

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 10th October, 2022
in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

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

1. Apologies for absence Mr.J.Lapsley Mr.R.Youngman

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

3. Minutes The minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on the 11th July, 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. Chapel Field development A review of the current situation was published in the Autumn 2022 edition of the Grundisburgh & District News. Many complaints had been made about dust storms, lorry reversing alarms and lorries accessing the single lane Lower Road.

5. Meeting Lane Verge Mrs.Willetts will contact County Councillor Elaine Bryce as soon as she recovers from illness to see what progress has been made.

6. Public Open Forum It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr. Allen Dunnett, 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.

- Lower Road A Highways Officer will be invited to an on-site meeting to establish viable options for traffic management
- Benches The worn out bench on Lyttleton Meadow will be replaced by a new bench as a memorial to a late Grundisburgh resident paid for by his family. The bench, which was situated in front of the old village hall, is being restored and will be installed in front of the new hall.
- Footpaths Large stones are being transferred from the driveway of a house on Rose Hill on to the path creating a trip hazard.
- Bottle Bank A request was made for a bottle bank to be installed in Grundisburgh. It was pointed out that in the past that Bottle Banks had caused considerable problems.

7. Allotments Request for 2022 rent and a Tenancy agreement for signing had been posted to allotment holders on the 10th August. Tenants are very pleased with the extended water supply.

8. Old Forge Stores Forecourt No work can commence on resurfacing the forecourt until the adjacent road is resurfaced in 2023.

9 Planning Report Mrs.Willetts reported

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

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

Ino. Sycamore (T002 on plan) remove the 4 lowest branches and laterally reduce mid crown by 2 metres over 19 Thomas Walls Close

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.

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

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DC/22/2748/FUL 45 Post Mill Gardens Proposed single storey rear and front extensions

DC/22/2453/FUL Garden House Meeting Lane Grundisburgh IP13 6UB Extension to existing cartlodge (additional open bay).

Comments sent.

The Parish Council has concerns that the proposed extension to the cartlodge is on the boundary of the site in an elevated position prominent in the street scene.

DC/22/3065/FUL 22 Cranworth Close Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6SZ

Concrete ramped access with galvanised hand rails.

Comments sent

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council supports this application.

9.2 Applications received by East Suffolk Council since last the Parish Council meeting.

DC/22/2544/FUL Flat At Stoney Cottage Stoney Road Grundisburgh. Two storey extension and internal alterations to existing two storey dwelling.

Comments sent...

The Parish Council has concerns that this application doubles the size of the flat which was initially built as an extension to the original house. It is of contrived design on this site in the countryside outside the defined settlement boundary of Grundisburgh.

DC/22/3511/TPO Proposal: 1no. Purple Plum (T1 on plan) - Crown reduce by up to 1.5 metres 2no. Beech (T2 on plan) - Crown raise to 2.5 metres 1no. Cherry (T3 on plan) - Crown raise to 2.5 metres 1no. Pine (T4 on plan) Crown raise to 4 metres Site address: Hillside Cottage, The Street, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, There is no TPO on these trees it should only be a TCA

DC/22/3509/TCA

Brooklands The Street Grundisburgh

Sycamore (T1 on plan) – Fell

Comments sent...

The Parish Council have no objections to the removal of the sycamore tree but would suggest a suitable replacement should be planted.

DC/22/3364/VOC

Greenacre Half Moon Lane Grundisburgh

Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/15/2141/FUL - Proposed alterations and extensions - The approved sunroom extension was never constructed however the client now wishes to proceed with this element. The design of the approved sunroom has now changed, hence this application.

DC/22/3602/TCA Finndale House Woodbridge Road Grundisburgh

Proposal. 1no. Field maple (T1 on plan) - Fell

2no. Sycamore (T2 and T3 on plan) - Fell

2no. Ash (T4 and T5 on plan) – Fell

DC/22/3601/TCA. Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh,

Proposal. 14no. Sycamore (T1-T14 on plan) - Fell

Comments sent...

These trees are important within the Grundisburgh Conservation Area. Therefore the Parish Council suggests replacement trees should be planted.

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9.3 Applications still to be viewed by Planning Sub Committee

DC/22/3750/TPO. 21 Gurdon Road Grundisburgh

Proposal A1 of TPO No. 29 / 1987 1no. Sycamore (T1 on plan) - Crown reduce in height to 'proposed line of crown reduction' shown on photographs 'View 1' and 'View 2', Crown lift to 5 metres above ground.

DC/22/3883/TCA Thistleton, The Street Grundisburgh

Proposal 1no. Magnolia (T1 on plan) - Reduce height by up to 1.5 metres The Street 1no. Yew (T2 on plan) - Reduce height and spread by up to 2 metres Grundisburgh 1no. Conifer (T3 on plan) - Fell 1no. Laurel hedge (H1 on plan) - Reduce height by 1/3 1no. Group of Laurel (G1 on plan) - Coppice. 1no. Group of Bay/Yew (G2 on plan) - Reduce height and spread by up to 2 metres

DC/22/3877/TCA 06/10/2022 Bramley Cottage The Street Grundisburgh

Proposal 1no. Pine (T1 on plan) - Fell 1no. Apple (T2 on plan) - Crown reduction by up 1 metre and crown thin by 20% 1no. Group of Birch (T3 on plan) - Fell single tree in hedge line and crown lift remaining trees to 3 metres above ground.

