

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes a Meeting of the Council held on the 11th July, 2022
in St.Botolphs Church, Culpho.

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. G.Caryer, B.Cook, A.Dunnett, J.Dunnett, M.Harris, D.Higgins, J.Lapsley, M.Rankin, Dr.E.Hodges, Mrs.A.Willetts (in the chair) and 6 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** Mrs. J. Bignell, District Councillor C.Hedgley
2. **To receive member's declarations of interest** No interests were declared.

3. Minutes -

The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 9th May 2022 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Dr.Hodges .seconded by Mr.M.Harris, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 18th May 2022 had been circulated and were therefore taken as read. It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Dr.Hodges, to unanimous approval, that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

4. To adopt the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct

It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr.Caryer that the Parish Council adopt the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct which had previously been circulated to members. Approved 9 members voting for and one member, Mr.J.Dunnett ,voted against. He said he had recent experience of the existing system which he considered to be flawed. It was noted that there was no appeal system

5. Meeting Lane Verge Mrs.Willetts reported that she had not received a reply from County Councillor Elaine Bryce to a request for clarification on questions arising from her Email dated 18th May giving full details of the scheme. This will be forwarded to members.

6. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr.Caryer, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following issues were raised by members of the public.

- Old Forge Stores Forecourt Before any work can commence of restoring the forecourt the adjacent road will be re-surfaced and the camber and connection with the forecourt surveyed,
- Jubilee Congratulations and thanks were expressed for a spectacularly successful programme of events.
- Lyttleton Meadow The bench is in a very dangerous condition.
- Chapel Field development Mr.Herries read a statement which is appended to these minutes as Appendix "A"
- Public footpaths The importance of landowners responsibility to keep public footpaths open and accessible was stressed,

Public Open Forum cont...

Chapel Field

Mrs. Willetts reported that several villagers and other interested parties had reported to her that Hopkins Homes had placed a Site Access Sign on the fence on Chapel Road.

An Email sent to Mr. Christopher Smith of Hopkins Homes by a resident received the following reply,

Dear Mr Dow,

Thank you for your email below.

The gate in question is in place for the necessary future construction of the private driveway to serve the dwellings proposed to Plots 53 & 54, together with the associated servicing/utility works.

It is not the site entrance - as you indicate, through the Construction Management Plan for the site, all suppliers and contractors are clearly made aware of this.

Kind Regards,

C Smith

Mrs. Willetts commented that this is not what it said on the Fence. It said "Site Entrance" so she sent the following response .

Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your Email. Your Construction Management Plan states that "The access is via Park Road. We will advise contractors and suppliers to turn right out of the site and not to use Lower Road nor Chapel Road."

I realise that a gate on Chapel Road may be needed at some future date for the construction of the 2 plots, but according to your Construction Management plan at no time will there be another site entrance to the development.

The signing on your fencing has generated extreme concern within the community only adding to the existing concerned about the impact your large development will have on the village. To have a sign marked Site Entrance on the narrow Chapel Road/Meeting Lane, which is also an entrance to our village primary school, may I suggest is not a constructive start to your relationship with our Community. It would be beneficial to have the sign removed.

Regards

*Ann Willetts
Chairman Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council*

The sign has since been removed.

7. Allotments The following report from Mr.Herries Allotment Holders Group had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The plumber, who is installing the new water facilities at the bottom and top of the allotment site, has confirmed that the trench to take a pipe to the top of the site is to be dug on July 29th. The rest of the work will be completed shortly after that. He anticipates that the new water facilities will be in place by mid-August.

Nearly all the plots are now taken. Some plot holders have given up their plots to make way for new plot holders.

Plot no 9 is the plot that is most in need of attention, and the tenant of the plot has given up half of his plot, with the promise of bringing his half up to a decent and standard and condition. Barry Garrod was recently employed to clear this plot as much as possible with his strimmer, but the top half which is still vacant needs more substantial work to make it manageable.

Mr.Herries has offered the top half plot to several people on the waiting list but to date all have declined. He is hoping that someone who is prepared to put in a great deal of work to get it back into shape will eventually take it on.

The top plot (18) remains vacant as a decision for that plot is still to be made. So apart from plot 18 there is only plot 9b to fill.

Once all plot holders have signed the new tenancy agreement, they must understand that plots must be maintained to an agreed standard. An agreed period is stated for plots to be improved and if that is not adhered to the plot will be reallocated. The informal allotment group will be responsible for informing the parish clerk if a plot is being neglected.

Mr.Herries suggests that occasional meetings for the group will be beneficial and productive as recent meetings have proved very much to be the case.

The atmosphere across the site is positive and happy, and Mr.Herries believes that the improved facilities for watering is going to make a huge difference.

