option. The Clerk will place posters advertising the vacancy in the Parish Notice Boards and it was planned to fill the vacancy at the next Council Meeting on the 10th May.

Action Summary

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| 3. Clerk | 4. Clerk |
| 9. Chairman | 10. Mr.Cook, and Mrs.Willetts |
| 11.9 Clerk | 14.1 Planning Sub Committee |
| 16.3 Clerk | 16.4 Mr.Caryer |
| 19. Mrs.Willetts | 20 Mr.Caryer |

Appendix “A”

District Councillors Report to Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council

March 2021

Cllr Colin Hedgley

Cllr Tony Fryatt (nearly fully recovered from Covid)

Council Tax

At the full Council meeting of East Suffolk Council on Wednesday evening the Budget for 2021/22 was presented and debated. During that debate the Cabinet Member for Resources paid tribute to all Parish Councils for keeping their precept rises to a minimum. This in turn helped ESC to achieve what many had thought not possible, ie keeping the ESC Council tax rise to 0%. This should help families that are finding budgeting in these desperate times very tight. The voting for the 0% rise was 43 for, 6 against and 1 abstention.

“School lessons”

Many schools have been closed or semi open, which under new covid behaviour likely means less lessons from teachers. Ie lessons at home.

However learning never stops and I just thought it might be a good opportunity to mention the Suffolk Waste Partnership has a designated website on lessons and fun games and ideas on recycling Link :

<http://www.suffolkschoolsrecycling.org.uk/>

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environment-learning-zone/>

Remote meetings

You will all be aware that the provision for remote council meetings, made possible by the Coronavirus legislation, is due to expire in May. The concerns about this have been raised with ministers at every opportunity. The response from Ministers has been that they have heard these concerns ‘loud and clear’, but that they are advised that to extend these remote working provisions will require primary legislation. That in turn has been challenged by others who have gained their own legal advice. The issue rumbles on, but everyone is working hard to get it resolved the provision expires in May

Communities and supporting residents

Our new East (Everyone, Active, Supported Together) Bags are going down really well with our communities. The bags are reusable jute bags with exercise bands and cards, water bottles, handwarmers, flower and veg seeds, soft drinks donated by Adnams, recipe card and ingredients, tea bags and biscuits and a bespoke puzzle book.

They are aimed at 65+ year olds who live alone or are caring for someone else and at risk of loneliness. We have now packed 1,000 but the Communities Team would like your help to pack the second 1,000 so that we can get them out as soon as possible. If you are able to help for half a day during the week beginning 26th February in the Annex at East Suffolk House - there are a range of roles, some not involving lifting, please contact communities@eastsuffolk.gov.uk if you can help.

We have been made aware that the Government is likely to add a further 1.8 million people to the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) list over the next few weeks. This is part of a risk stratification programme that the NHS are undertaking. Just to put this into context, this will almost double the size of the CEV list and is likely to mean an additional 10,000+ East Suffolk residents are classed as CEV.

A total of 82 new Home But Not Alone referrals have been received through Home But Not Alone since Boxing Day when we moved into Tier 4 and then lockdown. A range of outbound calling is continuing, including Keep in Touch calls to those who are isolating.

Environmental Services

Engagement with businesses – HSE/LA Spot Checks Programme

In August 2020 the Food and Safety Team joined an early cohort of local authorities to work with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on a programme of Covid-secure spot checks to ensure businesses were aware of the guidance that applied to them and that they are acting on it.

Spot checks begin with an initial stage 1 contact over the telephone to assess the level of Covid awareness a business has and the control measures in place. For businesses where there are concerns, a follow up stage 2 escalation call is made by the HSE to further assess the concerns and provide information. Businesses that fail stage 2 are passed over to the local authority to carry out a stage 3 follow up visit.

Many of East Suffolk's hospitality businesses, food retailers, care homes, warehouses, taxi offices and close contact services such as beauty salons, hairdressers, and tattooists etc. have been submitted to the programme. The next cohort of businesses, starting next week, are businesses based at the Port of Felixstowe.

