

Chedburgh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Erskine Centre, Chevington Road, Chedburgh on Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Michael Chester, Pat Fisher, Teresa Landymore, Sam Parrett, Margaret Rickard, Clare Varney and Peter Westcott (Chairman)

In attendance: Paul MacLachlan (Executive Officer), Cllr Terry Clements (part), Cllr Angela Rushen (part) and 2 members of the public.

The following appendices will form part of the signed minutes:

- A: Actions arising from prior meetings;
- B: Village handyman's report;
- C: Responsible Finance Officer's report;
- D: 2016/17 budget;
- E: 2016/17 Precept and grant application form
- F: County Councillors report;
- G: Borough Councillor's report.

49. Apologies

There were no apologies.

50. Declarations of Interest

None.

51. Co-option of new councillor

Sam Parrett confirmed his wish to become a parish councillor and was co-opted by the unanimous vote of all councillors. The acceptance of office form was signed by Mr Parrett and the Clerk. Cllr Parrett was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

52. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Monday 9 November were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

53. County, Borough and Community reports

- (i) County Cllr Terry Clements submitted a written report which is produced in full at appendix F. Cllr Clements also advised that the County Council budget will probably contain a 2% Social Care levy and that this is largely a consequence of the Government's minimum wage announcement.
- (ii) Borough Cllr, Angela Rushen submitted a written report which is produced in full at appendix G. Cllr Rushen was asked to enquire why occupation of the former fireworks factory was delayed.

Cllr Clements left the meeting.

- (iii) No report was received from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time.

No items were raised.

The meeting was reconvened.

Cllr Rushen left the meeting.

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54. Decisions taken since the last meeting

- (a) Planning application DC/15/2323/FUL
Following consultation with councillors, the Planning Authority was advised that the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed building of a dwelling on land adjoining Major's, Queen's Lane, Chedburgh, IP29 4UT.
- (b) Clerk vacancy
Following consultation with the Chairman, to advertise the Clerk vacancy via SALC website (no charge) and the Bury Free Press (£212.30 + VAT).

55. Clerk's report

- (i) Cllrs noted the Clerk's report of actions taken since the last meeting (Appendix A).
- (ii) The Clerk also reported:
- on the recent announcement by Suffolk Constabulary on the reduction in their budget and the consequent reduction in the number of PCSOs;
 - on a request from Age UK to display their promotional posters in the parish. It was agreed to assist with this.

56. Planning and Environment

- (i) Cllrs noted the following decisions taken by the Planning Authority:

Application ref	Address / work to be undertaken	Recommend
TPO 502(2010)1	3 Tudor Close, Chedburgh (i) Crown lift to 6 metres; (ii) Reduce lateral growth by 1 metre approx. (iii) Remove 4 small limbs on main stem	Approved
15/2043/HH	Mill House, The Green, Chedburgh New chimney stack, open porch, single storey rear extension and single garage with wall to enclose rear garden	Approved

- (ii) Report on progress with development of the former fireworks factory
Cllrs noted that very little progress had been made on site and thanked Cllr Rushen for her offer to chase progress with the relevant Planning Officers. The Clerk was asked to contact Rob Beaumont to remind him that the manhole covers left in the hedgerow along the A143 still needed to be collected.
- (iii) Marquis Cornwallis public house
Cllrs noted that ownership of the Marquis Cornwallis was still unresolved.

57. Community

- (i) Village Handyman report
Ian Leggett's report was received and noted. The report is produced in full at Appendix B. The Clerk was asked to:
- ask Ian what action he planned in connection with the provision of further grit bins;
 - make enquiries about the nature of the emergency contact signage required at the entrance to the play area;
 - contact Cllr Terry Clements regarding the blocked drains alongside the Chevington Road.
- (iii) Speed signage notices for domestic wheelie bins

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Cllrs agreed a draft letter to residents in Queen's Lane and asked the Clerk to forward copies to Ian Leggett for distribution. Cllrs agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