The extremely dry conditions and watering at present is proving to be very difficult and labour intensive, this has a hugely negative impact on the success of growing vegetables which is of course what having an allotment is all about.

Mr.Herries thanked the parish council ad especially Judith Bignell and John Ager for the support given to us on the site over the past 7 months.

8. Old Forge Stores Forecourt The resurfacing of the adjacent roadway is awaited before any further progress can be made.

9. Queens Platinum Jubilee 2 – 5 June 2022 Mrs.Willetts read the following statement.

I received several letters of thanks from villagers for the programme of events the Parish Council sponsored for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

I would like to have thanks minuted to those who gave of their time and skills to help make the unique occasion so memorable.

To Keith Burch who began the Jubilee for Grundisburgh by taking part in the 588mile Festival of Suffolk Torch Relay in a rickshaw and carrying the torch up Meeting Lane, Chapel Road and Lower Road magnificently. Pat, Robert Fletcher and the flower Arrangers of St Mary's for the beautiful floral presentation of the Queen's wardrobe.

Phil Dykes for agreeing to be our resplendent Town Crier and Judith Bignell for her tenacity in finding the magnificent costume and Christine Dennis for the loan of a bell..

The group of people using their varied talents to make the street party such a success for the platinum generation. Hilary & Trevor Hill, Elaine Gosnal, Chris Garnham, and the Lunch Club.

Anne & John Ledgley, Yvonne Dunn, and Jenny Taylor who made the savouries.

Heather Langdon who made the cakes. Sue Goode and friends who led the singing and Peter Kendall who arranged the Coronation Film.

The Scouts, under the leadership of Stuart Ross, for the unbelievable Campfire over the stream and public participation entertainment on the Village Green, the heart of the village.

To Colin Grimwood and helpers for the children's games and team competitions on the Playing Field.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2 – 5 June 2022 cont...

To the Events group of the Village Hall for showing just what a talented village we live in, and how lucky we are to have such a wonderful venue to show off all those talents.

Songs of Praise was moved into church as the weather turned chilly. Thanks to Rev Katrina Dykes and organist John Cooper for leading the singing of the 8 hymns chosen by villagers born in each decade of the Queens reign.

The Barbeque was expertly managed by Trevor & Hilary Hill.

Thanks to all the Councillors who acted as stewards

The biggest thanks must go to John Richards and his experienced team who produced a beautiful and safe display of fireworks fit for a Queen.

Finally the biggest thanks of all go to all the villagers who supported all the events so enthusiastically. .

Mrs.Willetts proposed seconded by Mr.Caryer, to unanimous approval that £1,600 be set aside in the 2022/2023 Budget for expenses associated with Jubilee celebrations.

Financial Statement Appendix "B"

10 Planning Report Mrs.Willetts reported

10.1 Applications approved by East Suffolk Council since last Parish Council meeting

DC/22/1284/FUL 28 Stoney Road. Demolition of existing single storey side building erection of new side extension.

DC/22/1737/TCA. Old Rectory East Woodbridge Road Grundisburgh T1 Sycamore dismantle to stump level after storm damage to the neighbouring tree, which fell, exposing rotten buttress roots on young stemmed sycamore.

DC/22/1896/TCA 1 Half Moon Cottages Half Moon Lane Grundisburgh. Spruce - Fell

DC/21/5609/FUL. DC/21/5610/LBC Purbrook House The Green Grundisburgh . Conversion of the existing butcher's shop to residential annexe. Conversion of the existing rear utility room, wc, hall and butchers' store room to create an open plan kitchen and dining room, including repositioning of wc. Formation of snug and boot room. Alterations to existing ensuite bathroom and wardrobes. Replacement of existing sliding sash windows to front elevation, including the butchers' shop window, and side window to first floor hideaway.

10.2 Applications received by East Suffolk Council since last Parish Council meeting.

DC/22/2120/TPO 19 Thomas Walls Close Grundisburgh. A1 of TPO no.29/1987

1no. Sycamore (T002 on plan) remove the 4 lowest branches and laterally reduce mid crown by 2 metres over 19 Thomas Walls Close

DC/22/2279/TCA 2 Saddlers Meadow Grundisburgh 1no. Hornbeam (T1 on plan) – fell

DC/22/1609/OUT Land off Cranworth Close, Grundisburgh Construction of up to six dwellings (Class C3), provision of parking, hard and soft landscaping, access, open space and other associated works.

An Extraordinary meeting of Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council was held on May 18th 2022 to discuss the above application. 18 members of the public were present.

Members of the public were invited to comment on the proposals produced by Flagship Housing Assn. All were residents of Cranworth Close, all objected to the reducing of accessible parking provision on the site. Whilst the addition of more affordable houses was welcomed doubts were expressed as to whether adequate provision had been made for vehicle parking.