The HSE provides findings from the programme to Public Health England and the Cabinet Office and ran a recent campaign aimed at engaging local authorities who are not involved.

HSE has produced specific guidance on how to manage risks associated with the coronavirus on its website including social distancing in the workplace <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/social-distancing/index.htm>.

HSE has also produced a helpful video about the spot check and inspection process <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/regulating-health-and-safety/spot-inspections.htm>.

Grants, funding and business matters

Covid Business Grants

In total, since the launch of a plethora of new business grants in November 2020, ESC has made almost 11,500 payments totalling £23m to businesses struggling due to enforced closure or severe restrictions on trading. Since the beginning of the pandemic the Council has allocated £89.5m of grants. A further lump sum payment totalling £792k was made to 280 businesses who qualify for the Additional Restrictions Grant mirroring the Closed Business Lockdown Payment which recipients of the Local Restrictions Support Grant received in January.

The Finance, Economic Development and Business Solutions team are currently finalising a new one-off payment for businesses in the hospitality sector which will be worth up to £9k, reflecting the severe pressure this sector had faced due to covid trading restrictions.

THE WOMEN'S TOUR POSTPONED

Organisers of the Women's Tour, SweetSpot Group, have announced that the upcoming edition of the race scheduled for 7 to 12 June 2021 will be postponed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. SweetSpot are working with the UCI and British Cycling to re-arrange the Women's Tour for later in 2021 and have requested alternate race dates of Monday 4 to Saturday 9 October* from the sport's governing body.

The Women's Tour, which forms a part of the prestigious UCI Women's WorldTour, will start in Oxfordshire at Bicester and finish with a stage from Haverhill to Felixstowe in Suffolk. SweetSpot are working with all the regional stakeholders in the 2021 Women's Tour to accommodate them within the re-arranged race.

SweetSpot will announced full details of the 2021 route in the summer once alternative dates are confirmed.

Commenting on the announcement Race Director Mick Bennett said, "*We are obviously disappointed to be postponing the Women's Tour from June but hope that by aiming to stage the race in October we can give the teams and public something to look forward to at the tail end of the summer.*"

Cllr James Reeder, Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health and Prevention, said: "*Whilst it is disappointing to hear that the race has been postponed until later in the year, I can completely understand why this decision has been taken by the race organiser SweetSpot.*"

Cllr Letitia Smith, East Suffolk Council's cabinet member for Communities, Tourism and Leisure added: *"We completely support the decision to postpone the Women's Tour until later in the year. This continues to be a challenging time, and it goes without saying that the health and wellbeing of participants, spectators and – of course – people in general remains the number one priority. This will give us something to look forward to, and no doubt all our local communities and businesses will be as supportive and celebratory as ever, if not more."*

Open spaces survey

We are asking residents, businesses and interested parties for their opinions on public open space in the district. Public open space provides opportunities for sport and recreation, socialising, tourism and wildlife, making an important contribution to the health and well-being of communities, ecosystems and economies. East Suffolk has a variety of public open spaces from allotments, to small local play areas and the larger parks.

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160276983074>

Celebrating East Suffolk's best building design

The winners of an annual awards programme which celebrates the best building design and conservation projects in East Suffolk have been announced.

East Suffolk Council's 'Quality of Place Awards' recognise the efforts of people across the district to enhance the quality of the environment, by creating high-quality designs in both the built and natural environment and helping to conserve historic buildings.

Nominations were invited during the summer and the winners, judged on quality of design and detailing, quality of workmanship, use of materials and sustainability, were chosen last month during a series of Covid-secure visits.

Cllr David Ritchie, East Suffolk's cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management said: "As always, we received an incredibly high standard of entries with some extremely impressive builds. The winning schemes reflect both modern building designs and historic conversions that all add to the character of our district and although more difficult to undertake during these challenging times, we are pleased to have been able to safely continue with these awards for another year."