DC/22/3611/FUL 16 Playford Corner, Culpho,

Proposal Proposed cartlodge with storage and office space over

9.4 Applications still outstanding.

DC/22/1146/FUL. Land Adjacent To 3 Pine Grove Grundisburgh Suffolk IP13 6UL

Construction of detached bungalow.

Objections sent...:

There had been no movement on this application since 18:4:22 until 20:9:22 when there was a request for a reconsultation. The plans are the same but this time include an extensive report from Haydens Arboricultural Consultants.

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.

Latest Ecology report identified a common pipistrelle roost within the garages; therefore, a European Protected Species Mitigation license will be required.

Chapel Field I refer you to the article in the latest edition of the Grundisburgh & District News

Drabbs Lane Clopton I received a telephone call from Peter Raffell Chairman of Clopton Parish Council informing me of a planning application for the intensification and expansion of an existing HGV operating centre in Drabbs Lane Clopton.

After consultation the following comments were sent to East Suffolk Council

DC/22/2420/FUL Hill Farm Drabbs Lane Clopton Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6SP

Intensification and expansion of the site's existing HGV operating centre to occupy the full extent of Hill Farm. The attention of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council has been drawn to this application in a neighbouring parish.

The Parish Council object in the strongest possible terms to this destructive proposal.

The above proposal is contrary to:

Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Adopted September 2020

Policy SCLP4.5: Economic Development in Rural Areas

In that it does not

c) avoid, or adequately mitigates, any adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area and landscape, The proposed use is not

e) compatible with the surrounding employment uses in terms of car parking, access, noise, odour and other amenity concerns.

The proposal is completely contrary to Policy SCLP4.6

Conversion and Replacement of Rural Buildings for Employment Use

The conversion of rural buildings to employment use will be permitted where:

a) The business use is of a scale and character that is appropriate to its location in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy;

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b) The proposal does not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety, local roads or the living conditions of local residents and exploits opportunities to make the location more sustainable by walking, cycling or public transport;

The replacement of rural buildings with employment uses will be permitted where:

f) The proposal is of a similar size and scale to the building that is being replaced;

g) The proposal does not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety, local roads or the living conditions of local residents and exploits opportunities to make the location more sustainable by walking, cycling or public transport;

h) The proposal would not conflict with neighbouring uses;

j) The proposal would not result in a significant adverse environmental impact;

Drabs Lane is totally unsuitable for the intensification and expansion proposed in this application. The B1079 from Clopton through Grundisburgh is unsuitable for the increasing number and size of HGV using it.

Objections were also submitted by 42 individuals Clopton PC Charsfield PC and Burgh Parish Meeting.

10. District Councillor's Report District Councillor Colin Hedgley's report is appended to these minutes as Appendix "A" He urged members to direct villagers who are worried about the rise in living costs, to attend Money Roadshows organised by East Suffolk Council's Ease the Squeeze Campaign, The next event is taking place in the Kesgrave Hut on Friday 14th October.

11. County Councillor's Report No report

12. East Suffolk Community Partnerships Mr.Caryer reported that Community Partnerships by bringing villages working together on local problems gives them a stronger voice more equal to larger urban communities particularly when funding is concerned. Grundisburgh is an active member of the Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership
Recent initiatives include

- Making the natural environment more accessible
- Organising School Cycling Proficiency Courses
- Young Peoples CAFÉ – enabling them to meet people of their age group
- Road Safety Week

More ideas are welcomed. The next meeting will be held in December.

13. Financial Matters The Clerk reported

13.1 Payments received since the last meeting

Allotment Rents £412.50

Jubilee 2022 £31,27 Cash

East Suffolk Council £10,500.00 Precept – second instalment

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

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

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

Vertas 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 Mr.Caryer, to unanimous approval, that these payments be ratified.

Financial Matters cont.,,

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

Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£63.98	Dog bags
1 st Grundisburgh Scouts	£103.27	Jubilee expenses
The Trustees of Grundisburgh Parish Rooms	£50.00	Room hire
CPRE	£36.00	Annual membership
Suffolk Coastal Norse Ltd	£119.09	Emptying St Mary's wheeled bins
Mr.R.Fletcher	£150.00	Village Green grass mowing
Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	£57.64	Allotment water charges
JAS Services	£1,609.00	Allotments - new water main to two new trough positions
Mr.J.Ager	£513.05	Clerk's Salary August/September
	£63.96	Clerk's Expenses August/September
	£80.00	Royal British Legion - donation
HM Revenue & Customs	£128.20	Income Tax
Mr.G.Caryer	£145.00	Millennium Meadow /Conservation Group Insurance
Business Services at CAS Ltd	£467.64	Insurance

13.4 Other payments requiring approval

Vertas Group Ltd	£242.59	Playingfield grass cutting
Suffolk Association Local Councils	£27.00	Payroll service
Mr..Caryer	£29.99	A Frame Notice Board Covers

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

13.5 Account Balances as at 10th October, 2022

Business Tracker Account	£62.63
Current Account	£30,588.96
Post Office Investment account	£21,376.64
VAT to claim	£631.25
TOTAL	£52,659.48

13.6 Budget Report Appendix "B"

14. Roads & Transport Report Appendix "C" Minutes of a meeting of the Roads & Transport Sub-Committee 9 August 2022

15. Footpaths & Conservation Report Appendix "D" Minutes of a meeting of the Footpaths & Conservation Sub-Committee 5 September 2022.

