



LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual Parish Meeting

will be held on

Tuesday 21st. May 2024 starting at 7pm

at the Village Hall

Little Cornard's registered electors, the public and press are invited to attend with the Agenda as follows:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Welcome from the 2023-2024 Chairman (Karen Gilbert)
3. Confirmation and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on 16th. May 2023

Reports

4. James Finch (County Councillor)
5. Lee Parker (District Councillor)
6. Local Police Officer (Subject to Operational commitments) with Mark Smith Neighbourhood Watch
7. Little Cornard Parish Council Annual Report (Karen Gilbert)
8. Village Hall (Nigel Monk)
9. Update from Ruth Adams on the Speed Watch

Karen Gilbert

Chairman
Little Cornard Parish Council

15th. May 2024



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Minutes of Little Cornard Annual Parish meeting held on 16th. May 2023 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Nick Hammond, Karen Gilbert, Cheryl Crane, Clive Johnson, Nigel Monk, Scott Savage, Mark Smith, Jill Thomas, SCC Cllr James Finch, BDC Cllr Lee Parker. There was also 7 members of public present

1. Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Adams
2. Welcome from the 2022-2023 Chairman (Nick Hammond)
Nick Hammond welcomed everyone to the meeting
3. Confirmation and signing of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th. April 2022. **All Agreed**
4. Matters arising from the Minutes. No matters were raised
5. James Finch (County Councillor)

Most pupils receive a place at one of their preferred secondary schools. 98% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred schools and 93% were offered a place at their first preference school. Suffolk County Council received 8,083 applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to transfer to in September 2023. This is approximately 300 more applications than received last year. Families who applied online can log on to the Admissions Portal from today to see the school their child has been offered. They will also receive an email to confirm this offer. → 99% of pupils receive a preferred primary school place on National Offer Day 99% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred primary schools and 96% were offered a place at their first preference school. Suffolk County Council received 7,056 applications from parents and carers indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2023. Families who applied online can log on to the Admissions Portal from today to see the school their child has been offered. They received an email to confirm this offer. Letters will be sent to parents who made a paper application → Help design a new Virtual Reality app for people living with dementia Suffolk County Council is looking for people to help develop a new Virtual Reality (VR) app for people living with dementia in Suffolk. The county council is inviting people living with dementia, their family carers, as well as health and social care professionals, who live or are based in Suffolk, to join a user group to help co-create the bespoke platform. The group will be called 'Synergy' and members will have input into all aspects of the look, design, and structure of the new VR app.

Over the last 10 years clinical research has demonstrated that not only do people with dementia tolerate virtual reality, but they can actually derive a wide variety of benefits from it, including improvements in well-being, cognition and communication. The app is being produced in partnership with Spark Emerging Technologies Ltd, who were awarded a contract by Suffolk County Council in December last year. To learn more about the user group and to apply visit suffolk.gov.uk/care-and-support-for-adults/virtual-reality-project → Suffolk to mark Dementia Action Week with event at Trinity Park, Ipswich. This is a drop-in event for people with dementia, their families, and their carers, to be held next month at Trinity Park in Ipswich on Tuesday 16 May from 10 am, Representatives from more than 34 care organisations across Suffolk will host stalls at the event, which will showcase the wide range of information, advice, and support available to people living with dementia and their carers, to help them to get the right support from the right providers, at the right time. Running alongside the marketplace will be keynote sessions on a range of topics including how to live well with dementia from those with lived experience, memory assessment and the importance of a timely diagnosis. There will also be the opportunity for people with the condition and their carers to hear about the development of a countywide dementia strategy for Suffolk, and provide feedback on their experiences, needs and priorities for support. The event, which is being facilitated by the Suffolk Dementia Action Partnership and Care Development East, will be held on Tuesday 16 May from 10 am, at Trinity Park, Ipswich.

Suffolk County Council secures £2.65m funding from the government for the county's children's homes. The fund was set up by Department for Education (DFE) to enable local authorities to provide more placements within council run children's homes, as many councils have to commission residential provision which is costly. £1.9m of funding will go towards repurposing two children's homes. One children's home will be reconfigured into two separate wings to accommodate complex young people, this will provide 2



