

	<p>4 offences in Honington Village and 1 in Sapiston.</p> <p>The 2023/24 Annual Report of the Suffolk Police and Crime Panel has been published.</p>	<p>A copy of this can be found at: Suffolk-PCP-Annual-Report-2023-2024</p>
4. RAF Report	<p>No report was presented at the meeting.</p>	
5. West Suffolk Councilor's Report	<p>West Suffolk Cllr AS met with Cllr IPP on 20th August to discuss proposals to install Solar Panels. WSC would own the equipment and WS Cllr Smith will need to speak with the Village Hall Committee but for now the quote has been submitted and WSC are expected to reach a decision over the next few weeks.</p> <p>WS Cllr AS updated Cllr's about the proposed new nationwide recycling schemes to come into operation in April 2026. This would involve roadside collections for glass, food, and paper. WSC are due to consider this on the 17th September before going to full Council in October. Cllr RW applauds a nationwide policy as different schemes around the country can cause confusion. Concerns were raised about the loss of income for Village groups who receive money from bottle banks.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for an update on the repairs to the Church Road and The Timbers signs as discussed in our last meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith to chase.</p>
6. Suffolk County Councilor's Report	<p>SCC JS joined us after attending another PC meeting. Cllr Spicer apologised for the delay in finalising the flood prevention work on Bardwell</p>	

	<p>Road. The road closure order has not been issued as discussed in our March meeting and it has been decided that the PC would apply for the permit to close the road. This was especially frustrating as the road in question was closed last week for a number of days for the repair of pot holes. The PC will not write to the CEO at this stage with our frustrations so as not to muddy the waters. It is hoped that this application will be acted upon swiftly after the delay. SCC have agreed to fund all traffic management costs. All Councilors agreed to support the proposals and to proceed as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>Cllrs were delighted that the A1088 at Ixworth and Ixworth Thorpe has finally been resurfaced.</p> <p>The A1088 south of Ixworth remains closed for Bridge repairs.</p> <p>Cllr RW asked about the closure of Stowe Road in Ixworth. This closure sends motorists back up the High Street to travel onto Bury as you cannot turn right onto the A143 from the bottom of the High Street. The closure was put in place after a lightning strike and UK power networks needed to replace cables. It is hoped to be finished within the next week.</p> <p>Cllr SJ asked if a roundabout had ever been considered on the A143 at the staggered junction coming from Pakenham into Ixworth. Cllrs</p>	<p>Cllr RW will submit the road closure application and liaise with SCC.</p> <p>Road to remain closed until December 2024.</p> <p>SCC JS admitted this suggestion had never been received.</p>
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	<p>agreed long waits are experienced when trying to exit from Pakenham.</p> <p>Cllr RW expressed frustration at the accuracy of Road Closure Signs. Often signs declare roads are closed miles from the actual closure. Cllr JS informed Council that often old signs were used when time restraints did not allow new ones to be made up.</p> <p>The PC's concerns about the Bridge repairs have been passed on.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for an update on the proposals to extend the bus route beyond Euston to Thetford.</p>	<p>PC awaiting a response.</p> <p>A decision is expected soon.</p>
<p>7. Minutes of the last meeting held on July 8th 2024.</p>	<p>The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman RW.</p> <p>Matters Arising: - The Council have purchased a sign warning motorists of "Children Playing" and positioned it prior to the playing field entrance.</p> <p>Cllr SJ reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to keep the website of the Village Hall separate from the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Thanks were given to those Cllrs who had submitted photographs for the website.</p>	<p>Harriet van Der Lande agreed to take photographs at the end of the meeting to upload onto the website.</p>
<p>8. Matters Arising 8.1. Clerk's Report</p>	<p>A copy of the report presented to Councilors is included with the minutes along with comments made.</p>	