It was agreed that the maintenance of bus shelters should be the responsibility of the Roads & Transport Sub Committee.

Mrs.Bignell will organise the erection of a Christmas Tree on the Village Green.

16. To receive reports from Council representatives to village organisations No reports were given.

17. 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.

- Scouts The Scouts will hold their annual Firework Display on the Playfield on the 5th November.

18. Items for next meeting

Old School Mr.John Dunnett raised the question of who owned the boundaries of the Old School. He then left the meeting

Mrs.Bignell said that the fence bordering Old School Houses and the footpath linking the Driftway and Cranworth Close is in a very poor condition, and asked which organisation is responsible for maintaining the fence. Mrs. Willetts agreed to investigate. .

19 Any other business

Council Meetings

2022 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.

20. Co-option of a new member for Grundisburgh (closed session)

After discussion it was agreed to co-opt Mr. Chris Dow as member for Grundisburgh.

Action Summary

5 Mrs.Willetts

6 Clerk

15 Mrs Bignell

18 Chairman

20. Clerk

Appendix “A”

District Councillors Report to Grundisburgh Parish Council For September 2022

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 District Councillor
Cllr Colin Hedgley

Helping East Suffolk ease the squeeze on cost of living

That is why we have launched Ease the Squeeze – a comprehensive scheme which helps connect those needing help to those helping.

We are working closely with key partners on a number of local schemes, while also directing people to other available support and services.

All the information, including practical support, funding and advice, has been gathered on our website, at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze. This page is continuously being updated as more schemes, services and support becomes available, so please share this with others.

We will also be running a social media campaign to raise awareness of the website.

Customer Services, Communities and Housing are working closely together to provide a wide range of support and advice.

Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities, will host live online information sessions about Ease the Squeeze, on Teams, from 11.30am-12.30pm on Tuesday 6 September and from 4pm-5pm Wednesday 14 September.

Email Joanna.jonas@eastsuffolk.gov.uk to book a spot.

Felixstowe's Seafront Gardens has once again been officially recognised as one of the country's best parks after receiving a Green Flag Award.

The serene Victorian cliffside site was today awarded the international quality mark for parks and green spaces for the seventh successive year. This uninterrupted string of awards followed East Suffolk Council's four-year restoration project, launched in 2011, to return the Grade II listed greenspace to its former glory as part of a town-wide regeneration programme.

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

Judges reported being very impressed by the well managed and maintained Seafront Gardens, which they called a “credit to the town” and deserving of the Green Flag Award. They also praised the site's links to numerous community groups and the strength of the Friends of Felixstowe Seafront Gardens.

East Suffolk Council's long-serving Chief Executive Stephen Baker has announced that he is to retire.

After a career in local government which has spanned four decades, culminating in 17 years at the helm of East Suffolk and its predecessor councils, Stephen will step down from his post at the end of this year. As Chief Executive of the biggest district council in the country by population, representing 250,000 people across an area covering 487 square miles, Stephen has been at the forefront of local government innovation, becoming one of the country's first ever joint Chief Executives when taking up the reins at Waveney District Council alongside his role at Suffolk Coastal.

He then oversaw more than a decade of successful, cutting-edge partnership working, culminating in the creation of East Suffolk Council, delivering the best possible services for local people. His leadership helped demonstrate that councils can deliver reform, innovate and transform themselves - with the streamlining and strengthening of local government principles and the delivery of a model for others to follow.

Glass Tipping Problems

You may be aware in early February there was a fire at the Transfer Station on Ransomes Industrial Estate, Ipswich. This unfortunate event resulted in the Transfer Station being closed entirely until the end of

March. Whilst most of the site is back up and running, the waste bays for glass tipping remain unavailable. SCC who manage the site have recently informed us that the site should be fully reinstated in early September.

Due to this closure, Norse have been unable to tip at this facility and have had to make the journey to the alternative tipping point in Lowestoft. This has obviously had an impact on the collection on glass bins, which we have tried to minimise, but which I know has been frustrating

We are aware that there may be further problems during the holiday season .

The message here is we are working on resolving the issue ASAP but if the bank is full please don't leave your bottles but return another day

Free meals and summer holiday activities for schoolchildren

Numerous organisations signed up to provide fun and food as part of a programme of experiences for children and young people over the holiday weeks.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education through an annual budget from Suffolk County Council.

The local programme was targeted at those eligible for benefits-related free school meals, and other vulnerable children, or those with additional need, that would benefit from accessing the programme.

Local authorities have discretion to use up to 15% of funding to provide free or subsidised holiday club places for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals but who the local authority believe could benefit from HAF provision.