The winners of this year's Quality of Place Awards are:

Design Award - joint winners

- Gainsborough House, Nacton. Architect - Craig Beech, owners - Graham and Nicola Christison.
- Pightle House, Ufford. Architect - Peter Wells Architects Ltd, owners - Simon Read and Ros Conway, designers – Peter Wells and Keith Webber in collaboration with Ros Conway and Simon Read, contractor - Harrison Wildon Ltd.

Design Award - Highly Commended

- CEFAS, Lowestoft. Designed by Maddie Negus at AWW.

Building Conservation Award - Winner

- Wingfield House, Saxmundham. Developers - Skinner & Salter Partnership, architects - Hollins Architects, surveyors - Clive Tanner and Bob Foulkes, contractors - Amma Contractors, civil and structural engineers - Stroud Associates Ltd.

Building Conservation Award – Highly Commended

- Aldeburgh Moot Hall Regeneration Project - nominated by Tony Bone on behalf of Aldeburgh Museum Charitable Trust, architect/designers - Hudson Architects with Sutton Vane (lighting) and Iris Butcher (graphics), digital design and implementation - Heritage Interactive, contractor - Elmwood Projects Ltd and Worsley Woodworking.
- Stanaway Farmhouse, Otley. Architect - Ed Thuell at Whitworth Architects, owners - Felix Thornley Cobbold Agricultural Trust C/O Lacy Scott & Knight, contractors – Rose Builders, quantity surveyor – Richard Sewell, structural engineer/principal designer – Nigel Wilson / Simon Wright at Andrew Firebrace Partnership.

Landscape Award - Winner

- Wilderness Reserve and Heveningham Estates' Team, Sibton Park. Architect - Argus Gatherne Hardy, run by the Wilderness Reserve and Heveningham Estates Team, owners - Jon and Lois Hunt, design team - Kim Wilkie and Argus Hardy, landscaping team - Rob and Rowan Orford – Miles Water, Guy Newton – Heveningham Estate Team.

Community Award – Winner

- Westleton Village Hall. Core consulting - Alex Alexander and Tony Ingram, core fundraising - Alex Alexander; Anne Ingram; Chris Wood; John Bebbington; Maddie Kerry, client procurement facilitator - Tony Ingram DArch Riba AoU, architects - OWL Architects (Simon Smeaton), quantity surveyor - Castons (Peter Dring; Simon Frost; Richard Sewell), historic building analysis - Trevor Garnham, contractors - Vickery Building and Renovation, main contract - Robert Norman.

Community Award – Highly Commended

- St Michael's Church, Beccles (Phase 2). Nomination by John Bailey – Building Committee Member, charity - the Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Michael's and St Luke's Beccles, architect - Philip Orchard from Messrs Whitworth, main contractor - M S Oakes Ltd, Chairman of St. Michael's Building Committee – Phil Filer.

Extra support for East Suffolk businesses

East Suffolk Council has launched a new £2 million business grant scheme for the hospitality sector as it continues to support local businesses through the pandemic. The new Hospitality Payment scheme offers further financial support to hospitality businesses in East Suffolk which continue to be severely impacted by the ongoing restrictions set by the Government in response to Covid-19.

The scheme consists of a one-off payment which will grant £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of under £15,000, £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000 and £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000. Businesses within the hospitality sector which have been identified as being eligible for this scheme should expect to receive an email which will require further action to receive the payment. These businesses fall into the following categories:

- Cafés
- Restaurants
- Coffee bars
- Ice cream parlours
- Public houses
- Public houses with restaurants
- Public houses with bed and breakfast accommodation
- Wedding and conference centres
- Nightclubs
- Social clubs
- Private members clubs

Cllr Craig Rivett, cabinet member for Economic Development said: "This has been an exceptionally tough year for our hospitality sector, and we're committed to help them through this difficult time so they can come out at the other end in the strongest possible position to recover." The Hospitality Payment comes in addition to the Local Restrictions Support Grants (LRSB), which have been available since the national lockdown in November 2020, and the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG), which is available for those businesses who may fall outside the eligibility of the LRSB scheme.