It was considered that the plans would result in less vehicle manoeuvrability in the area. The community area as planned was felt to be unnecessary as all the existing properties had gardens. The land would be better used to provide parking and adequate footpath provision for the existing residents of the bungalows.

Infill development can have the potential to harm the character of a streetscape if not carefully designed or if it takes place on unsuitable sites such as those which are too small.

The Parish Council considers that site A in the Design & Access statement could accommodate 2, 3bed dwellings with parking for 2 vehicles to the side of the properties. That would avoid the total garden area to the front of the properties being used as a car park.

Planning Report DC/22/1609/OUT Land off Cranworth Close cont...

The northern site B in the Design & Access statement could accommodate 2,2bed dwellings with parking for 2 vehicles to the side of the properties and could also provide a dedicated parking space for no 9 thereby avoiding the need for the space on the access to Site B

The proposed infill development would then be supported by Policy SCLP5.7: which states

- a) The scale, design and materials would not result in harm to the street scene or character of the area.
- b) The proposal is well related in scale and design to adjacent properties, including the design of curtilage areas, parking and access, and incorporates landscaping where appropriate to mitigate any potential impacts or to enhance the appearance of the site.
- c) There would not be significant harm to residential amenity of occupants of either the existing or proposed dwellings.
- d) Existing and proposed dwellings have sufficient curtilage space.

The Parish Council objects to the proposals to create a communal green area in the centre of the site. It is unnecessary as the Village Green; the centre of our village community, is very close to the site. It is suggested by the existing residents and the Parish Council that this area should be redesigned to create more parking for the residents of the bungalows and adjoining houses. Dropped kerbs should be provided to all suitable properties to reduce on street parking and assist in access for emergency vehicles to the entrance of the footpath linking Cranworth Close to The Driftway.

Suffolk County Council Highways have commented *It has not been demonstrated that the development would not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would not be severe, contrary to Paragraph 111 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2021. Therefore, Suffolk County Council as Local Highway Authority hereby recommends a Holding Objection is upheld until further consideration*

The full list of Highways objections can be found on ESC planning website.

DC/22/2194/FUL. Gable House, Rose Hill, Grundisburgh. Replacement porch structure & proposed single storey rear extension, together with provision of attic trusses forming accommodation over existing garage structure. Proposed pitched roof over existing flat roof addition to side of dwelling. Proposed pathway / steps forming new pedestrian access from Rose Hill.

10.3 Applications still outstanding.

DC/22/1146/FUL. Land Adjacent To 3 Pine Grove Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UL Construction of detached bungalow. Objections sent :

DC/22/1615/FUL 23 Stoney Road Grundisburgh. Proposed single storey rear extension.

11. District Councillor's Report Appendix "C"

12. County Councillor's Report No report

13. East Suffolk Community Partnerships Community Partnerships brings ideas to life by working together on local priorities. Eight Community Partnerships operate across East Suffolk, based on natural groupings of communities and using the East Suffolk Council ward boundaries as the 'building blocks for each area.

Grundisburgh is an active member of the Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership

14. Financial Matters

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

Mr.J.Ager	£577.00	Office Allowance 2021-2022
Suffolk Cloud	£120.00	Web Site Hosting 2022/2023
St.Mary's Church PCC	£20.00	Photocopying – Annual Parish Meeting
Mr.R.Fletcher	£105.00	Village Greens grass mowing
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£57.82	Emptying St Mary's wheeled bins
Vertas Group Ltd	£242.59	Playing Field grass cutting 01/01/2022-31/03/2022
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£63.98	Dog waste bags
Grundisburgh Village Hall	£85.00	Hall Hire - Annual Parish Meeting
Mr.J.Ager	£513.05	Clerk's Salary April/May 2022
	£109.05	Clerk's Expenses
	£19.72	Mailing Labels
	£270.00	Skip Hire - Allotments
SALC	£561.58	2022/2023 Membership
BSEVC	£50.00	Donation
Citizens Advice Bureau	£100.00	Donation
Disability Advice Service	£100.00	Donation
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation
Freshstart	£50.00	Donation
Headway	£50.00	Donation
Lighthouse Woman's Aid	£100.00	Donation
Lunch Club	£200.00	Donation
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£100.00	Donation
Starlight	£50.00	Donation
St.Elizabeth's Hospice	£50.00	Donation
Suffolk Family Carers	£100.00	Donation
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	£100.00	Donation
Youth Club	£600.00	Grant
St.Botolph's PCC	£195.00	Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard
	£100.00	Grant Benefice Magazine
St.Mary's PCC	£640.00	Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard
	£66.10	Jubilee Leaflet printing
	£20.00	Use of church 14 March & 9 May
Grundisburgh Baptist Church	£195.00	Grant towards cost of maintaining church yard