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additional placements. The other children's home is to be developed into a provision for young people preparing to exit the care system. A wholly separate independence/training flat with its own external entrance will be created. This will be additional capacity at the home. The remaining £0.7m funding will be used, in addition to the £2m already approved by cabinet in November, towards the development of a new residential home for children and young people with disabilities at the Felixstowe Ferry Centre building in Felixstowe. The home will include three residential care places and two shared care beds. Shared care is when a young person spends a portion of time living with parents or carers and the rest at the home. – Suffolk County Council's innovative digital care service, Cassius, clocks £10m savings. Cassius, Suffolk County Council's multi-award winning digital care programme, has released figures for its first 18 months in action. Since its launch in July '21 Cassius has: • reached 3,000 people whose lives have been changed with the installation of over 4,000 devices; • saved residents of Suffolk a collective 67,825 days in care homes; • avoided 400 ambulance call outs during a time of relentless pressure on emergency response teams in the NHS; • prevented hospital admissions and amounting to a saving of 500 hospital days, freeing up beds for those most in need; • saved £8.8 million of social care funding and £480,000 for the local NHS; achieved a happiness rating of 98.45% among Cassius users. Cassius has also been recognised with a hat-trick of awards from leading health technology publications. Last month, Cassius was awarded 'Best Innovation Project of the Year' in the Health Tech Digital Awards 2023 and 'Best New Assistive Technology Solution of the Year' at the Assistive Technology Awards 2023. Meanwhile, Cassius+, which is being trialled in West Suffolk and introduces additional health monitoring and assessment tools, such as blood pressure monitors, oximeters, scales, and thermometers alongside the established care technology offered by Cassius, has won 'Best Innovation Project of the Year'. As the UK's leading digital care technology service, Cassius delivers more safety, independence and confidence to Suffolk people and their families. A range of care technologies – video care phones, smart watches, monitoring sensors and falls wearables – support users to live their normal lives around their home and makes it simpler for loved ones to check in with them. The devices also give care professionals valuable insights into people's habits and vulnerabilities, helping build more personalised, empowering and less intrusive care packages that also reduce costly interventions and deteriorations in wellbeing. Crucially, Cassius relieves worry and increases wellbeing at a time that can be fraught with anxieties for more vulnerable people and their families. Increased face-to-face connectivity via the video smartphones, and peace-of-mind delivered by wearable devices and sensors that enable carers and families to check their loved one is up and about, bring huge benefits to people's lived experiences. The user happiness rating (98.45%) sits alongside endless user and family testimonies to show how Cassius really can be life enhancing.

Council has now installed 100 rural EV charging points, with more on the way Suffolk County Council's Plug In Suffolk project has now installed 100 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the county, with the latest fitted at Risby Village Hall, near Bury St Edmunds. The council launched Plug In Suffolk in 2018 and was the UK's first 'fully open' public EV fast charging network and has seen other local authorities around the country follow in its footsteps. Risby Village Hall now has four EV charging points installed at its site, three 7kW chargers and one 22kW charger. They do not require any registration, membership or apps - drivers simply park, plug in and charge using contactless payment. With an increasing number of EV drivers across the county and the UK, the council's ambition is to make Suffolk a well-connected destination for visitors and residents. We're a rural county and the infrastructure of charging stations is still developing, so our aim is for Plug In Suffolk to plug the gaps. We are installing the chargers at rural destinations such as public car parks, sports clubs, libraries and community halls. Although the initial phase of Plug In Suffolk is now complete, EV owners can look forward to even more charging point infrastructure across Suffolk, thanks to Suffolk County Council. The council has received £1,362,000 of funding from the Department for Transport, as part of the Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot scheme. This will see a total investment of around £2.75m, thanks to additional contributions such as commercial funding. The scheme will see: • PV solar power and battery storage upgrades to approximately 10 existing sites • Installing community EV charging, PV solar power and battery storage at over 30 further sites in urban and rural areas Identifying key commercial sites for 7kW, rapid and ultra rapid chargers, which will benefit the local community – New exhibition opens at Sutton Hoo telling the story of royal Anglo-Saxon Rendlesham Rendlesham Revealed: The Heart of a Kingdom AD 400-800 is a new exhibition opened on Thursday 23 March 2023 at the National Trust's Sutton Hoo, in Suffolk. The exhibition takes visitors on a 400- year journey to reveal how the Anglo-Saxon royal settlement at Rendlesham grew and developed, and celebrates the many volunteers from the local community who uncovered the long-lost archaeological remains. This story is brought to life with over 150 archaeological finds from the settlement, ranging from



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food remains to gold jewellery, many of which have never been on public display before. Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service is curating the exhibition to celebrate "Rendlesham Revealed", a community archaeology project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. — Youngsters get the clean air message Schoolchildren across Suffolk have been learning about the importance of clean air thanks to a special drama production. Year 5 pupils at 30 schools enjoyed a performance of Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science in which they learned about improving air quality safely and sustainably. It was based around the story of Abbie, whose grandmother is Dr Rosemary Ayre, an incredible scientist with a shed full of experiments and adventures. Together with her friend Charlie and Gran's supercomputer 'Derek 5000' they investigate the causes of air pollution and what they can do to make their world a safer, cleaner and more sustainable place. The production by theatrical company Performances in Education taught pupils to identify the causes and health consequences of poor air quality and to address ways in which they can avoid contributing to it, such as using sustainable transport. Suffolk County Council teamed up with Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council, East Suffolk Council and West Suffolk Council to fund the performances.