Following the Government's announcement on Monday, 22 February, the Council is also preparing to process the next round of business grant payments for the 44-day period up to 31 March for all eligible businesses. This will result in another £6m in support for businesses in East Suffolk. Eligible businesses which have already received a LRSB payment do not need to do anything to receive the next round of grant payments, as the Council will make the payment automatically.

If your business is eligible for a grant and you have not yet applied for the LRSB scheme, [please apply as soon as possible](#) – and before 31 March which will be the closing date for the initial allocation of the grant schemes

APPENDIX "B"

Budget 2020/2021

01/04/2020 Through 31/03/2021 Using Budget 2 (in Pound)

04/03/2021

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Category Description	01/04/2020 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2021 Difference
INCOME			
Allotment Rent	204.00	192.00	12.00
Bank Interest	152.82	100.00	52.82
CIL payments	4,249.17	0.00	4,249.17
Precept	19,800.00	19,800.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	24,405.99	20,092.00	4,313.99
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Audit Fee	0.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk			
Expenses	370.34	500.00	129.66
Income Tax	513.00	0.00	-513.00
Office	577.00	577.00	0.00
Payroll Service	45.00	90.00	45.00
Salary	3,077.90	3,854.00	776.10
Soc.Clks	95.00	92.00	-3.00
Training	22.50	50.00	27.50
TOTAL Clerk	4,700.74	5,163.00	462.26
Clrs. Exp.Train	0.00	300.00	300.00
Conference calling	125.00	0.00	-125.00
Data Protection	40.00	40.00	0.00
Hire of Rooms	64.00	250.00	186.00
Insurance	260.68	300.00	39.32
Laser Printer	74.93	200.00	125.07
Parish Meeting	0.00	435.00	435.00
Photocopying	0.00	110.00	110.00
SALC	543.78	550.00	6.22
Stationery	0.00	100.00	100.00
Website	110.00	100.00	-10.00
TOTAL Administration	5,919.13	7,748.00	1,828.87
Run Costs			
Bus Shelters			
Cleaning	300.00	300.00	0.00
Repairs	448.00	200.00	-248.00
TOTAL Bus Shelters	748.00	500.00	-248.00
Defibrillator	0.00	250.00	250.00
Highways			
Quiet Lanes	35.00	0.00	-35.00
SAVID	0.00	100.00	100.00
Speedwatch	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Highways	35.00	300.00	265.00
Local Fighting Fund	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Pks Open Spa			
Allotments	503.68	200.00	-303.68
Benches	46.66	0.00	-46.66
Climate change	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Climate change Reserve	0.00	500.00	500.00
Dog Fido Bins	301.67	200.00	-101.67
Football Club	0.00	350.00	350.00
Football Club - lighting	1,050.00	500.00	-550.00
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

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Category Description	01/04/2020 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2021 Difference
Millennium Meadow	805.41	1,100.00	294.59
Old Forge Stores Forecourt Repair	0.00	500.00	500.00
Playing Field Play Area Reserve	0.00	250.00	250.00
Playingfield	541.80	900.00	358.20
Playingfield - repairs	0.00	250.00	250.00
St.Bots	195.00	195.00	0.00
St.Mary	640.00	640.00	0.00
Tennis Club	500.00	500.00	0.00
Village Greens			
Mowing	1,440.00	2,000.00	560.00
Posts & Rails	0.00	300.00	300.00
Stream	880.00	800.00	-80.00
Xmas Tree	143.75	180.00	36.25
TOTAL Village Greens	2,463.75	3,280.00	816.25
War Memorial	188.00	100.00	-88.00
Wheeled Bin	95.08	150.00	54.92
TOTAL Pks Open Spa	7,576.05	11,060.00	3,483.95
Youth Club	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL Run Costs	8,959.05	15,210.00	6,250.95
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	135.00	200.00	65.00
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	765.00	866.00	101.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,643.18	23,824.00	8,180.82
OVERALL TOTAL	8,762.81	-3,732.00	12,494.81