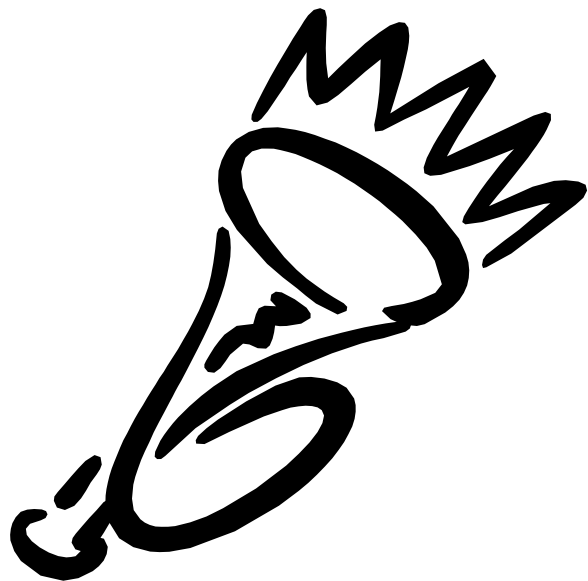
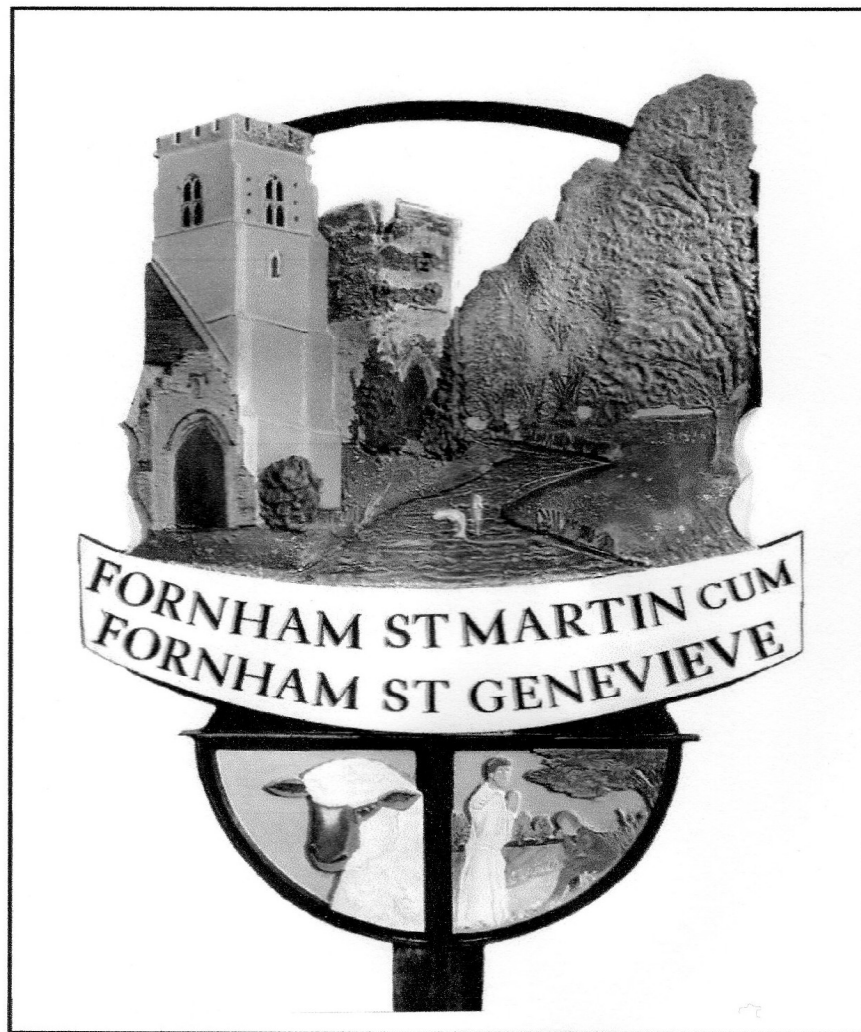