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley A Foster Carer Recruitment Event is held the 1st Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption Event is on the 1st Thursday all 7:00pm in your home. To book a place please email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk. My Priorities Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength all underpinned by strong financial management and fair council tax.

Cllr K. Gilbert expressed their thanks to James Finch for all his effort

6. Lee Parker (District Councillor)

Cllr L. Parker informed the meeting that

Planning

- Over 1200 new homes approved
- Only 1.4% of planning appeals overturned at appeal
- We have gone from 121% of Government test on housing in 2019 to 143% in 2022

Housing

- In the last four years 333 affordable homes were delivered of which 165 were new council homes. Of the new council homes, 99 were for affordable rent and 23 for social rent. We also sold and delivered 43 new homes for shared ownership and 54 existing council homes through the right to buy scheme, with this boost to the housing supply helping many residents to find a place to call home.
- We have a scheme under way in Corks Lane, Hadleigh, due for completion in 2024. The buildings are being sympathetically restored to deliver 57 new homes.

Customers

- Over 67,000 emails have been sent and received
- Over 400,000 calls

Grants

- £350,662 in capital grants allocated to 37 projects
- 261 grants to voluntary, community and social enterprise groups
- 33 projects receive minor grants totalling £27,509
- £226,962 in Section 106 funds to support 18 projects

Pandemic

- £43.8M in grants given to 8500 businesses
- We showed how we can respond at pace to extraordinary challenges, while lockdown also accelerated our digital development.
- Most of our services successfully moved online. We also developed our empowering approach to our staff, using more online wellbeing sessions to give them freedom to act and the opportunity to be heard.



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- We also saw our local communities step up magnificently, and this showed what can be achieved when people are empowered. Our grants helped many local groups carry out important work.

Recycling

- Recycling increased 12% from our 'bring' sites - mainly glass, but also textiles.
- Green waste subscribers increased 17% to 16,789.
- Since 2021, we have given out nearly 3,000 bags of compost to residents.
- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils became the first rural authorities in the UK to commission a full tree canopy survey in the districts.
- Babergh District Council also started trialling wildflower verges. Grass cutting in specific council-maintained areas is reduced to give existing wildflowers a chance to thrive. Crucially, the flowers provide food for bees and other wildlife. Initially, grass is left to grow to see which wildflowers already exist. The council then cuts and seeds the areas with flower mixes as needed.

Investment in leisure centres

- Hadleigh Leisure pool re-built at a cost of £2M
- Kingfisher leisure pool £2.4M
- Memberships have risen to more than 4.5K (up 11% pre pandemic)

CIL

- £18M collected
- £circa £3M spent in BDC with another £3M allocated
- Play equipment
- Village Hall refurbishment
- Car parks
- Gainsborough House
- St Peter's

7. Little Cornard Parish Council Annual Report (Nick Hammond)

Barbed Wire.

Enforcement agreed with landowner to remove barbed wire and this has been done and replaced with smooth wire. Enforcement have also agreed with the landowner that fence will be moved back after the harvest. At least it will all be done although I have commented that it seems that safety has come second regarding movement of fence.

He has kept residents and road users informed as she has been keeping up the pressure. James Finch has also been very active keeping up the pressure.

Recognising Clive's contribution as Chair for part of the last year and many previous years I need to acknowledge his major contribution. He also would like to combine my thanks to all the committee members for their hard work and commitment to Little Cornard. I have mentioned one activity for each of you but recognise that there are many other things that you have done. Several activities have separate reports to follow.

Everyone for completing the Neighbourhood Plan in quick time.

Ruth for promoting and participating speed watch, I would also like to thank all the volunteers.

Mark for Quiet Lanes, excellent start to reducing the speed of vehicles.

Cheryl for stepping into the breach when we were without a Clerk. I can report, and hope you agree, that your Council continued to operate efficiently while restrictions were in place.

Nigel for always being there for footpaths and other dirty jobs. He has helped to ensure that large numbers of people have continued to enjoy our natural environment and outstanding views.

Karen deserves two points. The Mere and Country Park

issues have been progressed and I am confident Karen will get the best result for the Parish. Her work on obtaining Defibs has been an example of perseverance and organisation. Thank you from all of us.

There have been a few issues where we might have achieved more. Highways are probably top of the agenda for many of us and James has done his best but it is an area where my report for would be, 'Could do much better.' I would like to thank both James and Lee for their support over the year. They have listened to our concerns and where possible helped to resolve problems. They have both fought and are fighting on our behalf to ensure NG do underground our section!