Among offerings were Operation Camouflage, organised by the Army Welfare Service and East Suffolk Council, at Sutton Heath, near Woodbridge, and sporting activities provided by leisure partner Everyone Active, in Lowestoft.

'Efficient, clean and super green' refuse lorries hit the streets of East Suffolk

An advanced renewable and sustainable fuel, HVO offers up to 90% reduction in carbon emissions compared to diesel.

The 246-vehicle fleet, mainly operated by waste management partners East Suffolk Norse, was the biggest single contributor to the Council's carbon footprint last year. A third the vehicles will initially be converted to HVO, including 60% of heavy goods refuse lorries

Charity cycling event returns to East Suffolk

A popular cycling event is set to return to East Suffolk following a two-year break brought on by the pandemic. Any profit from entry fees for the ride, organised by East Suffolk Council and Plomesgate Cycling Club, will be shared between two nominated charities, Lighthouse Women's Aid and Fresh Start new beginnings.

Hospital pressure-easing patient scheme wins national recognition

In innovative partnership scheme, delivered by East Suffolk Council to support hospital patients returning home from hospital, has been highly commended by national award judges.

Stepping Home was launched in 2018 as a way of recognising the impact of housing on the health, wellbeing and independence of communities, and to provide support for patients awaiting hospital discharge or at risk of admission.

A partnership covering the five Suffolk local authority areas, as well as the West Suffolk and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, Stepping Home launched as a pilot service but proved successful enough to be adopted permanently to support all agencies and service users.

Total estimated service savings, after running costs, are in the region of £404,220 – equivalent to almost 1,700 hospital bed days, 16 band five nurses, or 700 ambulance call-outs.

The service received high commendation from judges in the Health and Social Care category of the annual Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards at Grosvenor House, London

Parking review launched to evaluate changing demand and meet local need

This Council has pledged to conduct a detailed review of parking management regulations and introduce new schemes to meet changing local demand.

The review will encompass regulations such as resident parking, short term parking bays and double yellow lines, and consider a variety of factors, including shifting patterns of town centre use and growth in housing.

Cabinet members approved recommendations for the review of existing rules and the allocation of a supplementary budget for the appointment of a Highways Technician/Engineer to provide the necessary resource and capability.

The recommendation for a review follows the transfer of parking enforcement powers from Suffolk Constabulary to individual local authorities in April 2020.

The review will involve consultation with relevant town and parish councils, Business Improvement Districts, Suffolk County Council and other bodies, such as the Lowestoft Place Board and local business associations.

Holiday accommodation owner fined for environmental breaches

An East Suffolk business owner has been ordered to pay £5,160 in fines and court costs after he admitted failing to properly dispose of rubbish at premises near Halesworth.

Richard Boddy was due to face trial at Suffolk Magistrates' Court on Monday 8 August over two counts of failing to comply with requirements imposed by East Suffolk Council, under section 47 of the Environmental Protection Act, between 7 June and 28 September 2021.

But the holiday accommodation owner chose to admit he breached requirements by failing to provide suitably sized receptacles for the volume of waste produced at Holly Tree Farm Barns, in Bell Green, Cratfield, and thereby allowing rubbish to collect around the bin compound.

Mr Boddy, of Bottesford, Scunthorpe, and now of Barbados, was issued a section 47 notice by East Suffolk Council in October 2020 following a number of complaints concerning overflowing bins and excessive waste – in some cases attracting wild animals – at the Cratfield holiday let site.

The notice directed that all waste products be placed in receptacles of a suitable size and type; that no waste be left on the ground around the bin compound or on the public highway, and that a trade contract for regular removal of waste be arranged.

During subsequent site visits, conducted in June and July 2021, a waste management officer discovered loose litter and black refuse bags full of rubbish on the ground around overflowing bins.

Councillor James Mallinder, East Suffolk Council cabinet member for the Environment, said: "We are always striving to support local businesses, and economic growth is one of our most important values as a local authority – but so is the environment. Local businesses therefore have a duty of care to ensure waste is properly dealt with.

"There was simply not enough capacity for the waste being produced at these premises, and although this business had a trade waste agreement in place with East Suffolk Norse, it only covered the removal and disposal of waste from April to September.

"The Council advised Mr Boddy about the need to increase the capacity for storing rubbish and to extend the existing trade waste agreement but was not prepared to accept his requests for an ad hoc service and empty the bins on request during the winter months.

"This shameful behaviour is just not acceptable to East Suffolk, the local community and our residents, and I hope this prosecution serves as a reminder of people's responsibilities and that East Suffolk Council takes these matters very seriously."

Mr Boddy was fined £900 for each offence and ordered to pay £3,180 in prosecution costs, as well as a £180 court surcharge.

The court heard that a contract has since been put in place to provide suitable receptacles for the site.

Magistrates acknowledged that Mr Boddy had taken some steps to resolve the issue, and that correspondence between parties had, at times, been strained.

They said the offences had been aggravated by the duration and number of complaints and could have been avoided by Mr Boddy taking proper advice at an earlier stage.

Dare you enter the Little Fort of Horrors?