58. Finance

- (i) The report of the Responsible Finance Officer (Appendix C) was received and noted.
- (ii) 2016/17 budget
Cllrs considered the draft 2016/17 budget. It was proposed by Cllr Westcott, seconded by Cllr Rickard and agreed that the 2016/17 budget at Appendix D be adopted.
- (iii) 2016/17 Precept and Grant application
Arising from agreement of the 2016/17 budget it was proposed by Cllr Westcott, seconded by Cllr Rickard and agreed that the 2016/17 Parish Precept be £8,517.00 and that the Parish Council apply for a Parish Revenue Support Grant of £415.00 and a Local Council Tax Support Grant of £30.00. The Chair and Clerk were authorized to sign the 2016/17 application form for grant and precept (Appendix E).
- (iv) Cllrs noted the opportunity offered by the smaller Authorities' Transparency Fund. It was agreed that the Chairman and new Clerk should be authorized to purchase a laptop up to £350 + VAT and a scanner. It was noted that, while the fund will only meet scanner costs up to £100 + VAT, it may be appropriate to exceed this sum in order to secure a scanner capable of processing multi-page documents.
- (v) Cllrs agreed a further grant of £100 to 1st Horringer Scout Group towards the completion of their sustainable scout hut. Cllr Westcott offered to organise a tour of the new facility so that councillors can see how the Council's money is being used.

59. Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- (i) No meeting reports were made.
- (ii) No meeting arrangements were advised.
- (iii) No future agenda items were proposed.
- (iv) Other items of information
Cllr Fisher asked the Clerk to investigate whether it was possible to bury ashes at the War Memorial.
It was agreed that residents be consulted, via the next newsletter, about community celebrations to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

60. Staffing

- (i) Cllrs noted the resignation of the Clerk from 29 February 2016 and thanked him for his service to the Parish Council;
- (ii) It was agreed that Cllrs Westcott, Rickard and Chester consider applications, shortlist and interview candidates and make an appointment.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

Chairman
14 March 2016

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Appendix A: Actions arising from prior meetings

Presented to Parish Council meeting dated 11 January 2016

Cllrs – All Councillors	MC – Michael Chester	PF – Pat Fisher
SP – Sam Parrett	MR – Margaret Rickard	CV – Clare Varney
PW – Peter Westcott	TL – Teresa Landymore	IL – Ian Leggett
Clerk – Paul MacLachlan		

Actions carried forward from Parish Council meeting dated 9 November 2015 2015

Ref	Action	Who	Done
Meeting dated 9 November 2015			
40	Carry forward adoption of Mr Parrett' to Parish Council to next meeting	Clerk	Yes
46(ii)	Draft a letter to residents of Queen's Lane re speed signage on wheelie bins	Clerk	Agenda
47(iii)	Revise 2016/17 budget to take account of councillors' comments	Clerk	Yes
Meeting date 9 March 2015			
9(i)	Purchase grit bins	IL	In hand

Publication of delegated decisions

1. Clerk vacancy

Following consultation with Chairman to advertise Clerk's vacancy via SALC website (no charge) and in Bury Free Press (£212.30 + VAT).

2. Planning application DC/15/2323/FUL

Following consultation with councillors, to advise the Planning Authority that the Parish Council supports this application to build a dwelling on land Adjoining Majors, Queens Lane, Chedburgh, Suffolk, IP29 4UT.

Appendix B: Handyman Report for period November 2015 to January 2016

The street sign at The Street and Chestnut Crescent were replaced during week commencing November 9th.

Queens Lane was cleared of leaves from the footpath on November 12 and 13th.

At long last the street light in Queens Lane was repaired (5 reports of not working and 4 action stating it had been repaired)

Several street lights not working yet between Fireworks site and The Green reported.

Manhole covers loose on A143 opposite Fireworks site reported. (Attended to January 7th)

Manhole cover in dangerous raised condition on footway in Elizabeth Drive reported to Highways (not interested) then to Rights of Way (not interested) then to Anglian Water who have arranged repairs.

The drainage arrangements in Queens Lane seem to be working well with regular cleaning of the filters (2).

Agreement with landowner to assist with clearing the open drainage ditch along Queens Lane has been made and the intention is to have the work done (with volunteers) later in January.

The Play Area still requires an emergency contact detail notice at entrance.