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I have left Clive to the end, he has been a caring and supportive Chair over very many years and has always had the best interest of Little Cornard at heart. A hard act to follow for anyone! and we are all glad he continues as a councillor.

So before we move on:

As a little token recognising everything you have done as Chair we would like to give you a token to buy yet another tree. This time we hope it will go in your garden and as it grows you and your family can reflect on a job very well done.

8. Village Hall (Nigel Monk)

Treasurers Report for 2022-2023

Income 2022-2023

Hall hire revenue improved on last 2 years. Quiz in Autumn raised £541. Clothing Bank raised £66.93 £500 Warm Space grant looks successful. £120 to be refunded to Railway Club if retained. Funds as of 31-03-2023 £15341.22

Expenses 2022-2023

Electric charges came in less than predicted, an increase of £200, roughly 50%. Maintenance main costs were: The Land Purchase costs, planning, grass seed and trees. £1132.02. Replacement Windows £1132.03. 5-year electrical inspection £225. The funds for the year are down by £130 on the balances

Prepayments

Gray Dawes have paid £280. Spring Quiz receipts were £285

2023-2024 items

Insurance renewed for £449.62 - £9.00 less than last year

The quiz on April 1st raised £468. Exterior painting and materials £1413

Current Funds

Bank Balance £13,303.30. Petty Cash £566.25. Total £13,869.55

Future projects

Outside electric supply on the new land. Hog roast 5th August - band booked and other stalls etc planned Accessible toilets and new disabled parking area. Bike shelter. Childrens play equipment. Picnic benches

9. Update from Nick Hammond on the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan

Nick spoke about the policies for the NP the Mere, Access to countryside, upkeep of existing footpaths plus establishing a footpath between Bures and Little Cornard. Views Dark Skies, Conversion of Barns perhaps speed of work is an issue!. Non designated heritage assets spoke to George Mackay, he has spoken to the landowner and his solicitor no problem clearing access and any of rubbish in the Pill box. Happy if growth outside is removed and a plaque put up.

10. Update from Mark Irwin on Little Cornard's Quiet Lanes

The project to implement 'Quiet lanes' across Little Cornard was concluded in 2022 with 8 lanes in total being designated as 'Quiet Lanes'. Signage was erected in June 2022 for the following lanes:

Spout Lane - Wyatts Lane - Upper Road - Chapel Lane - Keddington Hill

Due to a shared boundary the following lanes were included as part of the Great Cornard Parish initiative and signage was erected for the following two lanes in October 2022:

Blackhouse Lane - Prospect Hill.

The project was heavily subsidised by Suffolk County Council and Little Cornard was asked to make a voluntary contribution of £250 towards costs which has since been paid.

Since Suffolk launched the initiative for 'Quiet lanes' in 2020, nearly 200 parish councils have engaged in the project and there are now more than 350 lanes designated in Suffolk, covering 400km or (248 miles) of country roads.



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Little Cornard is now linked to Bures and Assington Parishes who both have designated 'Quiet lanes'.

Local residents welcomed and supported the initiative and feedback to-date has been positive. Consideration has been given to seeking to reduce the national speed limit on the lanes to 20mph but following the implementation of this by Assington Parish Council on the 'Street' it is believed that approval for this from County would not be easily forthcoming and costs would be prohibitive. There are no plans to proceed with this aspect of traffic speed control at this time. The project is closed.

Cllr J. Finch left the meeting

11. Update from Ruth Adams on the Speed Watch

In Ruth's absence Nick Hammond informed the meeting that The Community Speed Watch team continue to carry out regular speed checks on the B1508, either at Henny View layby or at Willowmere Caravan Park. Sadly, the number of drivers exceeding 35mph is still very high Janice Sampson does a sterling job in organising the surveys and reporting the data to the Police. She deserves our thanks.

We are pleased to have a new team member, Steve, who has recently moved into Little Cornard and has previous experience of CSW in Essex. We can now work with two teams and try to carry out two surveys a week, with an additional Saturday survey when we can. Of course, we would be grateful to have new members to spread the load.

Interesting to note that Letter 2 has been sent to ten drivers, which means they have been caught twice.

Janice has emailed Highways about the missing 30 mph sign on the B1508, reported on the Highways Reporting Tool on 29 March with works ordered on 7 April. The sign is still missing and the website states that the works should be completed within 20 working days. We await the installation of the new 30 mph sign within the very near future as the 20 working days have now expired. We can but try!