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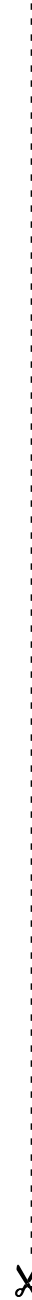
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| <b>OCTOBER</b>  |      |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat             | 18th | 7:30pm      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |      |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tudor Rose Singers Concert at Fornham St Martin Church   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b> |      |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat             | 8th  | 1pm         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sun             | 9th  | 10:15am     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fornhams Christmas Bazaar at Fornham All Saints Community Centre   |
| Sat             | 29th | 2pm to 5pm  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Remembrance Service at Fornham St Martin Church  |
| Sat             | 22nd | Midday      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Table Top Sale at Fornham St Martin Village Hall   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b> |      |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sat             | 6th  | 11am to 3pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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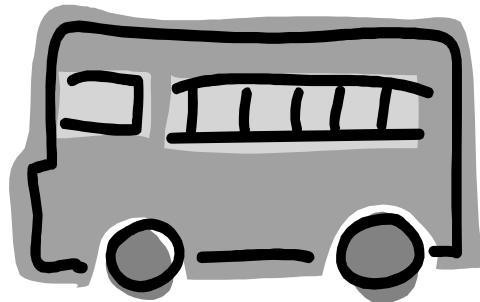
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### Weekly

|          |                    |   |
|----------|--------------------|---|
| Monday   |                    |   |
| Tuesday  | 10:00am to 12 noon | Mums & Toddlers **                        |
| Thursday | 10:00am to 3:30pm  | Patchwork                                 |
| Friday   | 7:15pm to 10:00pm  | Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice |

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### Monthly

|                |                   |  |
|----------------|-------------------|--|
| 1st Wed        | 10:00 to 4:00pm   | Sewing Craft                                 |
| 1st Wed        | 7:15pm to 10:00pm | Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance |
| 1st Thurs      | 7:00pm to 10:00pm | Jazz Club                                    |
| 1st Fri        | 12 noon to 4:00pm | Spinners and Weavers                         |
| 2nd Tues       | 7:30pm to 9:30pm  | Garden Club                                  |
| 2nd Wed        | 7:30pm to 9:30pm  | Card Making                                  |
| 3rd Mon        | 10:00 to 12noon   | Probus Ladies                                |
| 3rd Wed        | 7:30pm to 9:30pm  | Ladies Club                                  |
| 3rd Fri        | 12noon to 4:00pm  | Spinners and Weavers                         |
| <b>3rd Sun</b> | 7:15pm to 10:00pm | Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice    |
| 4th Wed        | 10:00am to 4:00pm | Mary's Quilters                              |
| 4th Wed        | 7:30pm to 9:30pm  | Card Making                                  |

### **Occasional meetings**

Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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## FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

**August 5th** - For the second year running we had the pleasure of a talk by Eve Greygoose. As a teenage living in London, she was able to visit the venues with her best friend where pop groups were playing. During this time they became friendly with many of the groups and still have contact with some of those still with us.

When she last visited us she told us about a copy of the first Beatles LP signed by all of the band that was to be auctioned by Bonhams in London. This time she reported that although it had been played to death and was not in mint condition it was bought by an American musical organisation for £8000 as a museum exhibit.

**Sept 2nd** - Our Garden Party was hosted by Muriel Bann in her beautiful garden. It was a beautifully sunny day which showed off the colourful flowers and well shaped shrubs. In all this was a well supported day, and the committee would like to thank all who gave tombola prizes, made cakes and savoury snacks.

### Forthcoming events

**Nov 4th** Steve Beadle Musical Magic with his Guitar.

**Dec 9th** Christmas Lunch at the Zest Restaurant.

**Jan 6th** Wally Leeks on keyboard - Party time.


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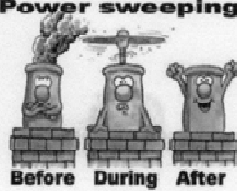
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2 tsp ground ginger  
100g/3½oz butter  
175g/6oz soft brown sugar  
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4 tbsp golden syrup  
packet wrapped fruit-flavoured boiled sweets in different colours

### To decorate

A tube of ready-made white icing (available in the baking sections of most supermarkets) (optional) narrow ribbon

### Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. For the biscuits, mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda, salt and ginger together in a bowl.
3. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs, then stir in the sugar.
4. In another bowl, beat together the egg and golden syrup, then pour this mixture into the flour mixture and mix to make a smooth dough, kneading lightly with your hands.
5. Crush the sweets in their wrappers using a rolling pin.
6. Roll the dough out on a floured work surface to about 0.5cm/¼in thick, then cut into shapes using a selection of Christmas-themed cookie cutters. Transfer the biscuits to baking sheets lined with baking paper.
7. Cut out shapes in the centre of each biscuit, making sure you leave a good edge all around the biscuit. Completely fill the hole in each biscuit with crushed boiled sweets.
8. Make a hole at the top of each biscuit using a drinking straw so that you will be able to thread a ribbon through it later. Bake the biscuits in the oven for 10-12 minutes, or until golden-brown.
9. Remove the biscuits from the oven. While they're still warm, check that the holes are still there - if not, push a straw through again. **Do not** remove the biscuits from the baking tray until they have cooled because the boiled sweets need to harden. Once the sweets have hardened, gently lift the biscuits onto a wire rack with a palette knife to finish cooling.
10. If you like, you can decorate the biscuits with piped white icing. Thread ribbons through the holes in the biscuits to make loops for hanging from the tree.

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## FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

As our meeting on Aug 12th got underway, we paused to remember Len Long and held a minutes silence paying our individual respects.

A warm welcome was then extended to Peter Jackson from Scotsdales Garden Centre at Gt Shelford, paying his second visit to the club. His talk, entitled 'Perennials', was very well received and possibly anticipated as we had our largest audience to date. Covering a good number of this extensive range of plants, Peter detailed their individual requirements for growing, taking cuttings etc and emphasised the case for growing several of one plant by buying them in plug form and being patient!... Such an interesting man with time for everyone, answering individual questions and generous with his tips and advice. We will look forward to a future visit.

On Sunday August 17th members and guests visited two gardens in Northamptonshire and enjoyed a sunny day with storm clouds hovering. Castle Ashby was first on the agenda and proved to be full of interest including Italian, secret and butterfly gardens, an arboretum, a fuchsia house and an orangery. A small shop and well stocked plant sales area with an attractive café completed the visit, not forgetting the delightful meerkats in the farmyard!.....

We made our way to Elton Hall near Oundle, beginning our visit with a tour of the Hall, on a site where there has been a house since the Norman Conquest though it now has an 18th century character. A mix of styles it contains many treasures including some magnificent furniture, fine paintings and china. The gardens here are relatively small in area, though with 200 acres of parkland surrounding the Hall setting is idyllic. Of particular note

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was the modern fountain in the centre of the enclosed perennial garden which was much photographed and admired. Another good day out.

Having last spoken to us in 2011 on the subject Flowers of the Norfolk Coast, Simon Harrap was our speaker on Sept 9th with his theme Flowers of the Norfolk Broads.

A relatively narrow subject Simon's superb photography brought the flora and fauna alive and left us in no doubt as to his love for and interest in this particular part of Norfolk and a small part of Suffolk. After a brief history of the Broads, Simon made us realise that to see the huge variety of plants such as marsh marigold (kingcup), arrow head and speed well at their best, take a boat ride although shrubs like the viburnum 'Guilder Rose' and of course the magnificent reeds, sow thistle and hemp agrimony are easily seen from the many paths. Copies of the various books Simon and his wife have written were available as were cards bearing the same high quality of photography, depicting eight different varieties of wild orchid.

On Sunday September 14th members and guests enjoyed lunch at the White Lion Hotel in Aldeburgh, having drummed up an appetite with a walk by the sea and a chance to view some 30 or so classic cars proudly displayed by their owners. In the afternoon we continued to Helmingham Hall to view the flower and vegetable gardens in their autumn splendour with the added bonus of a plant fair arranged by the NCCPG (Plant Heritage). A wonderful range of stalls gave us the chance to buy more unusual bulbs and perennials and chat to the stall holders renewing acquaintances with four who have given talks in recent years. A very relaxing day but we missed Dot and Mike Clark who had organised everything but were unable to join us owing to a better offer !.....





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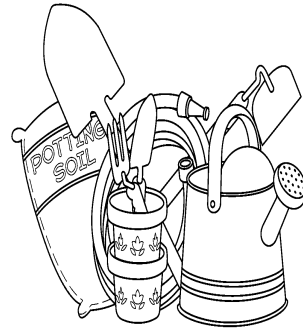
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Details of our programme for the coming months are as follows:-

- Oct 14th** Ian Seager. French Renaissance Gardens. Talk and slide show.
- Nov 11th** Graeme Proctor. All you want to know about apples. A talk giving advice and information on growing.
- Dec 9th** Yvonne Leonard. The Story of a Garden. An introduction to the National Garden Scheme. A talk and slide show.