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

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

St.Mary's Church PCC	£300.00	Donation from Lucy Nightingale & Paul Garwood To the Mothers & Toddlers Group
Mr.R.Fletcher	£185.00	Village Greens grass mowing
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£199.68	St.Mary's Trade Waste Agreement
HM Revenue & Customs	£128.20	Income Tax
SAVID	£50.00	Annual subscription
Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	£32.84	Allotment water charges
Mr.R.Fletcher	£270.00	Village Green Grass Mowing May
Grundisburgh PCC	£100.00	Jubilee Flower Festival
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£59.54	Emptying St Mary's wheeled bins
R.J.Isbell & Son (East Anglia) Ltd	£200.00	Allotment Rent 2021/2022 BACS payment

14.3 Other payments requiring approval

Mr.J.Ager	£1,000.00	Jubilee Fireworks
	£189.54	A Frame Notice Board
	£513.05	Clerk's Salary June/July
	£64.62	Clerk's Expenses
HM Revenue & Customs	£128.20	Income Tax
NALC	£60.00	Foundation Award –accreditation fee
Realise Futures CIC	£612.24	New Bench donated by Grundisburgh Baptist Church
Veritas Group Ltd	£242.59	Playing Field grass cutting 01/07/2022-30/09/2022
Mr.R.Fletcher	£120.00	Village Green grass mowing

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

14.3 Payments received since the last meeting

Grundisburgh Baptist Church	£510.20	Rose Hill replacement bench
Suffolk County Council	£200.00	Snow Clearing 2021/2022

This is a retrospective payment for snow clearing carried out by Rodney Pryke and paid for by the Parish Council.

14.4 Letters of thanks received

BSEVC	Citizens Advice
Disability Advice Service	East Anglian Air Ambulance
Freshstart	Grundisburgh Baptist Church
Grundisburgh Youth Club	Lunch Club
Lighthouse	Starlight
St. Elizabeth's Hospice	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
Suffolk Family Carers	Suffolk Wildlife Trust

14.5 Account Balances as at 11th July, 2022

Business Tracker Account	£62.63
Current Account	£23,664.20
Post Office Investment account	£21,376.64
VAT to claim	£546.20
TOTAL	£45,649.67

14.6 Budget Report Appendix "D"

15. Roads & Transport Report Mr.Caryer reported

15.1 Highways Issues Update

A meeting of the Roads and Transport Subcommittee was held on 23rd May 2022 and circulated to Council members on 30th May 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for 9th August at 1900 in the Parish Rooms.

Parking on Pavements

A resident reported the issue of parking on pavements. In the case reported, vehicles were blocking pavements on either side of Gurdon Road.

Mr.Caryer checked with police who reported "Parking partly or fully on the pavement is not an offence in its own right, but Police do still deal with causing an unnecessary obstruction, this can be reported by using <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

He responded to the resident with this information and stated that "I will ask the Parish Council to put out a message reminding people not to unreasonably block pavements".

Proposal – it is proposed that the Parish Council puts out a message (i.e. via Grundisburgh Google and Grundisburgh News) reminding people not to unreasonably block pavements".

Roads & Transport Report cont...

Lower Road

As actioned at the Roads and Transport Sub-committee meeting, Mr.Caryer contacted people who had responded to previous requests for input requesting photos and volunteers to participate in a traffic survey. Sample photos are attached..

Issue Responses indicate that the issue of large HGVs is not the only problem that residents would like to see resolved and that the high number of motor vehicles using Lower Road is as important to residents. Councillors suggested that a one way system could be imposed although there is a danger that this may encourage speeding. Access only was also advocated.

Speedwatch/SID

Speedwatch activities continue. The shared SID was deployed in Grundisburgh for 4 weeks from 1st June. Mr.Caryer participated in a phone interview with a research company supporting the SCC ANPR SID trial.

Quiet Lanes

Installation of remaining Quiet Lane signs in Grundisburgh have been completed.

B.1079 Woodbridge Road – Police Traffic Survey

A police traffic recording device was mounted on the SID post outside Hill House. Please see below information from police on the results of the survey.

“I will give you some details now, but if you want the full data from the SDR I deployed you will need to submit a Freedom Of Information (FOI) request to the FOI Department via the Suffolk Constabulary web site, quoting SDR Site No 2571 deployed 6th to 13th May 2022 at B1079 Grundisburgh, Woodbridge Road outside Hill House.

Total traffic volume was 30490 vehicles with the slightly larger portion of 15980 vehicles travelling from the village centre towards Woodbridge. Of that figure 13050 (81.7%) of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit, i.e. at 31mph or above, and of those 7765 (48.6%) were travelling at a prosecutable speed of 35mph or above. From Woodbridge 14510 vehicles travelled towards the village of which 7450 (51.3%) were exceeding the limit, of which 3255 (22.4%) were at a prosecutable speed. Average speeds were 34.7mph from village centre and 31.2mph from Woodbridge. The enforcement site set up is towards the higher end of our green category sites with the aim to be visiting the site a minimum of once every six weeks. I appreciate this is not much but logistically with over 400 active enforcement sites across the County it is all our team can do.