Tickets are now on sale for the hugely popular 'Little Fort of Horrors' at Landguard Fort, Felixstowe, this Halloween. On the 500th anniversary of the sinking of the notorious pirate ship, Black Raider, off the shores of the Landguard Peninsula, Blackbeard and his motley crew of cut-throats will rise again to try to take revenge on those brave enough to visit the fort. Get ready for a scary night of shocks and surprises on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 October, as you scream your heart out, with live actors, special effects and a spooky atmosphere at one of the 'most haunted places in Britain'.

Entry to Blackbeard's Bloody Revenge is for over 14s only, by 'timed ticket', and you can book a 10 minute arrival time slot between 7pm and 10.30pm. Book now for early bird admission until Tuesday 13 September, with all tickets at £13 per person. From Wednesday 14 September, all tickets are £15 per person. "With Pirate King Blackbeard and his crew back from the dead for revenge, who knows who you might meet in the dark and eerie passageways and rooms of the fort. Come prepared for screams and shocks at the Little Fort of Horrors".

Free Wi-Fi launches in two more East Suffolk towns

Following recent launches in Felixstowe and Lowestoft and as part of a range of exciting digital projects taking place across East Suffolk, free-to-use public Wi-Fi has now been launched in Southwold and Woodbridge.

To support local towns and businesses, East Suffolk Council is delivering a range of digital projects which aim to strengthen the local economy and improve connectivity within the district's market towns.

One of these projects is the East Suffolk Digital Towns programme which will digitally transform market towns through the installation of free public Wi-Fi, digital footfall counters and town marketing platforms alongside a business support programme. It was initially piloted in Framlingham in 2019.

Supported by funding from the Getting Building Fund and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership's Innovative Projects fund, this new technology will be combined with bespoke business support, helping local businesses and the towns in which they are based, to grow

Keeping in touch.

Even though we have had a slight hiatus in Parish Council Meetings due to the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II and holidays, I can assure both Parish Councillors and residents that I do keep in touch with the Chairman and residents do continue to e mail and telephone me as usual. Problems and queries are still dealt with.

You are all hopefully aware of the "Ease the Squeeze" project so if you know of or hear of anyone finding life difficult at present please put them in touch or point them towards the help www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/squeeze. Or phone 0333 016 2000

The information is updated regularly.

Resident fined for abandoning rubbish-filled caravan in street

An East Suffolk resident has been fined over £2,000 after being found guilty of abandoning a caravan in a Felixstowe street.

Craig Friston from Felixstowe appeared at Suffolk Magistrates' Court on 26 September, having been charged with breaching section 2(1) of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978.

On 20 October 2021, East Suffolk Council's Customer Services team received a report of an abandoned caravan on land off Reedland Way in Felixstowe.

A site visit was carried out on 21 October and the caravan, which was in poor condition, was found to be filled with rubbish. Waste was also present on the surrounding ground.

Subsequent visits found that the caravan had been abandoned by Mr Friston and on 6 December, Craig and Samantha Friston were sent notices to remove the caravan within seven days.

The caravan was not removed and in January, the caravan and waste, which included a double mattress, was removed by East Suffolk Council from Reedland Way. In total, the Council removed 1,520kg of waste from

inside and around the caravan - some of the waste showed Mr Friston's name, and the names of family members.

Mr Friston did not attend sentencing and the court found him guilty in his absence, fining him £660 for the offence, £66 for the victim surcharge and £1,380 in costs, totalling £2,106.

Work has begun on the construction of a new Seashore Village and activity park in Felixstowe.

The Seashore Village will feature 27 traditional-style beach huts, provided by East Suffolk Council, as well as a single-storey accessible hut, built from self-insulating panels and capable of being split into smaller rooms or pods for hire.

The site will be entirely re-landscaped, with ramp access installed from Sea Road and the Prom, where new fully accessible public conveniences will also be added and open year-round.

Further improvement will also be made to the surrounding South Seafront area, following the relocation and renovation of the 'Trim Trail', with the addition of a new activity park, set to include a climbing wall, concrete table tennis tables, pétanque piste, accessible picnic benches, chess tables and an outdoor space for workouts.

The creation of the public spaces will be made possible by funding generated by the sale of the huts.

The South Seafront has undergone significant redevelopment and investment in recent years.

These further improvements to the area will enhance accessibility and make the area more welcoming for local residents and visitors.

It will offer more opportunities for exercise and physical activity to improve physical and mental wellbeing.

The development was approved by East Suffolk Council's Planning Committee South last October and forms part of wider ongoing investment in the South Seafront area, where the Martello Park has already delivered new homes, a play area and new car parking facilities, while East Suffolk Council has also invested in the development of a contemporary café, the refurbishment of two public shelters, and the long-term maintenance of an historic Martello Tower.

Work is being led by main contractor, Gipping Construction, and is expected to continue until next summer.

A new walking challenge has been launched in East Suffolk – with vouchers and digital tech up for grabs as prizes for taking part.