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £12 per year with visitors paying £2.50 per visit.

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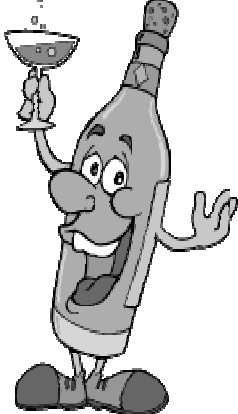
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## FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 18th September 2014 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

### PRESENT

Councillor M Collier (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs J Hubbard  
Councillor P Forster  
Councillor N Owen  
Councillor Mrs C Buxton  
Councillor G Hubbard  
Councillor P Butler

### IN ATTENDANCE

The Clerk  
County/Borough Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger  
PCSO Hollie Hogman

1. **APOLOGIES** - none.

### 2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2014

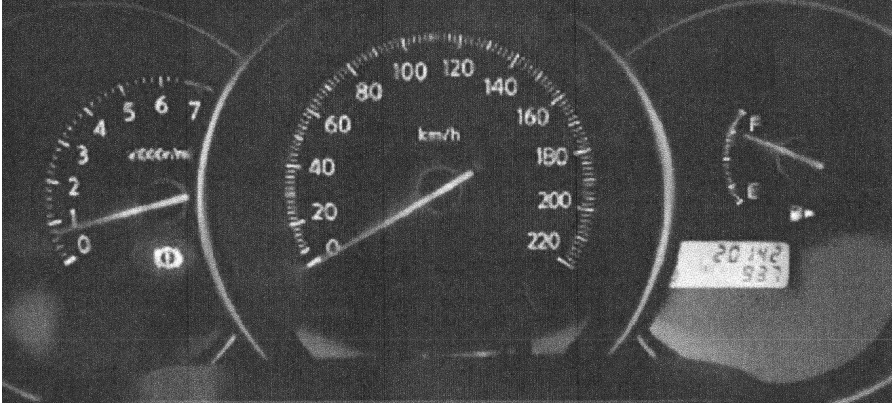
The minutes were signed as being a true record, following two amendments. [1] Councillor Mrs C Buxton was not recorded as being present and [2] page 33 - planning application DC/14/1036/TPO, this should have read Ty Coch and not Fornham House.

The Council adjourned.

### 3. POLICE REPORT


PCSO Hogman gave her report which informed Councillors that there had been one incident since the July meeting which was a theft from a motor vehicle of a catalytic converter. In the report the following priorities were highlighted: speeding in villages, burglary and hare coursing. The next Tasking Meeting is on 16th December at 7:00pm, being held at Bury St Edmunds Police Station .

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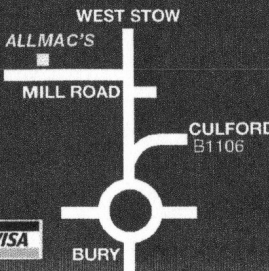

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Councillor Mrs Buxton drew attention to the cars parking at the Wooplpack, when more than four park, makes, it extremely difficult to exit Old Hall Lane. PCSO Hogman said she would keep an eye on this.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Hogman for attending the meeting and congratulated her on her recent marriage and wished her well in her new career in the ambulance service.

#### 4. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Hopfensperger and she apologised for being unable to attend meetings from time to time, particularly as the SCC meetings are held in Ipswich on Thursdays. On the footpath from the Village to the bottom on Barton Hill, Councillor Hopfensperger said the final plans were being draw up and it was likely that a start would be made within three months. She has asked to see the final plans which she will let Councillors have sight of. £8000 will come from her highways budget and the rest from the SCC. Councillor Butler asked about traffic/pedestrian restrictions during the works. Councillor Hopfensperger said we would be advised when the plan was finalised. She confirmed that no provision was being made for cyclists on the widened path.

Regarding the Parkland's Green sign, Councillor Hopfensperger said that this was a St Edmundsbury issue and she was currently chasing this matter.