The local Safer Neighbourhood Team and Community Engagement Officer have been made aware of the data and our forthcoming site and hopefully will be able to do some enforcement too.

Currently the new site enforcement by our team cannot commence until all the terminal 30mph signs at the start of the limit from each direction have had the foliage cleared round them and ahead of them to give good visibility of them to drivers. Since the SCC do not appear to do much of this, or any at all now it will have to wait for me to get an opportunity to do it which certainly will not happen for at least three weeks due to a full week involved in SDR collections and processing, followed by two weeks annual leave. It is quite time consuming when I do get round to do it having to deploy signs and cones for safety reasons prior to the clearance work. “

Action Taken

A Freedom of information request has been submitted for full data.

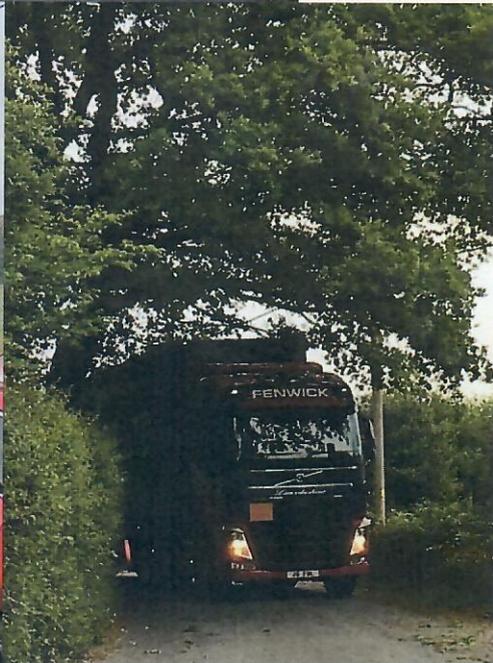
The partially obscured 30mph sign has been reported to SCC and should be dealt with within 20 working days.

Orchard End

An article was published in the East Anglian Daily Times of the 11th May. A resident of Orchard End is calling for Suffolk County Council to paint single yellow lines to stop motorists parking in the road, especially during picking up and dropping off times for nearby Grundisburgh Primary School.

A spokesperson for Suffolk County Council said there was no funding available to install lines or put restrictions in the street, while any obstructions in the road should be reported to the police.

It was noted that the school regularly reminds parents to park sensibly.



16. Footpaths & Conservation Report Mr. Caryer reported
Footpaths and Conservation Update

A meeting of the Footpaths and Conservation Subcommittee was held on 6th June 2022 and circulated to council members on 2nd July 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for 5th September at 1900 in the Parish Rooms.

Benches

Mr. Collin Grimwood, on behalf of the Baptist Chapel has had the bench in Rose Hill at the end of Alice Driver Road replaced. The new bench has the inscription - Jesus said "Come to me and rest" Baptist Chapel 1798 - 2022.

Proposal to create a Wild Space on the verge next to New Village Hall

Currently awaiting confirmation of ownership before proceeding to seek views on creating a wild space.

River Water Testing

Testing of samples from the River Lark, as it crosses the B.1079 near Finndale House/Cottage and the stream as it crosses The Green have shown varying levels of E.coli some of which government recommendations class as "Poor".

Advice from a doctor is "hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser, particularly before eating, should be enough to keep everyone safe".

The scouts were advised of the issue prior to the Duck Race but had already planned numerous hand sanitiser stations.

Issue: What action do we need to take to inform the public of the problem, especially on The Green?

Woodbridge town council have erected a sign on Kingston Field Stream, however levels of E.coli are about double the maximum readings in Grundisburgh. Great Bealings are reviewing their options.

17. To receive reports from Council representatives to village organisations

Parish Rooms Mr. Allen Dunnett reported that quotations are being sought for the replacement of the first floor large window. The long-term future of the Parish Rooms is being discussed.

18. Public Open Forum

It was proposed by Mrs. Willetts seconded by Mr. Caryer, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following issues were raised.

- Lower Road A Lower Road resident said that to make the road "One Way" would be terrifying and asked that a Lower Road resident be invited to attend the next meeting of the Roads & Transport Meeting.
- Scouts Vandalism of the Scout Hut is a continuing problem and Mrs. Ross asked that any suspicious activity in the area should be reported. The Duck Race was a very successful event. Next years Race will be held on the 23rd June 2023.