12. Update from Nick Hammond on the Bramford to Twinstead electricity network reinforcement project

- National Grid has just submitted the application for a Development Consent Order, Planning Permission.
- This is the first stage a of a six stage process which will take around 15 to 18 months to complete assuming the Government are happy to proceed.
- So from our point of view apart from making sure there are no unwanted changes as the process proceeds we do not have a lot to do.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....21st. May 2024

**Karen Gilbert
Chairman**



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Dear Councillor

Your attendance is required at the forthcoming meeting of Little Cornard Parish Council to be held at the Village Hall on **TUESDAY 21st. MAY 2024 immediately after the Annual Parish meeting** for the purpose of transacting the business ONLY shown on the agenda

KBMoney - Kevin B. Money – Parish Clerk 15th. May 2024

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- 046/2024 2023/2024 Chairman Welcome**
- 047/2024 Councillors make sure that their Register of Interest form is current**
- 048/2024 Apologies for Absence**
- 049/2024 Election of Chairman for the 2024/25 year**
The Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form
- 050/2024 Election of Vice-Chairman for the 2024/25 year**
The Vice-Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form
- 051/2024 Election of Employment committee – All Councillors**
- 052/2024 To re-adopt all Council policies – sent prior to meeting**
2023-24 Council policies and procedures can be found at <https://e-voice.org.uk/littlecornardpc/policies-procedures/>
- 053/2024 2024/25 Chairman to Close Annual meeting**



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FULL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

054/2024 Chairman welcome

055/2024 Apologies for absence

056/2024 Declaration of Interest

Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors

057/2024 Minutes - To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meetings held on 19th. March 2024

058/2024 Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information

059/2024 Highways

- 1) Following Councillors logging details about highway issues to BDC then to send highways report/number to the Clerk to keep up to date

060/2024 Planning Applications

061/2024 Planning Decision/s made by Babergh District Council affecting Little Cornard

062/2024 Footpath update

- a) Update on confirmation that SCC will undertake 2 cuts in 2024. Quotation for other cuts throughout 2024/2025 – Cllr K. Gilbert

063/2024 Annual Return 2023/2024

- 1) To receive the 2023/2024 signed Internal Audit Report
- 2) To receive and sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2023/2024 part 2
- 3) To receive and sign the Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024
- 4) To receive and sign the Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2023/2024

064/2024 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. April 2024
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025
- c) To approve the payment of Accounts for April and May 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements

065/2024 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2024/2025

066/2024 Items for Next Agenda

067/2024 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 16th. July 2024 at 7pm

Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 17.09.24: 19.11.24

068/2024 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th. March 2024 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Cheryl Crane, Clive Johnson, Nigel Monk, Scott Savage, Mark Smith and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were 5 members of the public present.

024/2024 Chairman welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

025/2024 Apologies for absence were received from SCC James Finch, BDC Cllr L. Parker and Cllr J. Thomas

026/2024 Declaration of Interest

Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors.
Cllr N. Monk declared an interest in planning application DC/24/00556

027/2024 Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meetings held on 16th. January 2024. **All Agreed**

028/2024 Public participation session - Total of 5 minutes is allowed

It is good to see that the barbed wire has been removed but the verge has not been re-instated to its previous state.

The fence which is protecting the pond has been reported to Highways and is in a terrible state.
The Parish Council should raise this issue again with Highways.

029/2024 County Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed

£4.4 million to be spent for 60 additional staff to strengthen SEND reform.

Suffolk County Council's Cabinet has confirmed that 60 new members of staff will be recruited to drive forward important reform to the way special educational needs and disability (SEND) services are delivered in Suffolk. This includes an increase in permanent SEND staff of nearly 15%. These new posts will support the improvement of the quality and timeliness of assessments, plans, reviews, and communications with families. To support this improvement programme, an additional £4.4million was signed off during the budget discussions at Full Council on February 15. Of this, £3.4million will provide 46 new full-time posts – a increase of 15% in current staffing levels. An additional £1million will be spent in 2024/25 to fund 14 temporary posts.

Public consultation on Suffolk County Council's proposed devolution deal starts on 18th March 2024. A 10-week public consultation on our proposed devolution deal with the Government will start on 18th March and run through until 26th May. The consultation will be in two main parts – an open survey, hosted by Suffolk County Council, that any residents can complete and a sample survey of 1000 Suffolk residents conducted independently by Ipsos Mori. The consultation will be available through our website www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution and social media. There will also be media coverage highlighting the consultation.

Dragon Patcher lands in Suffolk to bolster response to rural potholes. Suffolk Highways has welcomed the new pothole-repairing machine to help fix the growing number of potholes experienced nationally during the winter season, with a trial set to initially target defects in rural Suffolk. The Dragon Patcher is a machine that releases compressed air which cleans the surface of the road, before heating the surface to a temperature that enables repair material to bond effectively with the road surface, allowing the pothole to be repaired with an aggregate and hot bitumen material. Compared with the traditional approach of repairing potholes, the Dragon Patcher can work five times faster. This trial is in addition to the potholes being repaired around the clock as part of our routine repair programme, during the past two months Suffolk Highways has repaired 2,851 potholes across Suffolk. Fuelled by the biodiesel, HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil), the patcher reduces raw material use and creates zero waste and has shown to provide significant carbon savings when compared to traditional patching techniques. Once the trial ends in Suffolk, a decision will be taken on whether to roll out the technology across the county.