The full Borough Council would soon be voting on the final signing of the Vision 2031 document and the next step would be to set up a local transport group. West Suffolk is planning a joint housing strategy for the whole of West Suffolk, looking at the number of houses, types, affordable properties etc. The budget for St Edmundsbury is currently out for consultation.

On waste management, Councillor Hopfensperger said that the Great Blakenham plant was now taking waste from Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she had recently instigated village



walks with Ross Corbyn to identify issues such as speeding, planning, pot holes etc. Councillors said they would find this extremely useful and would like to pursue this.

On the flashing sign issue, Councillor Hopfensperger said Culford, Great Barton, Risby and other villages were purchasing their own mobile signs. These cost approximately £2,500, 50% of which is being funded from Councillor Hopfensperger's budget. Training is given on how to erect the signs, charging the batteries etc. It was agreed to place this item on the October agenda for a full discussion on the logistics of operating these signs. The Clerk would make contact with clerks in these villages to see how they are going about things and share best practice.

Councillor Forster informed Councillor Hopfensperger about the broken and rotten "Fornham" sign at the top of Barton Hill. This had been reported by the Clerk and he had been given a report number. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase this up.

Councillor Butler wished to know whether or not there was to be a school on the Tutt Hill development and asked if the answer was no, would the 900 houses be increased to 1200. Councillor Hopfensperger said a decision was yet to be made by SCC on the school issue but a decision should be made within a couple of months. A piece of land would be put aside for a period of five years and should a school not be required, the land would be used as an amenity area. Councillor Hopfensperger said the outline planning was for 900-1200 properties. She said that Government policy on cars per property was 1½ cars. Councillor Butler said that this was clearly inadequate.

Councillor Buxton said that the state of our roads was just awful and wondered if SCC had received money from Government for pothole repairs, which has been much talked about. Councillor Hopfensperger said this money had not been used as SCC were having problems with KierMG as their work has been sub-standard and they are currently under pressure to return monies to SCC for breach of contract.

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Councillor Forster drew attention to the path from the bottom of Barton Hill towards Carrs which was becoming overgrown, thus narrowing the path. Councillor Hopfensperger said that she would report this.

Councillor Hopfensperger said when the A11 improvements have been concluded, SCC would be carrying out a traffic profile as it would appear that road users are already altering their route. She mentioned the motor bike situation at the Crazy Horse. Councillors felt that there was still a problem on the bypass from time to time, particularly when Snetterton is operating.

On the matter of the oak trees adjacent to 8 Park Avenue, whilst we have been told that there is no problem, and the trees will be regularly monitored, there is a small branch which is hanging down and does require attention. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would ask for this to be inspected again.

The Chairman told Councillors about his meeting with Ross Corbyn which he had found to be very useful and informative. It was quite clear that there would be no chance of obtaining a change in the speed limit.

On the cars parking outside the Woolpack, Mr Corbyn said that it does slow down traffic, but as Councillor Buxton said earlier, it makes it dangerous to exit Old Hall Lane safely.

The Chairman said the lady from 8 Park Avenue has seen HGV vehicles going toward All Saints and they should not go over the bridge. Councillor Hopfensperger said that if she is given details of the vehicles, she will take the matter up with Trading Standards. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would chase up the matter of the £400 toward the war memorial refurb.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for her attendance and for her report and support.

The Council reconvened.

## 6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared his interest in the planning application for 6 Parkland's Green as he was a resident of that development but not a near neighbour.

## 7. MATTERS ARISING

### a. Village Hall Matters

It was agreed to allow the Management Committee to remove the small bin which was affixed to the wall as it was of little use.

Councillors agreed to send a note to the Committee congratulating them on the re-decorating of the hall.

Minutes of their meeting held on 22nd July had been circulated to Councillors and on their request for help with roof repairs which would be approximately, £3k, Councillors unanimously agreed to make a contribution of up to £2k but to check with Councillor Hopfensperger to see what she had allocated from her Quality of Life Budget.

### b. Chairman's meeting with Ross Corbyn

This had been covered earlier.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SALC

Various pieces of information had been received and circulated to Councillors which did not require replies.

### Playing Field

Councillor Forster said it would be preferable if grass cuttings were collected and not left on the field. He drew attention to a tree which had overhanging branches are in need of cutting back. The actual tree was in Occupation Road. The Clerk would engage a contractor to have the work carried out.