A tree alongside the Play Area (on raised banking) is leaning at a sharp angle and suggest it has some attention. Either the top branches taken off or removed completely as I think it may at some stage fall over.

There are still three manhole covers dumped alongside the new pathway to the Fireworks site. These have been reported several times.

There is a raised manhole cover on footway in Paddock Way which is a trip hazard.

Reported to Highways on Jan 6th. (Marked out for repair January 7th)

The houses in Paddock Way are suffering from flooding in their garages at the rear of houses.

There is a series of drainage pipes running into the ditch alongside Chevington Road which appear to be blocked, or below debris/silt/leaves level. Do we know who is responsible for maintaining

(a) The Ditch. (b) The drainage pipes.

(The bushes on one side of ditch are cut by Suffolk CC. The Grass on house side of ditch is cut by St Edmundsbury). I have asked a resident who is affected to phone St. Eds and Suffolk CC for help.

Ian Leggett. January 8th 2016.

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Appendix C: January 2016 RFO report (part 1)
Presented to the Parish Council meeting dated 11 January 2016

Chq	Payments	Total	VAT	Net	
59	Pat Fisher	122.79	0.00	122.79	Summer/Autumn planting
60	Paul MacLachlan	301.36	0.00	301.36	Dec/Jan salary
61	Ian Leggett	89.60	0.00	89.60	Dec/Jan salary
62	HMRC	223.20	0.00	223.20	Tax/NI for Oct to Dec
63	Paul MacLachlan	33.38	0.00	33.38	Expenses for Nov/Dec
64	Paul MacLachlan	254.76	42.46	212.30	Bury Free Press advert
65	St Edmundsbury Borough Council	1,185.39	197.56	987.83	2015 grass cutting
66	St Edmundsbury Borough Council	21.34	0.00	21.34	2015 election costs
		2,231.82	240.02	1,991.80	
Receipts					
	Bank of Ireland	-0.37	0.00	-0.37	Bank interest
	Bank of Ireland	-0.09	0.00	-0.09	Bank interest
	Fornham St Martin/St Genevieve Parish Council	-22.50	0.00	-22.50	Contribution to website training
	Unity Bank Interest	-2.94	0.00	-2.94	Bank Interest
		-25.90	0.00	-25.90	
Transfer between accounts					
816	Chedburgh Parish Council	4,423.95	0.00	4,423.95	Balance to Unity Trust Bank
	Chedburgh Parish Council	-4,423.95	0.00	-4,423.95	Balance to Unity Trust Bank
817	Chedburgh Parish Council	0.09	0.00	0.09	Closing balance from Bank of Ireland
	Chedburgh Parish Council	-0.09	0.00	-0.09	Closing balance from Bank of Ireland

Notes

- 1 Chqs highlighted in blue are not yet issued

		2015/16 Actual	2015/16 Budget	2014/15 Actual
Income	Precept	8,706.00	8,706.00	8,420.00
	Parish Support Grant	974.00	974.00	1,200.00
	Other income	2,182.39	400.00	400.00
	VAT Refund	261.81	0.00	0.00
	Interest	13.59	0.00	14.95
	Total	12,137.79	10,080.00	10,034.95
Expenditure	Salary costs	2,846.00	3,712.00	4,489.85
	Chairman's Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Environment maintenance	2,719.53	2,152.00	1,224.13
	Insurance	712.50	1,179.00	1,144.20
	Publications and training	122.00	65.00	12.00
	Subscriptions	327.00	313.00	313.00
	Audit costs	200.00	250.00	100.00
	Election Costs	21.34	0.00	0.00
	Section 137 payments	652.39	300.00	233.79
	Administrative expenses	549.19	210.00	245.14
	Cost of meetings	180.00	120.00	100.00
	Fixed assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Other costs	21.00	1,779.00	0.00
	Suspense account	0.00	0.00	0.00
	VAT on payments	552.56	0.00	261.81
	Total	8,903.51	10,080.00	8,123.92
	Surplus for the year	3,234.28	0.00	1,911.03