Have your say on Suffolk's local transport plan. Residents are invited to share their views on how they travel to help inform Suffolk's Local Transport Plan. The plan sets out a long-term vision for transport in Suffolk and covers key themes such as decarbonisation of transport, strengthening the local economy, promoting health, wellbeing and social inclusion, and creating better-connected places that encourage a range of transport choices. Suffolk County Council is asking for feedback on the key themes proposed for

Signed

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the fourth version of the plan, which will cover the period until 2040 and respond to long-term transport opportunities and challenges facing Suffolk and the UK as a whole. A link to the survey can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/ltp4>. The consultation will run for eight weeks until 8 April 2024. Feedback from the consultation will be collated and inform the production of the draft local transport plan. The full draft document will then be subject to further consultation later in the year.

Suffolk County Council to review weed control for roads and pavements. In February 2022, the council agreed to stop using glyphosate in its routine weed treatment programmes, to find more natural alternatives to help protect the local environment. However, the alternative products proved unable to meet requirements, which was further exacerbated by exceptional growing conditions. Multiple applications were sometimes needed which could introduce other negative environmental impacts. Teams will continue to monitor and research the different approaches being used to remove weeds on our roads and pavements. However where needed, glyphosate would be used responsibly as it is one of the most cost-effective and long-lasting solutions.

Final Position Statement - Bramford to Twinstead (EN020002) - Deadline 9. Notwithstanding that Suffolk County Council (SCC) have always accepted the principle of the project, and has been able to support important aspects of it, including undergrounding in the Stour Valley and the removal of redundant 132kV transmission lines. SCC is so concerned about the shortcomings in the Applicant's proposals for the implementation and control of the construction of the project, that it must advise the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State that it formally OBJECTS to the making of a Development Consent Order (DCO) in the terms put forward by the Applicant in the draft DCO and supported by the current suite of control documents. The Council considers that the following management plans require substantial revision, due to insufficient detail, these issues are exacerbated by the lack of a commitment to a two-stage, (outline and final) process, in accordance with the comments submitted to the examination For more information refer to this link; -

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020002/EN020002-001641-Suffolk%20County%20Council%20-%20Comments%20on%20submissions%20received%20at%20Deadline%208.pdf>

98% of pupils receive a place at one of their preferred Secondary Schools on National Offer Day.

This year parents and carers of 98% of children were offered a place on National Offer Day at one of their three preferred schools and 93% were offered a place at their first preference school. Suffolk County Council received 7,867 applications from parents and carers indicating which secondary school they would prefer their child to transfer to in September 2024. Families who applied online can log in to the online service from today to see the school their child has been offered. They will also receive an email to confirm this offer, unless they have indicated that they do not wish to. Letters will be sent to parents who made a paper application by second class post today (1 March 2024).

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley. A Foster Carer Recruitment Event is held the 1st Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption Event is on the 1st Thursday all 7:00pm in your home. To book a place please email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

- a) Update on finger post on Workhouse Green. No update on this item

030/2024 District Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed

- I have discussed funding with Karen in respect of SID's. Unfortunately we can't bid in to CIL for that so I've asked our communities team to look at their sources of funding. Will report back.
- I met with the VH committee last month. I have briefed our CIL team that there may be a bid coming forward for VH improvements. I'm just awaiting the committee putting together their costings and proposals and then I can assist with an application.

031/2024 Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information

Cllr K. Gilbert has spoken to Bradley at SCC who looks after the SID but the battery is working slow. The battery needs replacing. Can CIL money be allocated to replace all the SID batteries or to buy new SID's? Cllr L. Parker will be approached to see if funding is available.

No litter picking has been requested from the wardens and local residents

Signed

**K. Gilbert
Chairman**

21st. May 2024



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032/2024 Highways

1) Following Councillors logging details about highway issues to BDC then to send highways report/number to the Clerk to keep up to date. The Clerk has been kept up-to-date with Highway issues being reported.

LCPC should contact SCC Cllr J. Finch to raise the standard of Highway repairs including pot-holes.

