

**Minutes of Poslingford Parish Council
meeting on 2nd September 2020
at Stansfield Village Hall**

Present: Parish Cllrs Martin England, Jim Rucklidge, Marc Allison, Annie Jones, Kathy Priestley, June Mansfield and Derek Nicholls
County Councillor Mary Evans
District Councillors Karen Richardson, Marion Rushbrook and Jim Meikle,
Chris Turner -Clerk

Chairman, Martin England welcomed those present.

Meeting closed for presentation and comments/reports by County and District Councillors.

Reports had been prepared in advance from the Councillors and are appended to these minutes. There were a couple of comments: a) The recent Water Works carried on between Clare and Poslingford were completed and it was felt that they are been done without any big issues, with the workmen always polite and helpful and opening the road when they could. However the notices for road closure could have been removed earlier. b) Rights of Way officer is Claire Dixon if we need to contact them. c) Jim Meikle did mention that Covid 19 is and will have implications to the finances of West Suffolk DC. He is pleased about how the local councils have helped their residents throughout the pandemic and reminded us that help is always available.

Meeting re-opened for Parish Council meeting:

1. Minutes of our last meeting and outstanding matters- These were accepted by all as accurate and signed by the Chair. The dog signs have now been received by Kathy Priestley. June Mansfield will deal with the wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

2 Financial Report- (i) The accounts to 2nd September were presented and agreed by all. Clerk confirmed the Council s expenses and income are in line with budgetary expectations. Several payments are now due as per the schedule that had been provided. All in agreement and cheques were signed and returned to clerk. (ii) The Internal Audit had been completed by SALC with a number of issues that needed reporting to the Council. They had a number of suggestions and comments as follows:

a. Adopt the full NALC Model Financial Regulations and update our website

b. Ensure payments made are within the Councils powers.

c. 1/4ly comment needed as to performance and expenses against budget. The 1/4ly report of income and expenditure are attached to minutes. This also shows the Bank account balance.

d. To review General Data Protection Regulations at least annually.

iii) Internet Banking was discussed and the proposal put forward by Jim Rucklidge was accepted. This will ensure that the clerk can only make Bac payments on receipt of the authorities signed by 2 councillors.

3.Councillors comments/issues- Drains remain blocked, Mary Evans will take this up for us.

4.Allotments water supply. Mark Allison has been looking into options and costs. A “bore hole” would cost upwards of £10000, but no ongoing maintenance, whilst a connection via

Anglian Water would cost £2000, but we would need to dig a trench.

5.No correspondence

Next Meeting 9th December 2020

Poslingford Parish Council as at 2nd September 2020

Financial position as at 2nd Sept 2020

Bank Account C/A balance at 3 rd June 2020		£10356.94
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Payments agreed at the previous meeting

TOP Garden Svcs	£327.00	
SALC Annual Fee	£139.72	
Clerk	£282.20	
PAYE	£65.40	
Printing costs	£44.40	£858.72

Net sum as at 2/9/2020		£9498.22
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Payments now due to be authorised:

Clerks salary to 30/9	£282.00	
PAYE due 30/9/20	£65.60	
Ladywell Accountancy Services	£32.00	
SALC Audit Fee	£126.00	
TOP Garden Services 1/6 & 1/7	£342.00	
Total payments to be authorised	£847.60	£847.60

Net Balance		£8650.62
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Report for tonight's meeting

Rushbrook, Marion <Marion.Rushbrook@westsuffolk.gov.uk>

Wed 9/2/2020 4:01 PM

To: 'POSLINGFORDDD@outlook.com' <POSLINGFORDDD@outlook.com>

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Chris

Please find joint report from Karen and myself for tonight's meeting

I apologies for the delay in send – work has been hectic today

Hope you are well

Marion and Karen

[Compost bin use up by 300 per cent.](#) Take up in home compost bins rose 300 per cent during lockdown, according to Suffolk Waste Partnership figures. The Council attributes demand to suspension of the Garden Waste Collection Service and seems more people then invested in a compost bin.

[Community Action Suffolk to hold first virtual fundraising conference](#)

UK Fundraising. Taking place on Tuesday 8 September, the Virtual Fundraising Conference for Suffolk has a theme of Financing, Sustainability and Resilience, and will run between 9.30am and 1pm. Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, West Suffolk Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Babergh/Mid-Suffolk Council will also be involved in delivering workshops during the event. There will

also be online workshops for participants to learn more about fundraising strategies, overcoming challenges associated with the pandemic, and exploring long-term income generation.

[New plug-in point offers 30-minute battery recharge.](#) West Suffolk Council have installed the rapid EV charger installed in the newly resurfaced All Saints car park. During the lockdown there has been a 45% fall in air pollution in the district.

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report for tonight

Mary Evans (SCC Councillor) <Mary.Evans@suffolk.gov.uk>

Wed 9/2/2020 12:48 PM

To: Chris Turner <POSILINGFORDDDD@outlook.com>

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Poslingford PC

I am awaiting news from highways about when they will come and repair the roadside edge of drainage channel. The drainage team have been very busy dealing with works where properties are being flooded.