Bank Reconciliation	Bank balance at 31 March 2015	7,972.92	
	Less outstanding cheques	0.00	7,972.92
	Surplus for 2015/16		3,234.28
			11,207.20
	Bk of Ireland balance at 31 Dec 2015	0.09	
	Unity Trust balance at 31 Dec 2015	13,438.93	
	Less outstanding cheques	0.00	
	Less cheques to be issued	-2,231.82	
	Plus credits in transit	0.00	
	Net available funds after payments authorised		11,207.20

Fund Allocation		Year to date	2014/15
Ring fenced funds	RAF Memorial	0.00	110.00
	Donations to local organisations	250.00	250.00
	Clerk's retirement fund	0.00	0.00
	Play area improvements	1,010.00	900.00
	Total	1,260.00	1,260.00
Unallocated funds		9,947.20	6,712.92
Total Funds		11,207.20	7,972.92

2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget		2015/16 Actual	Feb-16	Mar-16	2015/16 projection	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Admin	2016/17 Other	Other grants	S137 grants	2017/18 Budget
Receipts												
8,420.00	8,706.00	Precept	8,706.00	0.00	0.00	8,706.00	8,517.00					8,517.00
1,200.00	974.00	Parish Support Grant	974.00	0.00	0.00	974.00	445.00					0.00
400.00	0.00	Interest	13.59	1.00	1.00	15.59	15.00	-15.00				15.00
14.95	400.00	Other	2,182.39	0.00	0.00	2,182.39	400.00	-400.00				400.00
0.00	0.00	VAT Refund	261.81	0.00	372.54	634.35	0.00	0.00				0.00
10,034.95	10,080.00		12,137.79	1.00	373.54	12,512.33	9,377.00					8,932.00
Payments												
4,489.85	3,712.00	Salary costs	2,846.00	151.00	825.00	3,822.00	3,550.00	3,550.00				3,650.00
0.00	0.00	Chairmans Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	70.00				70.00
1,224.13	2,152.00	Environment maintenance	2,719.53	0.00	75.00	2,794.53	1,500.00		1,500.00			1,250.00
1,144.20	1,179.00	Insurance	712.50	0.00	0.00	712.50	750.00	750.00				800.00
12.00	65.00	Publications and training	122.00	0.00	0.00	122.00	150.00	150.00				150.00
313.00	313.00	Subscriptions	327.00	0.00	0.00	327.00	350.00	350.00				375.00
100.00	250.00	Audit costs	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00				200.00
0.00	0.00	Election Costs	21.34	0.00	0.00	21.34	0.00	0.00				0.00
233.79	300.00	Section 137 costs	652.39	0.00	0.00	652.39	2,100.00			100.00	2,000.00	1,600.00
245.14	210.00	Administrative expenses	549.19	0.00	40.00	589.19	360.00	360.00				375.00
100.00	120.00	Cost of meetings	180.00	0.00	0.00	180.00	140.00	140.00				150.00
0.00	0.00	Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
0.00	1,779.00	Other costs	21.00	0.00	50.00	71.00	70.00	70.00				70.00
0.00	0.00	Suspense account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00
261.81	0.00	VAT paid	552.56	0.00	0.00	552.56	0.00	0.00				0.00
8123.92	10080.00		8903.51	151.00	990.00	10044.51	9240.00	5,225.00	1,500.00	100.00	2,000.00	8690.00
1911.03	0.00	Surplus / Deficit	3234.28	-150.00	-616.46	2467.82	137.00					242.00
7,972.92	7,972.92	Total Reserves				10,440.74	10,577.74					10,819.74

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PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL ESTIMATE 2016/17
Appendix E: Application for Grant & Precept

Please complete the following & return to the Chief Financial Officer by 31 January 2016

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL OF:

Chedburgh

*Please select your Parish/Town Council from drop down list

Date of Parish/Town Council Meeting, approving the estimates

11-Jan-16

Details of the Parish/Town Clerk:

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The amount requested by the above mentioned Parish/Town Council by way of grant aid & precept in the year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 is as follows:

* The 2015/16 figures below are the Budget figures submitted by Parish/Town Councils in January 2015 and are included for information purposes only.