East Suffolk Council has teamed up with community-based walking app Go Jauntly to create the month-long challenge, set to launch at the beginning of October. Challengers will be asked to walk a minimum of 20 minutes a day – with digital badges to be collected at key milestones and prizes to be won in a weekly draw. The initiative is designed to promote the positive physical and mental health benefits of walking.

As part of the Digital Towns programme, East Suffolk Council has been working with Go Jauntly to develop outdoor adventures across all 12 of the district's principal towns and villages. The programme has already seen the installation of free public Wi-Fi, digital footfall counters and town marketing platforms, alongside business support, in towns including Felixstowe, Lowestoft, Southwold and Woodbridge. Hana Sutch, Go Jauntly CEO and co-founder, said: "Following the successful launch of over 70 miles of walking routes in East Suffolk on the app, we're excited to announce the new East Suffolk Explorer walking challenge. Walking is fun, free and easy, and so good for your physical and mental health. Download the app and sign up to the East Suffolk challenge and walk at least 20 minutes a day to participate. We encourage everyone in East Suffolk to get involved and feel happier and healthier – and maybe even win a prize. The East Suffolk Explorer challenge runs from Monday 3 October to Sunday 31 October on the Go Jauntly app, which can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store or Google Play. After signing up to the challenge via the app, each participant can choose from walks or trails to explore.

They will be able to log their steps, unlock badges and be entered into a weekly prize draw for opportunities to win leisure centre vouchers, Go Jauntly subscriptions

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Category Description	01/04/2022 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2023 Difference
INCOME			
Allotment Rent	412.50	400.00	12.50
Bank Interest	0.00	100.00	-100.00
CIL payments	127.57	0.00	127.57
Donations	510.20	0.00	510.20
Jubilee	31.27	0.00	31.27
Precept	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
Snow Clearing	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,281.54	21,500.00	781.54
EXPENSES			
Administration			
Audit Fee	0.00	200.00	200.00
Clerk			
Expenses	237.63	500.00	262.37
Income Tax	641.00	0.00	-641.00
Office	0.00	577.00	577.00
Payroll Service	22.50	90.00	67.50
Salary	1,539.15	3,854.00	2,314.85
Soc.Clks	0.00	95.00	95.00
Training	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL Clerk	2,440.28	5,166.00	2,725.72
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	70.00	400.00	330.00
Insurance	467.64	300.00	-167.64
Laser Printer	0.00	200.00	200.00
Local Council Award Scheme	60.00	0.00	-60.00
Misc	12.60	0.00	-12.60
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	3,736.82	8,106.00	4,369.18
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 2022	1,102.70	1,600.00	497.30
Local Fighting Fund	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Pks Open Spa			
Allotments	2,154.40	1,455.00	-699.40
Benches	510.20	0.00	-510.20
Dog Fido Bins	106.64	0.00	-106.64
Footpaths & Environment	0.00	150.00	150.00

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Category Description	01/04/2022 Actual	- Budget	31/03/2023 Difference
Grundisburgh Baptist Church	195.00	195.00	0.00
Litter Bins	0.00	100.00	100.00
Millennium Meadow	145.00	1,100.00	955.00
Playingfield	606.48	1,000.00	393.52
St.Bots	195.00	195.00	0.00
St.Mary	640.00	640.00	0.00
Village Greens			
A Board	187.94	0.00	-187.94
Mowing	830.00	2,000.00	1,170.00
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	1,017.94	3,480.00	2,462.06
War Memorial	0.00	120.00	120.00
Wheeled Bin	363.44	800.00	436.56
TOTAL Pks Open Spa	5,934.10	9,235.00	3,300.90
Youth Club	600.00	600.00	0.00
TOTAL Run Costs	7,986.80	15,185.00	7,198.20
Section 137			
British Legion	80.00	100.00	20.00
BSEVC	50.00	50.00	0.00
Citizens Advice	100.00	100.00	0.00
CPRE (Suffolk Preservation Soc)	36.00	36.00	0.00
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	1,366.00	1,386.00	20.00
Unpresented cheque	-100.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,989.62	24,677.00	11,687.38
OVERALL TOTAL	9,291.92	-3,177.00	12,468.92

APPENDIX “C”

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Minutes of Roads & Transport Subcommittee Meeting

Date: 9th August 2022

Attendees: Judith Bignell (JB), Geoff Caryer (GC), Alan Dunnett (AD), Mike Harris (MH), John Lapsley (JL), Ann Willetts (AW).

Present: Members of the public, representing residents of Lower Road.

The agenda had been circulated beforehand and there were no changes.

GC acting as Chair, proposed that Items 3 & 4 should be an open session.

ITEMS 3 & 4. Lower Road

Paul Wiffen gave a presentation that summarised the main options for addressing Lower Road traffic issues. The aim was to highlight the options. Copies of the presentation can be obtained from Paul or GC.

The proposed options included:

- a) 20mph enforceable speed limit.
- b) Speed bumps.
- c) 7.5 ton gross weight limit.
- d) No motor vehicles except for access (signs).
- e) Total or partial closure (e.g. position access gates on junction with Park Road).
- f) Reconfigure the Park Road / Grundisburgh Road / Chapel Road / Lower Road junction to block access between Lower Road and Park Road.

