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Subject: RE: Depden Parish Council

Dear Susan

Thank you for the invitation to your Parish Meeting. Following a review of neighbourhood policing that took place in 2018, the role of 'community engagement officer' (CEO) was launched within Suffolk. As the CEO for your locality, I am responsible for approximately 70 parishes and so, as you will appreciate, it is not possible for me to attend or prepare reports for each one as a matter of course. If required, crime statistics are available for each area via the website www.police.uk all year round and anyone with internet access can see this information. If there is a particular issue in your parish and you feel it would be beneficial for police to attend, please contact me on this email address and it may be possible for me to attend in person or prepare a report to address the problem. This can be at any time of year as it is important that we are available at the time an issue has come to light.

Regards

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West Suffolk Council Rural Task (RTF) Force Update

Many thanks to those able to attend and contribute to the four public meetings hosted by the RTF. The online survey, now closed, yielded good results, these along with comments from the public meetings, Ward Councillors and stake holder groups have been instrumental in shaping the focus on key issues within our rural areas.

The committee has so far consulted with, and taken advice from, Community Action Suffolk, the Rural Coffee Caravan, Citizens Advice West Suffolk and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. A draft report from the RTF will be presented to the West Suffolk District Council Cabinet on November 12th, more consultations are planned for November, these remaining meetings will conclude the work of the RTF with the final recommendations to Cabinet in January 2020.

Consultation on the Strategic Housing Land and Economic Availability Assessment (SHELAA) stakeholder consultation 15 October – 26 November 2019.

Who is being consulted and how?

Statutory consultees (including parish councils) and key stakeholders, for example developers or landowners who have submitted sites or have asked to be notified of the SHELAA consultation. The draft SHELAA features details of 732 sites and is a very large document. For this reason, we have decided to make the document available to view on the council's website from 9am on 15 October at the following link:

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/shelaaconsultation

All parties will be notified and invited to submit comments to planning policy by the close of consultation.

Please note, the consultation is not seeking general comments and is **not** a site selection process. All the sites will be fully consulted upon in January 2020 as part of the West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options consultation. This consultation is to check that the information contained in the draft SHELAA report is correct and to add more factual evidence only.

Next steps

The final SHELAA will be published in late 2019. Details of all consultation comments received, and amendments made to the SHELAA as a result, will be shown in an appendix.

1. Sustainable services in settlements Parish Council consultation

One aspect of the new West Suffolk Local Plan will be to review the currently adopted settlement categories and hierarchies in the former St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath areas. In order to do this work officers are currently preparing a sustainable settlements study as evidence to sit alongside the Local Plan. The purpose of this study is to understand which are the most sustainable settlements in the district through applying a set key sustainability criterion, such as the presence of shops, schools etc. This information will be used to help draft a new settlement hierarchy which will be subject to consultation in January 2020 as part of the Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

Who is being consulted and how?

Parish councils will be notified by email with a copy of the information collected and invited to submit comments to planning policy by the close of consultation. It should be noted that parishes are being asked to comment on the factual accuracy of the sustainability criteria recorded for settlements in their parish, NOT on a new settlement hierarchy.

Next steps

The draft Sustainable Settlements Study will be published in early 2020 alongside the Issues and Options West Suffolk Local Plan. There will be an opportunity to comment on this document during the 2020 Issues and Options consultation.

If you have any queries on the above, please contact planning policy at planning.policy@westsuffolk.gov.uk or by calling 01284 757368.

Former post office in Bury St Edmunds

A planning application to transform the former Cornhill Post Office in Bury St Edmunds town centre has been passed by the Development Control Committee.

The plans to turn 17-18 Cornhill into 12 flats, two commercial units and widen Market Thoroughfare, much of the existing structure would be demolished but the historic facade retained.

The application, which was referred to the committee because West Suffolk Council is the applicant.

County Lines targeting West Suffolk

County lines refer to the mobile phone lines used in the illegal trade of drugs. Criminal gangs creating vast income are ruthless in their pursuit of this illicit trade. Often befriending and grooming the vulnerable into a life of crime from which it's difficult to escape, even the very young have been known to fall prey to the lure of easy money.

Signs to watch for if you have fears for an individual.

- Personality change.
- Unexplained large amounts of cash.
- Expensive cloths.
- Several mobile phones.
- Seen in the company of strangers.
- Frequent taxi rides and receipts.
- The paraphernalia of drug use.

WSDC list of building acquisitions is increasing with a diverse portfolio intended to create sustainable income enabling less reliance on Government funding.

A key example is the future of one of Haverhill's major employers has been secured following a £3.5m investment by West Suffolk Council.

AXA Insurance employs over 200 people at Provincial House on Haverhill High Street.

Changes in working practices meant that it only needed to rent one floor but was paying for three and was considering its options as the end of its lease approached.

Now however the firm has been able to commit its long term future to the town taking on the first floor only from new owners West Suffolk Council.

The Mildenhall Hub opening late 2020 and includes a new school, children's centre, new leisure facilities, a health centre, facilities for Suffolk Police, West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, as well as a library, job centre and Citizen's Advice centre.

This multi-million pound project will create modern accessible services to people living in and around the town, and from the surrounding area.

The Newmarket Leisure Centre is undergoing a major facelift, due to be completed by Christmas, this £1.8 million investment will make the building fit for the 21st century.

Both Suffolk County Council and the West Suffolk councils are responsible for the construction of the new waste hub facility which will combine services currently provided across four separate sites onto a single site at Hollow Road Farm in Fornham St Martin.

Morgan Sindall Construction's project team at WSOH has been nominated in the award's community engagement and workplace wellbeing categories in recognition of their outstanding performance and commitment to best practice throughout the life cycle of the project. Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council, which will use the site to provide waste and recycling services.