19. Items for next meeting No items were suggested.

20 Any other business

Council Meetings

2022 12 September, 14 November

2023 9 January, 13 March, 8 May, 10 July, 11 September, 13 November

All meetings will be held in the Parish Rooms starting at 7.00pm except the July meeting which will be held in St. Botolphs Church, Culpho.

Appendix "A"

Chapel Field Development

Report to a Meeting of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council held on the 11th July, 2022

Firstly, on behalf of the Grundisburgh Action Group I would like to thank all the amazing residents who so courageously attended and spoke so magnificently at the public enquiry for the Hopkins Homes Chapel Field proposed development.

This development was opposed by a large majority of residents in the village who did so for solid and clear reasons.

It was clear that most were not opposed to more housing i.e simple nimbyism.

Our concerns remain that the location is totally inappropriate, with restricted access from all directions, that we do not and will not have the infrastructure in place to cope with the inevitable increase of population and traffic, and the type of housing proposed is not going to be sustainable and will not provide for our needs.

We understand that the only true beneficiaries with this development will be the landowner and the developer.

Our community is now left with a long list of unanswered questions, and if we write to any of the authorities involved, we do not get answers, and in some cases do not even receive replies.

We have and continue to be treated with utter contempt.

Two immediate examples are as follows.

1. Last week a notice was placed on the security fence that now surround Chapel Field on Chapel Lane. The notice read....Site Entrance. Several of us including Ann Willets emailed Christopher Smith at HH to point out that a site entrance cannot be allowed at this location.

It was explained that access at that point will be required later to transport necessary infrastructure etc to the three houses that will be built at that point. The notice was then removed. Many of us are firmly of the view that that location will not be safe as a site entrance at any time, and therefore our concerns have not been addressed.

2. We were informed by Suffolk County Council that following the discovery of important items on that site a large archaeological dig and that a number in excess of 100 trenches would need to be dug for further investigations and that it would take several weeks to complete. To our knowledge no such dig has taken place.

Again, several of us made enquiries questioning when the dig will take place and we were informed that the dig was completed last May.

The site is now surrounded by security fencing, and it is clear to us that there is no intention for that dig to take place.

This is yet another clear indication of the contempt that the authorities now have for our community.

The final planning committee meeting was the clearest example of what I can only describe as ethical corruption.

The previous committee meeting which rejected the application pending an independent review was made up of 9 members and the vote was 4 in favour and 5 against.

The final meeting was one member short, and the vote was 4 in favour and 4 against.

Immediately after the vote was declared the chairman was suddenly removed from the room.

A short while later she returned to announce that she had added her vote in favour and the application was passed.

She then apologised to the people of Grundisburgh.

Ever since, we have been asking why the ninth member was absent, and why the absentee was not replaced by another qualified member.

What happened when the chairman left the room?

We know for a fact there was another member who turned up but was not admitted, and that member would have voted against the proposal, as would have the absentee had she been present.

Just one vote that would have resulted in the rejection of this inappropriate and damaging development that hardly anyone in our community wants.

We also would like to know what the chairman was apologising for?
From our perspective this was a total stitch up. In other words, we have been had!

Put this image into your minds for a moment.

A field on the outside of a beautiful Suffolk village surrounded by narrow unclassified lanes with a burgeoning crop of rape.

Supermarket shelves that should be stocking vegetable oil...empty.

The whole crop in the field suddenly destroyed, and the field surrounded by security fencing for the preparation of a huge development that the majority of people in the village clearly and loudly do not want.

We know that traffic levels that are already far too high will become impossible to deal with.

We know this will cause more pollution and congestion, and possibly accidents.

We know that our doctor's surgery is full and ditto for other surgeries in the district.

We know that our school is full and ditto for all the surrounding schools in the district.

We know that this development is not going to provide enough affordable housing for our young and older folks who need it so desperately.

Many of our young people cannot afford to stay.

We know that adequate affordable and reliable public transport is not in place.

We know that we have been lied to and manipulated by the authorities and developers, and we know that this will carry on happening everywhere until our beautiful county is no longer recognisable and our culture disappeared for ever.

In my opinion, this is not a time to give up.

This is a time to get up and fight.

But it cannot be done in isolation.

We have learned here in the village that despite endless campaigning and work we are helpless against the juggernauts and dinosaurs that control our councils.

Surely now all the parish councils and action groups across our county need to unite and stand up against this ethical corruption.

I am making an appeal now for the fight to begin.