Discussion.

a) 20 mph

Implementing a mandatory 20 mph speed limit would be difficult to justify because there was no history of serious or fatal road accidents/incidents. Without data to back up the proposal, it was very unlikely that SCC would consider the proposal. (A road incident was not logged by SCC unless police of emergency services were called to attend the scene.)

b) Speed Bumps

Rushmere residents had observed cars avoiding local speed bumps by driving on the ‘wrong’ side of the road. Speed bumps tend to increase noise and pollution because cars speed up after the bump, unless they are a lot of speed bumps, close together.
Speed bumps were not a preferred option.

c) Weight Limit

Weight limit restrictions would only limit large HGVs and can only be put in place after a traffic flow analysis and other legal processes. The cost would have to be borne locally and the current estimate was around £15K. If the proposal was unsuccessful, there would still be a cost for the consultation process.

d) Access Only (Signs)

SCC Highways had advised that this would be unenforceable. Experience suggested that signage that relied on voluntary compliance did not work. Anecdotal evidence was that drivers did not heed Quiet Lane signs so other type of sign would probably be ignored or misinterpreted.

However, there were examples where this was successful – Cumberland St in Woodbridge. Although signs may not be wholly successful, it could reduce traffic volumes.

Opinion was split on the merits of signage.

e) Gated Road

Gates to limit access to Lower Road would be effective but unlikely to get support from the local authority.

f) Reconfigure Park Road Junction

This would split the junction diagonally to link Park Road with Grundisburgh Road (Bealings) & Lower Road with Chapel Road. There would be no access to Lower Road from either Park Road or Grundisburgh Road.

There would have to be sufficient room for a lorry coming along Park Road to turn around and go back.

Traffic coming along Lower Road would go along Meeting Lane to the village centre. As this would be mainly local residents, it might not be a significant issue.

SCC Highways might be reluctant to consider this option due to cost & traffic flow management.

If access to Woodbridge Road from Park Road was blocked, traffic and emergency services needing to get to the Chapel Field development would have to use Grundisburgh Road via Bealings,

There was some uncertainty about planned changes to the junction as part of the Hopkins Homes development. If Hopkins Homes were going to fund changes to the junction, then a decision on any major alterations to the layout had to be made quickly.

Further Items Discussed

We need to protect pedestrians as there is no safe verge on Lower Road.

Lorries sometimes use Lower Road because it is shown as a route on Satnav. GC said that there was a possibility that Quiet Lanes would be highlighted in new releases of Satnav software. This would mean that Satnav systems might not use Quiet Lanes on routes.

'One Way' restrictions tend to speed traffic up as drivers assume nothing will be coming the other way.

GC noted that closing the end of Lower Road reduced traffic using Park Road by 60%. Therefore, any restriction in Lower Road would have a significant impact on traffic volumes from Woodbridge Road to Park Road and vice versa.

Putting a sign on the exit from Chapel Field for all traffic to turn right towards Ipswich Road was considered. However, it would be unenforceable.

Decision

The options discussed were technically feasible, but all relied on SCC Highways and access to funds. JL suggested that we invite a member of the SCC Highways team (an individual with relevant experience and authority within Highways Department) to meet on site so that we could explain the issues and get an opinion on a recommended solution, acceptable to both parties.

Whilst the idea of an onsite meeting with Highways was considered pragmatic, experience to date indicated that these discussions tended not to deliver solutions in a reasonable timescale.

It was agreed that AW would discuss with Colin Hedgley the suggestion of inviting a Highways officer to an on-site meeting on Lower Road to establish viable options for traffic management. Elaine Bryce, County Councillor, was off on sick leave, so there might be a delay in arranging a meeting with Highways.

The meeting thanked Paul Wiffen for preparing the presentation which made the discussion of options straightforward.

ITEM 5. Grundisburgh Corner Traffic Calming

There had been no progress on getting the white gates on the verge reinstated.

AW agreed to contact Elaine Bryce when she returns from sick leave.

MH reported that thanks to Chris Dow's involvement, the number of earth-moving lorries from the Hopkins Homes development using Stony Road / Charity Lane had greatly reduced.

ITEM 6. Drabbs Lane Planning App

It was agreed that the subcommittee would recommend that the PC raise an objection to the application to develop the site for maintenance and parking of HGVs.

ITEM 7. Police Road Safety Seminar

JL attended the seminar that was held at the Kesgrave Community Centre on 29/07/2022. The key message was that the police were focussing resources on priority areas where they had the highest, positive impact on road safety and crime. Whilst local concerns did not necessarily constitute a priority, persistence could get results for local communities.

Speedwatch was a key influencer in changing driver behaviour on roads through local villages.

ITEM 8. Meeting Lane Verge

No progress to date. A sign indicating that works would be done in July was still there, but no work had been carried out. Awaiting return of Elaine Bryce to get update from Highways.

ITEM 9. Old Forge Stores Forecourt

The frontage of the forecourt is a broken-down pavement. Until the road is resurfaced, the pavement will not be reinstated. A permanent repair to the forecourt will have to wait until the design for the new pavement has been done and the work on the road has started. The road works are (notionally) scheduled for 2023.