I have asked the new Rights of Way Area Manager is coming out on a site visit shortly to look at various problems with PRoW in the Clare area – for Poslingford. I want to show her the track up to the graveyard. Martin and I looked at in March and it clear that unless something is done about the surface, hearses will not get through easily.

Suffolk Wide

We have worked very hard to make arrangements to get the 12,000 children entitled to free school transport to school safely. Full details are on www.suffolkonboard.com

The re-opening of the Household Waste Recycling Centres has gone extremely well and we are looking at making the system of booked appointments a permanent feature.

Saturday 15 August was the 75th anniversary of VJ Day in the UK, marking Victory in Japan at the end of the Second World War. Troops from the Suffolk Regiment served across the Far East including in the Razmak District of Pakistan, Burma, and Singapore, as well as in Europe and Africa. It was following the loss of Singapore in February 1942 that the 4th and 5th Battalions spent three and half years as Prisoners-of-War, initially in the infamous Changi Jail, then constructing the Burma to Thailand Railway. The team at

Suffolk Archives have put together a [special online exhibition marking VJ Day](#), exploring the stories of two Suffolk men who were taken prisoner in the Far East, Able Seaman Harold Lock and Private Raymond Suttle, from the 4th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, as well as looking at the way our county marked the end of the Second World War.

Suffolk Highways has completed its 1,000th resurfaced mile, following the Council's commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk's road network. In 2017, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet committed to resurfacing 1,000 miles of road across Suffolk over a four-year period in a bid to improve the quality of roads, reduce the number of potholes and to help stop potholes from forming in the first place. The commitment also makes sound financial sense, as preventing the deterioration of road surfaces by machine surfacing or surface dressing helps reduce the need to spend more money on reactive maintenance repairing potholes now, and in future years.

The County Council's Bikeability team is now offering FREE cycling sessions to provide practical skills on how to cycle on today's roads. Everyone is welcome to take part - adults, families, and children. The sessions are aimed at those who want to cycle more regularly, whether to keep fit, to commute to work or school, or to visit friends. A session lasts between 2 and 2.5 hours and is delivered by a fully qualified Bikeability Cyclist Trainer. The trainer chats to you first about what you are trying to achieve and tailors the session to your specific needs.

Travel behaviour has transformed during lockdown, both nationally and in Suffolk, as more people turn to cycling for essential journeys and exercise. It has been a cycling revolution!

- Journeys made by bike rose by 120% during the pandemic, while bus, rail, ferry, plane and car journeys fell by as much as 95%.
- Latest research also suggests that as much as 16% of the population in England (8.9 million people) have been cycling per week during the pandemic.

Suffolk County Council wants to encourage more people to get out and about by cycling and walking for their short journeys. The aim is to embed active travel as part of a long-term habit and reap the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits.

Suffolk has already implemented several cycling schemes in Ipswich as a result of funding received from the Department for Transport and further schemes are now being considered in Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Beccles, Felixstowe, Stowmarket and Sudbury. It is also promoting the Government's Fix Your Bike £50 voucher scheme, and has provided funding to Greater Anglia to install more cycle racks at their train stations across Suffolk to help more people make cycling part of their commute or daily routine.

Apprenticeships Suffolk is launching a reward package, **Recruit Retain Reward**, providing £1,000 grants for businesses taking on new and/or redundant young apprentices, aged 16-24. In a bid to give small and medium-sized Suffolk and Norfolk businesses as much support as possible, the project aims to offer a flexible 'Apprenticeship Incentive Fund' of £1000, giving businesses a boost to recruit their workforce for the future.

Employers who take on apprentices can experience a wide range of benefits. Developing apprentices' skills to be relevant to the organisation, along with improved productivity, better quality of product or service, and higher staff morale are benefits highlighted by around three-quarters of employers. More than 8 out of 10 employers recommend an apprenticeship to others *

The new incentive scheme across Suffolk and Norfolk, will complement and enhance the new Government apprenticeship incentives announced recently by the chancellor Rishi Sunak (£2,000 for 16-24, £1,500 for 25+), and also the existing age incentives of £1,000 for 16-18s (19-24 with an Education Health Care plan).

In addition to the one-off financial payment, there will also be continued support for organisations who are new to apprenticeships. A collection of online resources is being created to support businesses employing an apprentice for the first time. This includes practical guidance and useful information from existing, local apprenticeship ambassadors to help add real value to the business. Apprenticeships Suffolk provides an impartial service to all employers, providers, apprentices and stakeholders. Further details of the project can be found here: apprenticeshipssuffolk.org

New resources have been published to help young people in Suffolk understand how movement and physical activity can improve their emotional wellbeing. The resources, which include a handy, pocket-sized information card, have been developed for young people with input and feedback from young people.

Made possible by Suffolk Mind and the Suffolk Most Active County Partnership, with assistance from Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's engagement hub, the resources provide essential information about seven ways young people can improve their mental health through movement.

They also include three simple and effective ideas that young people can try straight away to help them take control of their mind and mood through movement, as well as a range of key local contacts for further support. The resources will be distributed to schools, GP surgeries and libraries across the county. They are also available as a direct download from keepmovingsuffolk.com/wellbeing and thesource.me.uk/move.

Yours with kind regards

Mary

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