Rupert Herries

Appendix "B"

Parish Council Platinum Jubilee Accounts, 2nd - 5th June 2022

Tickets sold for Street Party & BBQ		421:00
Hire of Costume for Town Crier. JBP	30:00	
Bunting and Balloons. JBP	4:00	
Platinum Tea Party.		
Cakes HL	85:50	
Sandwiches A&JL	140:51	
Songs of Praise service sheets printing	9:22	
Bar B Q H&TH	<u>120:50</u>	
		<u>389:73</u>
	Cash in Hand	<u>31:27</u>
Other costs to Parish Council		
Printing Platinum Jubilee Programme	66:10	
Less cheque to St Marys	<u>--66:10</u>	
Grant to Church Flower Festival	100:00	
Grant paid	<u>--100:00</u>	-
Scouts' costs for Campfire over Stream	103:27	
Fireworks + VAT*	<u>1000:00.</u>	<u>1103:27</u>
Net remaining costs to be paid by Parish Council		<u>1072:00</u>

*NB VAT on the fireworks is £166:67 which will be recoverable by the Parish Council.

Appendix “C”

District Councillors Report to Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council For July 2022

Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward.

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

From District Councillor
Cllr Colin Hedgley

Chapel Field

I am in continual communication with your Parish Council Chairman regarding Chapel Field. Just because the application has been passed does not mean we have to lay down and have our tummies tickled. We must keep a sharp eye open on everything that goes on during construction phase. In this way we can get the best for Grundisburgh.

East Suffolk beaches among the best

Our beautiful beaches have once again received national awards, ranking them among the best in the country. Four of East Suffolk’s beaches have been awarded Blue Flags and Seaside Awards this year. Both Felixstowe (Felixstowe South and Pier) and Southwold (Southwold Pier) have received combined Seaside Awards and Blue Flags, while the beaches at Lowestoft South of Claremont Pier (bathing/resort) and Kessingland (non-bathing) received Seaside Awards. Eighty beaches met the high standard required for a Blue Flag across the country, while 128 beaches received Seaside Awards, and 57 beaches are proudly displaying both Blue Flag and Seaside Awards. This is the third consecutive year in which Felixstowe has received the Blue Flag, while it comes as a welcome return to Southwold, which was last awarded a Blue Flag in 2018.

Another step towards environmental aims with dedicated officer role appointment

This Council has stepped up its commitment to delivering on environmental ambitions by appointing a dedicated lead officer to help shape policy in the fight against climate change. The new Environment and Climate Change Lead Officer will be responsible for advising the Council on environmental strategies, policies and initiatives, and their contribution to national, regional and local goals. Acting as a champion for environmental issues, the Lead Officer will also raise awareness of the impact of emerging environmental issues and the difference the Council can make.

In January, ESC demonstrated its commitment to delivering against its environmental ambitions by approving the additional funding required for the new post.

The Council has now confirmed the appointment of Paul Mackie – bringing with him more than 15 years of experience in the environment sector to this important new role.

Paul spent seven years working with East Suffolk Council as part of Coastal Partnership East, raising more than £75million of investment for projects to help make our coastal communities resilient to climate change.

As well as advising colleagues and partner organisations on the Council’s Strategic Plan objectives, strategies and associated work concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation, Paul will work closely with Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor James Mallinder.

Helping to deliver affordable homes in East Suffolk

A new planning document has been adopted to help guide the development of affordable homes being delivered across the district.

This Council has adopted a new Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which provides guidance to support the implementation of planning policies on affordable housing.

The new document includes guidance on the design of affordable housing, legal agreements and carrying out local housing needs assessments. It will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications going forward.

View the Affordable Housing SPD, and supporting documents, including the Consultation Statement and the Adoption Notice.

Physical copies of the documents are also available at ESC's Customer Service Centres and at all libraries in the district.

Unlocking potential with apprenticeships

This Council has once again opened applications for its apprenticeship scheme, offering a fantastic opportunity to gain real life work experience, new skills and qualifications while also being paid.

This year, the successful scheme, which has seen over 80% of apprentices stay beyond their apprenticeship, has eight exciting opportunities available in a number of teams, including ICT, Customer Services, HR, Food Safety, Communities and Assets.

Applications can be submitted at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/apprenticeships until Sunday 12 June and successful applicants start in September.

Housing improvement programme making progress

ESC is making progress with a detailed improvement programme following the authority's decision earlier this year to report itself to the Regulator for Social Housing.

The Council's review, which encompasses information dating back to East Suffolk's predecessor authority Waveney District Council, is considering how we set our rental charges, to ensure we meet the requirements set out in the nationally recognised 'Rent Standard'.

The Council previously explained that some tenants, who moved in after 2014, may have been incorrectly charged a higher rent. An independent, external audit of every rent account is now underway, and this will identify which tenants have been affected and calculate any overpayments that should be credited back to the rent account.

The review is also looking at all aspects of Health and Safety related to our properties, including Fire Risk Assessments, Asbestos Management, Water Safety, Gas and Electrical Safety as well as the management and maintenance of equipment including Lifts and Stairlifts.