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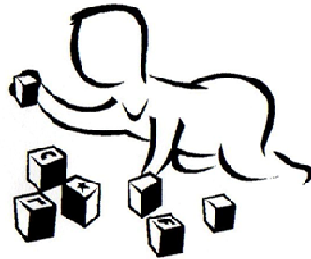
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### Village Hall

Councillor Butler said that ownership/boundaries was still an on-going issue but the Committee's solicitor is on the case. There is still a big issue regarding parking and Councillor Butler wondered if it would be possible to move the concrete planter which would deter parking. Councillors agreed to take a look following this meeting. If it was decided to move it, the Clerk would find out the cost involved.

### Tree Warden

In respect of the basal growths on the limes, Suffolk County Council had replied stating this job would be added to their winter programme, if budget constraints allow. It was agreed to see if they would carry out this work before engaging our contractor.

The Clerk had received a response from SCC re the Holm Oak, which they are looking into.

The overhanging trees in Parkland's Green have not been attended to, although the Clerk has received a report number. He will chase this up.

The overhanging trees along Barton Hill have been an issue. SCC have written to householders asking them to trim their trees. The Clerk will contact SCC for an update.

### Rights of Way

The work to be carried out opposite Flint Cottages has been booked in with the contractor who unfortunately happens to be KierMG.

An email from a parishioner about flooding near Carrs was discussed. The Clerk would ask that the drains be rodded.

The nameplate for Parkland's Green has been ordered and will be erected shortly.

The request for the little sweeper is being considered.



The footpath running parallel with the bypass has been partially improved.

The Clerk to write to the owner of Ord Lodge asking that they cut their overgrown hedge.

Councillor Buxton said she had written to Fornham House regarding the bulb planting and they have kindly donated £50. Councillors agreed to match this figure. Planting was scheduled for October 18th.

The Clerk would contact M & TJ's to find out the width of their grass cutting machine.

#### Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

DC/14/1604/LB Mr and Mrs Smith, Bleak House. Removal of an internal wall to form archway between kitchen and dining room.  
NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1555/HH Mr Fifield, 4 Lark Valley Drive. Two storey side extension. NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1524/TPO Mrs Bridges-Adams, Fornham Grange.  
Sycamore and Holm oak. Crown lift by 3 metres.  
WE LEAVE THIS DECISION TO YOU, THE EXPERTS

DC/14/1459/HH Mr Stone, 8 Park Avenue. Two storey side extension. WE CANNOT SEE ANY APPRECIABLE DIFFERENCE IN THE PLANS WHICH SUPERSEDED THIS APPLICATION WHICH YOU TURNED DOWN AND TO WHICH WE HAD NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1507/HH Mr D Evans, 6 Parkland's Green. Demolition of garages, construction of a two storey extension, refurbishment and remodelling of the property. Construction of carport, store and room over. NO OBJECTION



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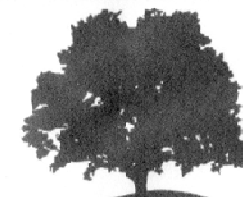
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DC/14/1441/PMBPA. The Stennett Family, Fornham Farm, Thetford Road. Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house to create one dwelling associated operational development.  
**WE OBJECT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS**

1. THE PROPOSED EXIT FROM THE PROPERTY COMES OUT ON TO A DERESTRICTED ROAD (60MPH) WITH EXTREMELY POOR VISIBILITY.
2. CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC WOULD INEVITABLY BE A DANGER TO PASSING, SPEEDING TRAFFIC.
3. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE ENVELOPE.
4. IN SPITE OF THE APPLICANTS SUPPORTING REPORT, THIS SITE HAS A CLEAR HISTORY OF FLOODING.
5. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION OF THE WATER COURSE.
6. THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE RESISTED AS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT, IF GRANTED, COULD ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FUTURE.

DC/14/1310/HH Mr and Mrs Frost, Ducksluice Farm, Fornham Park. Erection of a detached cart lodge including garage/store with first floor games room/store. **NO OBJECTION.**

### **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Much correspondence had been received and circulated and did not require replies.

The East of England Air Ambulance had requested to place an advert in the Bugle. Councillors agreed to this - free of charge.