2) Flooding in the village – Spout Lane and Chapel Lane – Drains in Wyatts Lane need addressing – Blocked drains causing dangerous road conditions. Already reported to Highways

3) Fly tipping in Dorking Tye - A sofa in ditch on the road from Dorking Tye to Workhouse Green before Stantons Farm – Already reported to Highways - Report number FT592322134

4) Proposed Speed limits for Little Cornard – update from Cllr M. Smith has chased SCC Cllr J. Finch

033/2024 Planning Applications

DC/24/00504 - Sawyers Farm, Slough Lane, Bures St Mary CO10 0NY

Full Planning Application - Construction of 32No ground mounted solar energy array panel (retention of) On 21st. February 2024, before the deadline submission date, Little Cornard Parish Council submitted the following response. **Little Cornard Parish Council has no comment to make on this application**

DC/24/00556 - Kingsbury House, Upper Road, Little Cornard, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0NZ

Householder Application - Erection of rear extension and front and rear dormer extensions including insertion of rooflight.

RESOLVED: Little Cornard Parish Council Supports this planning application

034/2024 Planning Decision/s made by Babergh District Council affecting Little Cornard

DC/24/00384 - April Cottage, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0NX

Application for works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order BT346/T1 - Lift Canopy of 1No Oak Tree removing branches from service wires, removing 4 smaller branches from one side will not unbalance the rest of the tree. **CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED**

035/2024 Agree any action required on the emails circulated by the Clerk to Councillors since the last scheduled meeting of the Council.

036/2024 Clerk's report

a) Clerk to produce an updated ongoing projects / action list for Councillors

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Government is imposing all Councils must have a .gov.uk domain name linked to the website. The Clerk has obtained a quotation for 10 email mailboxes and to convert all information across to the new emails etc. The quote is £401.00p +VAT but up to 31.03.24 the Government will reimburse the Council £100.00p. Bringing the cost down to £301.00p +VAT.

Cllr C. Johnson proposed to proceed with this conversion. Cllr M. Smith seconded. **All Agreed**

037/2024 Footpath update

a) Update on confirmation that SCC will undertake 2 cuts in 2024 (May & September).

Quotation for other cuts throughout 2024/2025 – Cllr K. Gilbert. No further update. Quotation awaiting a response from SCC

038/2024 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Update from Cllr M. Smith

The Little Cornard NHW Group now has 55 members signed up since its reinstatement in July 2023. We now have members that live on all the roads in Little Cornard.

We will continue to publish a crime prevention articles in each of the parish magazines. The latest magazine had an article on how to prevent fraud and an introduction to PC Coughlan and the role of the Community Police Officers.

The Little Cornard NHW What's app page is working well alongside that of The Little Cornard Residents App set up for other village matters.

Thankfully there has been little to no reported crime in Little Cornard other than the Blackhouse Lane criminal damage. Where children were seen to damage traffic bollards. The police have been to local

Signed

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schools with a hope to try and ID the children involved and both schools' staff have been spoken to and there are no ID's. This suggests that they either go to another school out of area, or are not local, the feeling is that, it's unlikely. The Police will continue to ask with a hope to ID the children so that they can bring about a resolution - This crime has been filed pending an ID. The police told me that there had been a few thefts from vehicles locally and a couple of burglaries in Sudbury and the Essex borders.

One of the main priorities for the police in the rural community is developing links to help tackle criminality - such as having a key network of individuals they can go to, to disseminate quick time crime information. I now have good relationship with our local officers and they will respond to incidents. We are getting regular patrols around the village and the police will attend the next Parish Council meeting in May. (Subject to operational calls)

I am still awaiting to hear from Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch and Suffolk highways. about the sites for our new signs. We will have to apply direct to BT instead of Suffolk highways to use their telegraph poles and only on the ones that have no wires running down them.

The NHW is set up to bring the community together and enable individuals and the community to be connected, active, minimise crime and make everyone feel safer.

If you see a crime being committed, please call 999 immediately.

You can use the on-line reporting tools or 101 in a non-emergency to report minor crimes. This frees up the 999-emergency system.

PC Coughlan and the Community Policing Team will see the reports that are in the area they are responsible for.

039/2024 Village Hall – Update from Cllr N. Monk

Funds are stable £14500.00p in bank: Upgrading toilet facilities for disabled access:

Flat parking outside Hall with tarmac: Upgrading septic tank: Cart lodge to be installed:

Playground equipment: Rendering requires repairing: Heating to be upgraded:

Regular bookings going well: Quiz night 13th. April 2024: Casino night arranged later in the year:

040/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 29th. February 2024

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 29th. February 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for February and March 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements. **All Agreed**

d) PCC contribution £275.00p Cllr N. Monk proposed Cllr C. Johnson seconded. **All Agreed**

041/2024 Update on National Grid – Cllr K. Gilbert

Coming to the end of consultation period. Trying to put objections to an access road by putting trees around the area. Visible on the valley side. It is contrary to the Neighbourhood plan. No decisions have been made on the outcome and when works will start.