<p>9. Highways 9.1. Outstanding matters</p>	<p>The Sapiston flood prevention works were discussed earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>We have no updates on the Willow Green flooding.</p> <p>The PC's concerns about the repairs carried out at the Bridge have been passed on to the relevant department head at SCC.</p> <p>CLLrs bought a "children playing" sign for use in Mill Road so this was in place prior to the school holidays starting.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for an update on the Church Road/Timbers Street signs.</p>	<p>SCC JS & Cllr RW</p> <p>SCC JS</p> <p>WSC AS</p>
<p>10. Items for Discussion 10.1. Safety of Lithium-Ion Batteries</p> <p>10.2. Playing Field Inspections and Playground Report</p>	<p>The Council has received a request to support a campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries. Lithium battery fires are on the increase and some have occurred locally quite recently. Lord Foster is promoting a bill to bring in new legislation to increase safety including new testing procedures for imports, regulations for the safe disposal of lithium-ion batteries and new guidelines on storing, safer access and charging of lithium-ion batteries.</p> <p>All CLLrs agreed to support the campaign.</p> <p>Cllr SJ has obtained a quote from REJB Sport Services to carry out our Annual Health and Safety Inspection. (This company carries out the same inspection at Honington Primary</p>	<p>Clerk to write offering support.</p> <p>Cllr SJ to liaise with REJB</p>

<p>10.3. Insurance Premium – Updating Asset List</p>	<p>School) The price for an annual inspection is £115 + VAT. All Cllrs agreed to accept this quote. The Annual Inspection will take place in January 2025. Cllrs have asked that a pre-inspection takes place before this as Cllr believe some work may need to be carried out prior to this inspection. This inspection will be carried out at the same charge.</p> <p>The latest copy of the Playground Report received by the Council was circulated before the meeting and comments noted.</p> <p>Cllr RW has sought a quote from Forfront Carpentry to carry out repairs to the fort on the playing field.</p> <p>Cllrs and the Clerk reviewed the current assets of the Council and added any new items replaced/purchased withing the last year.</p>	<p>Awaiting quote.</p> <p>Clerk to forward updated list to Insurance company.</p>
<p>11. Finance 11.1. Thank yous and Donation Requests</p> <p>11.2. Payments</p>	<p>Thank yous have been received from Barnham Flint and Ixworth Patients Association.</p> <p>The Council have received donation requests from SARS and Communities Together. Cllrs agreed to donate £100 and £150 respectively.</p> <p>Our application to proceed with online banking has been approved and is up and running. Cllrs RW & SR signed the approval form included with the minutes for payments to be made.</p>	<p>Clerk thanked those who had submitted their bank details and will process this meeting's payments.</p>
<p>12. Correspondence</p>	<p>Items received:</p>	

	<p>WSC Electoral Register Briefing pack Items from SALC. Citizens Advice West Suffolk AGM – 16th October Haverhill Arts Centre.</p>	
<p>13. Matters to Report</p> <p>13.1. New Youth Group</p>	<p>A poster has been received advertising a new youth group for 13–25-year-olds at Thetford Library. This will focus on creating art inspired by local history.</p>	<p>Posters to be displayed Website</p>
<p>13.2. Woodland Trust</p>	<p>PC has received an invitation to apply for free trees through the Woodland Trust.</p>	<p>Application forwarded to Cllr MJ and the Blackbourne Tree Group.</p>
<p>13.3. Ageing in Suffolk Survey</p>	<p>Survey asking what it is like to grow old in Suffolk.</p>	<p>Posters with QR code to be displayed.</p>
<p>13.4. West Suffolk Parish & Town Forum</p>	<p>The next forum will take place on Tuesday 8th October 2024 in Haverhill Arts Centre at 7pm.</p>	<p>Please inform Clerk if you would like to attend.</p>
<p>13.5. UK Power Networks</p>	<p>Work will continue at the Sapiston Road Substation for the next 44 weeks. No disruption should be experienced.</p>	<p>Details were included in the Newsletter.</p>
<p>13.6. Postal Service</p>	<p>The Council have received concerns about the current postal service. Whilst we are very happy with our delivery drivers especially Lucy residents felt they did not always receive a 6-day service. Cllrs felt items could be being held back at the sorting office.</p>	
<p>13.7. New Notice Board</p>	<p>The Clerk asked if Cllrs would consider replacing the existing notice board in Honington.</p>	<p>Cllrs agreed to purchasing a 3' x 2' lockable notice board. Cllr RW to purchase.</p>
<p>13.8. The Fox PH</p>	<p>Concerns were raised about the outdoor space at The Fox. Vermin have been reported.</p>	<p>The vendors have been made aware.</p>

13.9. Village Events	Thanks were given to all those involved in the recent community events, including the Village Show and the Village Hall Picnic to celebrate the 10 th Anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall. We as a Village are very well served by those willing to give up their time to bring the community together and the PC wanted to acknowledge all their efforts.	Newsletter Item.
14. Date of the Next Meeting	MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.	

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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