Following the Council's decision to report itself, the Regulator has considered the information provided to them by East Suffolk and has now shared its findings. As anticipated, they confirm breaches of Housing Regulations, and their findings have been published in the form of a [Regulatory Notice](#).

The Regulator for Social Housing acknowledged that the Council acted in an appropriate manner, understands the issues fully, has taken appropriate advice and has developed a detailed plan to address all issues in a timely fashion.

Surveys and consultations

- ESC are currently running a number of consultations and as always, 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. Please check the ESC website for more information.
- **Draft Housing in Clusters and Small Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Supplementary Planning Document**

Providing further guidance on the development of small scale housing, of up to five dwellings, in the countryside. The consultation is open until Friday 5 August at

https://eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/Draft_Housing_Clusters_SPD/consultationHome

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Category Description	01/04/2022 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2023 Difference
INCOME			
Allotment Rent	0.00	400.00	-400.00
Bank Interest	0.00	100.00	-100.00
CIL payments	127.57	0.00	127.57
Donations	510.20	0.00	510.20
Precept	10,500.00	21,000.00	-10,500.00
Snow Clearing	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,337.77	21,500.00	-10,162.23
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Audit Fee	0.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk			
Expenses	173.67	500.00	326.33
Income Tax	512.80	0.00	-512.80
Office	0.00	577.00	577.00
Payroll Service	0.00	90.00	90.00
Salary	1,026.10	3,854.00	2,827.90
Soc.Clks	0.00	95.00	95.00
Training	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL Clerk	1,712.57	5,166.00	3,453.43
Clrs. Exp.Train	0.00	300.00	300.00
Conference calling	0.00	100.00	100.00
Data Protection	0.00	40.00	40.00
Hire of Rooms	20.00	400.00	380.00
Insurance	0.00	300.00	300.00
Laser Printer	0.00	200.00	200.00
Local Council Award Scheme	60.00	0.00	-60.00
Parish Meeting	85.00	500.00	415.00
Photocopying	20.00	110.00	90.00
SALC	561.58	580.00	18.42
Stationery	19.72	100.00	80.28
Website	0.00	110.00	110.00
TOTAL Administration	2,478.87	8,106.00	5,627.13
Jubilee	100.00	0.00	-100.00
Run Costs			
Bus Shelters			
Cleaning	300.00	300.00	0.00
Repairs	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Bus Shelters	300.00	500.00	200.00
Defibrillator	0.00	250.00	250.00
Highways			
SAVID	50.00	100.00	50.00
Snow Clearing	0.00	200.00	200.00
Speedwatch	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Highways	50.00	500.00	450.00
Jubilee	899.43	0.00	-899.43
Local Fighting Fund	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Pks Open Spa			
Allotments	497.37	1,455.00	957.63
Benches	510.20	0.00	-510.20
Dog Fido Bins	53.32	0.00	-53.32
Footpaths & Environment	0.00	150.00	150.00
Grundisburgh Baptist Church	195.00	195.00	0.00

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Litter Bins	0.00	100.00	100.00
Millennium Meadow	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Playingfield	404.32	1,000.00	595.68
St.Bots	195.00	195.00	0.00
St.Mary	640.00	640.00	0.00
Village Greens			
A Board	157.95	0.00	-157.95
Mowing	560.00	2,000.00	1,440.00
Posts & Rails	0.00	300.00	300.00
Stream	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Xmas Tree	0.00	180.00	180.00
TOTAL Village Greens	717.95	3,480.00	2,762.05
War Memorial	0.00	120.00	120.00
Wheeled Bin	264.20	800.00	535.80
TOTAL Pks Open Spa	3,477.36	9,235.00	5,757.64
Youth Club	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL Run Costs	5,326.79	13,585.00	8,258.21
Section 137			
British Legion	0.00	100.00	100.00
BSEVC	50.00	50.00	0.00
Citizens Advice	100.00	100.00	0.00
CPRE (Suffolk Preservation Soc)	0.00	36.00	36.00
Disability Advice Service	100.00	100.00	0.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance	100.00	100.00	0.00
Freshstart	50.00	50.00	0.00
Headway	50.00	50.00	0.00
Lighthouse	100.00	100.00	0.00
Lunch Club	200.00	200.00	0.00
Sflk Accid Resc	100.00	100.00	0.00
St Elizabeths Hospice	50.00	50.00	0.00
St.Botolphs Benefice Magazine	100.00	100.00	0.00
Starlight	50.00	50.00	0.00
Suffolk Family Carers	100.00	100.00	0.00
SWLT	100.00	100.00	0.00
TOTAL Section 137	1,250.00	1,386.00	136.00
Unpresented cheque	-100.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,055.66	23,077.00	14,021.34
OVERALL TOTAL	2,282.11	-1,577.00	3,859.11