042/2024 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2024/2025

Councillors have been given all the SALC training dates

043/2024 Items for Next Agenda

044/2024 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 21st. May 2024 will be the Annual Parish

Meeting at 7pm followed by LCPC AGM followed by a brief LCPC Full Council meeting

Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 16.07.24: 17.09.24: 19.11.24

045/2024 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

**K. Gilbert
Chairman**

21st. May 2024

BANK RECONCILIATION				
Financial year ending 31.03.25				
Bank Balance as at	30.04.24	31.05.24	30.06.24	31.07.24
Unity Trust Bank Currnet account	£ 23,255.77			
Unity Trust Bank EMR account	£ -			
Total:	£ 23,255.77			
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques	£ -			
Net Bank Balances as at	£ 23,255.77			
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.24	£ 18,420.90			
Plus Receipts	£ 4,834.87			
Total	£ 23,255.77			
Less Payments	£ -			
Grand Total	£ 23,255.77			
Difference	£ -			
Bank Balance as at	31.08.24	30.09.24	31.10.24	30.11.24
Unity Trust Bank Currnet account				
Unity Trust Bank EMR account				
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques				
Net Bank Balances as at				
CASH BOOK				
Balance as at 01.04.24				
Plus Receipts				
Total				
Less Payments				
Grand Total				
Difference				
Bank Balance as at	31.12.24	31.01.25	28.02.25	31.03.25
Unity Trust Bank Currnet account				
Unity Trust Bank EMR account				
Less Unpresented cheques				
Total of unpresented cheques				
Net Bank Balances as at				
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31/03/2024		Balance brought forward	£0.00	£0.00	£18,420.90
08/04/2024	Credit	BABERGH PAYMENTS	£0.00	£4,367.50	£22,788.40
22/04/2024	Credit	HMRC VTR	£0.00	£467.37	£23,255.77

£ 4834.87
NIL

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LCPC ACTUAL AGAINST BUDGET REPORT				
		Agreed 2024/25	Total Income / spend to May '24	Left in Budget as at May '24
Income	Precept	8735	£ 4,367.50	
	Other Income / Grant	0	£ -	
	Bank Interest	0	£ -	
	VAT Refund	0	£ 467.37	
	Donations	0	£ -	
	TOTAL	8735	£ 4,834.87	
Exp.				
Staff	Salary	3564	£ 594.00	£ 2,970.00
	Home / Office allowance	180	£ 30.00	£ 150.00
Adm.	Payroll	132	£ -	£ 132.00
	Clerk Expenses	125	£ 46.06	£ 78.94
	Training	300	£ -	£ 300.00
	Village Hall hire	132	£ -	£ 132.00
	Online mapping	0	£ -	£ -
	Donations - PCC: Other	300	£ -	£ 300.00
	Subscriptions - SALC:SWT: ICO: CAS: OneSuffolk:	360	£ 188.32	£ 171.68
	Parish Council Insurance	290	£ -	£ 290.00
	Annual Audit	0	£ 19.80	-£ 19.80
	Dog Bin (Emptying / New)	400	£ -	£ 400.00
	Footpath Cutting	750	£ -	£ 750.00
	Contingencies	500	£ 585.00	-£ 85.00
	Community Wardens	750	£ -	£ 750.00
	Election Costs	150	£ -	£ 150.00
	Donations	200	£ -	£ 200.00
	Repairs	100	£ -	£ 100.00
	Maintenance	250	£ -	£ 250.00
	Neighbourhood watch	100	£ -	£ 100.00
	Defibrillator electricity	80	£ -	£ 80.00
	Bank Charges	72	£ -	£ 72.00
	GRAND TOTAL	8735	£ 1,463.18	£ 7,271.82
	VAT TO RECLAIM		£ 126.21	
	Total:		£ 1,589.39	

FINANCE APRIL & MAY 2024 PAYMENTS**INCOME: BDC 1st. Instalment of Precept £4367.50p: VAT Refund £467.37p**

Donation £85.00p

Expenditure

Chq No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total	LCPC Ref
BACS	Apr '24	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 193.20	£ -	£ 193.20	1
BACS	Apr '24	HMRC Tax on Salary	£ 118.80	£ -	£ 118.80	2
BACS	May '24	Kevin B. Money - Clerk Salary	£ 193.20	£ -	£ 193.20	3
BACS	May '24	HMRC Tax on Salary	£ 118.80	£ -	£ 118.80	4
BACS		Kevin B. Money - Clerk Expenses	£ 65.86	£ 9.21	£ 75.07	5
BACS	28649	SALC - Subscription 2024-25	£ 188.32	£ -	£ 188.32	6
BACS	884591	Glasdon - New bench	£ 585.00	£ 117.00	£ 702.00	7
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	£ 1,463.18	£ 126.21	£ 1,589.39	