Expenditure	2015/16	2016/17
Grants to other bodies within the Parish	£ 100	£ 100
Expenditure under S137 LG Act 1972	£ 200	£ 2,000
Administration	£ 4,375	£ 5,225
Other	£ 5,405	£ 1,500
Total	£ 10,080	£ 8,825
Use of Reserves	£ 400	£ -137
Total requirements	£ 9,680	£ 8,962
Less		
Parish Revenue Support Grant	£ 914	£ 415
Local Council Tax Support Grant	£ 59	£ 30
Parish/Town Precept	£ 8,707	£ 8,517
Tax Base	249.57	244.10
Parish/Town Band D Council Tax	£ 34.89	£ 34.89
Increase/-Decrease		£ -
Percentage Increase/-Decrease		0.00%

Chairman of Parish/Town Council:

Parish/Town Clerk:

Monthly Round-Up Newsletter

Suffolk County Council launches competition to crown the county's Most Active Community for 2015

This competition gives people the chance to celebrate the great work taking place in so many communities across the county. Encouraging and supporting people to live active lifestyles in their communities is incredibly important because it keeps them healthy and independent in the short and long term. The awards are about recognising the fantastic work of communities right across Suffolk so whatever your communities are doing - whether it's dog-walking, new walking or cycling routes, yoga, football or Zumba, please make sure that SCC's Most Active County team are informed. Anyone in the community can enter the competition either online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACTV2015> or via telephone on 01473 260722 to request a paper application form.

The closing date for applicants is 5 February 2016 so please encourage your own communities to take part.

The application form and a list of frequently asked questions is also available to download via www.mostactivecounty.com/community_activity

Consultation to shape the future of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service – public meetings announced for 2016

In last month's newsletter, details were given on the public consultation to shape the future of Suffolk's Fire and Rescue Service. As part of this consultation looking at the future provision for Suffolk's fire service, a timetable of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) hosted public meetings has been set for early 2016 to enable people to hear directly about what is being proposed, and have their say, as well as completing the online questionnaire.

SFRS officers are encouraging people to attend these meetings across the county so that their views can be taken into account before the proposals are finalised and any decisions are made. **The consultation closes on 22 February 2016.**

These public meetings are as follows:

- 6 Jan 2016 - Bury St Edmunds – West Suffolk House, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 14 Jan 2016 – Ipswich – Endeavour House, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 03 Feb 2016 – Sudbury – Town Hall, 6.30pm-8.30pm

If anyone you know would like to attend, please encourage them to email fireservicedesign@suffolk.gov.uk confirming which meeting date and venue they would like to attend.

Suffolk embarks on second round broadband deployment: bringing superfast broadband to even more homes and businesses in the county

In December, the county council announced that it has started the second round of Superfast Broadband deployment ahead of schedule. The £30m contract with BT is part of the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme, and the aim is to extend coverage of Superfast Broadband to 95% of Suffolk premises by 2019, as the next major step in our plans towards full coverage by 2020. Details of the coverage planned up until September 2016 have now been released on the Better Broadband for Suffolk website at: www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com.

Details of coverage planned for later phases will be released in due course - initially it had been hoped that full details of the phased rollout of the scheme could be announced in autumn 2015, but these are still being finalised.

Please note that further information on fibre network is available at www.communityfibre.bt.com.

It is important for all residents and businesses to understand that where high speed broadband service is available, they must contact their service provider to make the switch. The switch to superfast is **NOT** an automatic process.

Parents in Suffolk are being encouraged to get "Sugar Smart"

Parents in Suffolk are being encouraged to get "Sugar Smart" and take control of their children's sugar intake as part of a new campaign. Supported by Public Health Suffolk, the Change4Life campaign follows revelations that 4-10 year olds consume an estimated 5,500 sugar cubes a year (22kg), weighing the same as an average five-year-old.

Currently 20.9% of four to five-year-olds in Suffolk are overweight or obese, increasing to 31.8% in 10 to 11-year-olds. This means they are more likely to become obese adults who are more prone to a range of serious health problems, including heart disease, some cancers and Type 2 diabetes.

To help parents take control, a new Sugar Smart app has been launched to help show how much sugar there is in everyday food and drink. Change4Life Sugar Smart app can be downloaded free of charge via the App Store or Google Play. The 'Change4Life' website also offers lots of free support, tips, ideas and recipes.