ITEM 10. Quiet Lanes

The publicity campaign will start when the Quiet Lane signage has been completed.

ITEM 11. Speed Control

The SCC representative on SAVID retires in January 2023. Otherwise, nothing further to report.

ITEM 12. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in mid-October. If there are material issues to discuss, the date will be brought forward.

JL

14/08/2022

Actions:

Lower Road:

It was agreed that AW would discuss with Colin Hedgley the suggestion of inviting a Highways officer to an on-site meeting on Lower Road to establish viable options for traffic management.

Secretary's Note: AW has spoken to Colin Hedgley who was supportive of an on-site meeting with a Highways Engineer. AW will contact Elaine Bryce when she returns from sick leave.

Grundisburgh Corner Verge Gates:

AW agreed to contact Elaine Bryce in due course.

AW, Planning:

It was agreed that the subcommittee would recommend that the PC raise an objection to the application to develop the site for maintenance and parking of HGVs.

Secretary's Note: The objection has been submitted by the Clerk.

Traffic Surveys

Two traffic surveys have been carried out at the Park Road/Chapel Road/Lower Road crossroads one on 2nd August (with all roads open) and one on 19th August, when Park Road was closed.

On 19th August, the survey recorded 91 cars vans and lorries at the crossroads between 0900 and 1400. This compares to 414 vehicles for the same period on 2nd August

This is 22% of total traffic compared to the same period on 2nd August.

The traffic down lower Road was also down to the same 22% percent and the traffic down Chapel Road was down to 25%.

APPENDIX “D”

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Minutes of Footpaths & Conservation Sub Committee Meeting

Date: 5th September 2022

Attendees: John Dunnett (JD), Alan Dunnett (AD), Liz Hodges (LH), Rupert Herries (RH), Paul Franklin (PF) and Geoff Caryer (GC)

Apologies: Mike Harris

1. Elect Chairman

No nominations received to date. Geoff Caryer agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Agree Agenda

Agreed

3. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting of 6th June 2022 were approved.

4. Maintenance of Public Areas

It was noted that mowing of public areas (e.g. Lyttleton Meadow, Gurdon Road) is too infrequent to allow use for games etc.

It was reported that the hedge between Lyttleton Meadow and Woodbridge Road needed cutting.

Action Point It was agreed to contact East Suffolk District Council (via Colin Hedgley?) re the hedge maintenance

5. Wild Spaces

It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee do not want the verge next to the new village hall to be maintained as a “Wild Space”.

No other potential “Wild Spaces” were identified.

6. Allotments

RH gave a short verbal update. He noted that the provision of additional taps had been completed and that the majority of allotment holders had paid their rent and signed the new agreement.

1½ allotment were still vacant but would ideally require clearing before new tenants took over.

Clearing of site boundary was underway.

It was suggested that the school or the scouts could be interested in taking over an allotment?

7. Millennium Meadow and Lyttleton Meadow

PF reported that Greenways had completed the annual cut of Millennium Meadow and the wild space area of Lyttleton Meadow on 19th and 23rd August.

One of the bridges across the stream on Millennium Meadow needs repair (railway sleeper rotted off at one end).

It was agreed to request Greenways to quote for a repair.

Action Point PF to contact Greenways for a quote.

Greenways have recommended that, in order to protect the pond and maintain the area as a meadow, a number of trees on Lyttleton Meadow be removed (i.e. around the pond and close to Woodbridge Road).

It was agreed to request the Tree Warden to meet up with Paul Franklin to inspect the trees.

Action Point GC to contact Tree Warden

8. River Water Testing

Regular (2 weekly) testing of the river Lark (as it crosses under the B.1079 towards Burgh) and the stream across The Green continue and are being collated with results from other parishes.

9. Footpath/Bridleway issues

Reports from the public are registered with Suffolk County Council via the reporting web site.

It was noted that although the hedge on one side of the footpath round Felgate way had been cut, the other side still needed to be cut.

It was queried if the diversion of the footpath between Malting Lane and Gull Lane (used to go over the field at end of Malting Lane, now goes round) was temporary or permanent.

Note: Footpath maps do not provide sufficient detail. The “definitive Statement” of footpaths for Grundisburgh and Culpho dated 2016 indicates the footpath entering parcel 277 then running in a westerly direction through parcels 277, 231, 232, 217 and 216 to terminate on Gull Road. However, I have not yet identified a map showing the individual parcels. Footpath fingerpost points down current route.

10. Review of council resources allocated to this subcommittee

Issue: JD suggested that the maintenance of Bus shelters was better dealt with by the Highways sub-committee.

Issue: JD requested a fund be established to repair/replace the stream walls on the green when this becomes necessary.

Note: Currently the allocated reserves "To provide funds for the re-building of the village stream retaining wall" are £4000, representing approximately 25% of currently allocated reserves.

11. Maintenance of Benches etc.

Paul Franklin reported that the benches on the green had been treated.

A request for a memorial bench was received and it was agreed to propose that a recycled plastic bench, similar to the bench on Rose Hill, be sited on Lytton Meadow.

12. Agree date/time for next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in 3 months.