The state-of-the-art facility is being built to accommodate the changing needs for waste management in West Suffolk and will bring a number of operational services together on one site to increase efficiency and to reflect the anticipated growth in population and housing in the area.

The site is located close to Bury St Edmunds at Hollow Road Farm in Fornham St Martin and includes a waste transfer station, a split level household waste recycling centre, vehicle depot and a re-use shop facility.

Other engagement activity, which the project has been recognised for, included arranging and hosting a talk by an archaeologist for over 50 people at the site to learn more about archaeological findings which were unearthed in the pre-construction phase.

The £22 million project is nearing completion.

Mike Chester

District Councillor Chedburgh and Chevington Ward

Serving the Parishes of Rede-Depden-Chedburgh-Chevington-Hargrave-Ousden-Lidgate-Dalham

1. I am sorry we had to cancel the rural crime meeting but Sgt Calver was called away at very short notice. We are looking to re-arrange it. I have also been asked by other parishes whether we should have a meeting about drug activity locally and what parents and communities can do to protect and educate our young people. I would be interested to know if this something the parish would like such a meeting.

2. A new and improved recycling centre will open in Bury St Edmunds at the end of November. The flagship site in Fornham Road will replace the current recycling centre at Rougham Hill, Bury St Edmunds, which will close its doors permanently.

The new centre will be the first open air site in Suffolk where all containers can be accessed by the public from ground level, removing the need for struggling up steps. Visitors will be able to recycle the same wide range of materials currently available at the Rougham Hill Recycling Centre.

A charity Reuse shop, which will take materials suitable for reuse from our recycling centres, will also be opening on site towards the end of the year.

3. Suffolk's care homes have improved markedly in recent years so that the Care Quality Commission now rates more than 87% of our care homes as good or outstanding.

The top 10 authorities are listed below with Suffolk coming in at fifth but with significantly more registered locations than the other LA's in the top 10 – for example the isles of Scilly tops the table with 100% of its homes outstanding. It has the one care home; Suffolk has more than 300.

Top Ten Local Authorities Nationally

Top 10 LA	Outstanding and Good %	Total registered locations
Isles of Scilly	100.00%	1
Darlington	90.38%	52
Wokingham	89.29%	84
Cumbria	89.08%	229
Suffolk	87.82%	353
Windsor and Maidenhead	87.50%	56
Sefton	87.29%	181
Bristol, City of	86.90%	168
South Gloucestershire	86.61%	127
Blackpool	86.32%	95

4. In the run up to Christmas we can all get carried away looking for bargains. Please be very wary of special offers especially via the internet. Suffolk Trading Standards are warning people "don't be tempted to participate" in sharing an Argos giveaway post as it "is fraudulent."

A post on the Suffolk Trading Standards Facebook page said: "A post claiming that everyone who shares and takes part in an Argos giveaway post will be in a chance of winning £1000 in vouchers, is currently circulating on Facebook.

This post is fraudulent and has no connection to Argos. Nobody who participates will receive the vouchers. If you see one of these giveaway posts, don't be tempted to participate.

"You have no chance of winning the promised prize, and you may risk your privacy and security by sharing your personal information with online scammers."

It comes after Suffolk Trading Standards issued a similar warning about a [£50 Morrisons voucher giveaway](#), which is also fraudulent.

5. Gritta Garbo has been patrolling our roads on the recent frosty nights. A competition to name all 41 Suffolk gritters was run at the Suffolk Show. Last month we had an award ceremony for the people who contributed the winning names ere The gritters running out of Depden Depot, and their routes, are

Sir Grittsalot	Hartest
Gritta Garbo	Clare
Ice Road trucker	Haverhill
Frankie Deiceatori	Newmarket

6. The local government boundary commission for England is reviewing Suffolk County Council to bring the divisions into line – the population size can vary from just over 5,000 to nearly 9,000. Currently there are 75 County Councillors. We have agreed to cut the number to 70 although our Liberal/Green/Independent colleagues wanted to maintain the status quo or even increase the number. The decision to reduce to 70 means division sizes will be about the size of the existing Clare division but I do expect there will be changes in the make up of the division.
7. On a personal note, I have left highways. There was an unexpected reshuffle at SCC last month and I have taken over the role of cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills. I have launched a review of the implementation of the new home to school transport policy which is being led by Suffolk's Fire Chief Officer Mark Hardingham. I am also focussing on the children's mental health, improvements to the support we provide to the young people leaving care and provision for more school places for children with SEND.

VAS Summary Depden September 2019

VAS records number of vehicles and speeds in 5 minutes intervals and 5 mph ranges - not individual registrations etc. VAS shared with Hargrave and Ousden in rotation (4 weeks each village).

1 Church End, Depden (IP29 4BZ) coming from A143, Aug 24-Sep 8 2019

Average speed: 29.3 mph

Vehicles: 4,114

Average number of vehicles: 275.5/day

Fastest speed: 50mph (24/08/19 at 21:40)

44% of vehicles speeding (1,819)

Avg speeder 36.5 mph

85 percentile speed: 34.2 mph

Over 35 mph: 395 (10%)

Over 45 mph: 8 (0.2%)

Over 60 mph:

2 Depden Green (IP29 4BY) at Claremont, from Water Tower, Sep 8-21 2019

Average speed: 33.1 mph

Vehicles: 3993

Average number of vehicles: 308/day

Fastest speed: 90mph (17/9/19 16:20)

67% of vehicles speeding (2,654)

Avg speeder goes 37.2 mph

85 percentile speed: 40.8 mph

Over 35 mph: 1493 (37%)

Over 45 mph: 200 (5%)

Over 60 mph: 5