Change4Life has also created a short film, which warns parents about the health harms of eating and drinking too much sugar, including becoming overweight and tooth decay. The film can be found on the Public Health Suffolk YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/Tk05krUxjr4>

In addition to the video, five million Sugar Smart packs will be given away to primary school children and their families via schools and retailer. There will be 25 Change4Life Sugar Smart roadshows, taking place across the country from January to March.

Deadline for Suffolk Primary Schools place application - 15 January 2016

Parents and carers who need to apply for a full-time place for their child at their preferred primary school for the 2016/2017 school year have until **Friday 15 January 2016** to do so.

Applications can be made for up to three schools, in order of preference, and the county council recommends that applications are made online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions. Once the application has been submitted, parents will receive confirmation that the county council has received their application.

Any parents or carers who have not yet applied for a school place should be encouraged to apply online or download an application form at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or contact Suffolk County Council immediately on 0345 600 0981.

Significant improvements confirmed for Suffolk's schools at Key Stage 2

It has been confirmed that the percentage of pupils in Suffolk primary schools achieving expected levels in reading, writing and maths is continuing to rise, according to latest data from the Department for Education.

Verified results released last month confirm that 77% of 11 year olds achieved level 4 or higher in their SAT tests in the three subjects in 2015 – a 3% rise from 2014.

These results clearly demonstrate that education standards in Suffolk are continually improving as a result of the Raising the Bar programme, alongside the efforts of teaching staff, students and parents across the county.

January Report for Chedburgh

Moyse's Hall Museum has been awarded an Arts Council grant of £23,300 to make the upgrades needed to display national treasures from major museums. The upgrades will include the installation of new secondary security glazing, conservation blinds and the purchase of a high security display case. Moyse's Hall will remain open throughout the improvements which are scheduled for 2016 and hopes to exhibit its first national loan in 2017.

Bury bus station. Reconfiguration work will begin this week and is scheduled to last until the end of March. The bus station to remain open and functioning during the building works. There will be some disruption but this will be kept to a minimum and there will always be a waiting area and access to public toilets. Staff will remain on hand working in the bus station, until the end of March, to assist customers during the change.

Applications are now being invited to lease the café kiosk in the waiting room area. This will be followed at a later stage to find a tenant for the larger 'lettable' area.

The shopmobility service from the bus station will be transferred to the library in late January. Shopmobility users have been informed of this change of service and customers will continue to be supported by the Council.

Community Chest Funding. The Grant Working Party scrutinised 21 applications in November for this funding and has recommended awards to a number of organisations, such as those working with various counselling organisations, foodbanks, family support, and free advice.

Locality funding. I have yet to receive any applications for my £500 which I am making available for Chedburgh, also I must flag up the Rural Initiative Grant Scheme (RIGS), which has money available for capital grants in the rural areas. Please get in touch with me with any ideas.

Gypsy and Traveller's site at Rougham Hill. On Thursday (7th of January), the Dev Control committee will discuss whether or not to defend the appeal against their earlier refusal of this application. Some circumstances have changed which is why this is coming up at the meeting. I will update you on Monday.

West Stow Country Park. Following the closure of the recent consultation period, a new planning application for 100 caravan pitches will be now be discussed at the February Dev Control meeting, not in the January meeting, due to extenuating and unforeseen circumstances. An earlier application for a larger number of pitches covering a larger area was withdrawn last year due to concerns with the disruption of wildlife in the Park.

West Suffolk Operational Hub. The next stage of the public consultation for the WSOH will start on 8 January and finish six weeks later on 19 February 2016. This consultation is to give those people, who felt that there were sites other than the one at Hollow Road, the opportunity to put forward suitable alternatives.

Further information is available online at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh. Giving details of three drop-in exhibitions, a public meeting, how to provide feedback and how that feedback will be used.

Brown Bins. The scheme of charging for these bins will begin from the 1st of April. The cost is likely to be £40.

Brockett Park. At the moment there is nothing extra to report. It is hoped the agent will come back to Officers in the next few days.

Angela Rushen

January 2016