The letter from Jayne Cole (ex SALC) was discussed. As she would be addressing the Troston meeting on 3rd November, the Clerk would find out details of her services and report to the November meeting.

An email from Mr Reid re traffic issues would be answered by the Clerk.

The email from SCC re Children's Centres Review had been circulated but the appendices were missing. The Clerk would attempt to find them.

A letter of thanks was received from the PCC in respect of the grant for the churchyard upkeep.

Councillor Forster would see if it would be possible for him to attend the Parish and Town Conference on 14th October.

The emails from Mr Zarattini would be replied to by the Clerk.

The email regarding Possible Severe Weather had not been received by Councillors but upon reflection, this related to two specific dates in July. So there was no point in sending this out.

Mr Yates had sent an email regarding The Welcome Pack. He has noticed that All Saints have a notice on their boards informing the public where these packs are available and wondered if we should do the same. It was agreed to place a notice on our boards and also place a note in the Bugle.

## 10. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been passed by BDO LLP and there were no adverse comments. He also told Councillors that the photocopier (over 12years old) had given up the ghost and after consulting the Chairman a new one was purchased. The cost to repair the old one was £230 plus VAT and the new one was £281 plus VAT. Troston had paid £50 towards the cost and had also agreed to increase their contribution for computer costs to £20 per month.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

It was agreed to place cycling on footpaths on the October agenda.

The Clerk to speak to the Bugle editors asking why it is necessary to send two copies of the Bugle to Bill and Ben's Nursery.

Councillor Owen gave his apologies for being unable to attend the October meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7:30PM**

The Chairman closed the meeting, reminding Councillors that the Mayor would be in attendance at the October meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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The next **Book Sale** is **Saturday 6th December, 11 to 3pm**, in the Church, so if you would like to donate any books, please bring them along Saturday morning, or we can collect. Or just drop in for a browse and chat over refreshments, with delicious home made cakes and pastries.

The harvest service on 14th September, followed by a bring and share lunch, was well supported, and enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who decorated the Church so beautifully with flowers, fruit and vegetables, especially Muriel, Catherine, Peggy, Sylvia and Margaret, and those that provided an excellent lunch. Some of the fruit and vegetables were auctioned after, proceeds to Water Aid, and the rest donated to the homeless shelter in Bury.

The WW1 Centenary Remembrance Service was held in the Church on 4th August and was well supported, especially by the Parish Councillors, which was appreciated. Unfortunately the weather was very wet, so regrettably we could not attend at the newly refurbished War Memorial. Instead small tea lights lit on the altar were extinguished symbolically in turn as each of the names of the fallen from the village were read out.

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The principal annual **Remembrance Day** service will be on **Sunday 9th November at 10:15am**, with prayers and reading of the names of the fallen and 2 minutes silence at the War Memorial at 11am.

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Cycle ride, or Ride and Stride, as its now known for those preferring to walk, was held on Saturday 13th September, and 45 cyclists visited and registered at FSM. This annual fund raising is a sponsored event with half the sponsorships going to the Church, and half to the Trust, to be distributed to those Churches in direst needs of funds for repairs. Thanks to Heather and Mary for striding around the Churches in Bury, and those that manned the Church.

Our annual **Tudor Rose Singers Concert** is being held on **Sat 18th October at 7.30pm** in Church, the main item being the Jazz Cantata Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo by Flanders and Horvitz, an amusing musical experience, together with some choral music. There will be a wine buffet, and it should be a very enjoyable evening. Do come along, tickets are now available at £8 each from Sylvia and David.

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The Church has been open every day for the summer, but will be closed from the beginning of October for Winter. We have had lots of visitors, locally and from all over the country, and abroad, many looking for relatives graves, and they have appreciated the Church being accessible, as many are not these days. There is a survey plan of all the 467 graves, each numbered, and list of names, in the Church.

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Anglian Water</b> | Emergency (Reporting leaks etc) | 0800 771 881  |
| <b>Cinema</b>        | Cineworld, Parkway              | 0871 200 2000 |
| <b>Councils</b>      | St Edmundsbury                  | 01284 763233  |
|                      | Suffolk County                  | 01284 352000  |
| <b>Electricity</b>   | EDF Energy (Power cuts)         | 0800 783 8838 |
|                      | Customer Enquiry                | 0800 096 2270 |
| <b>EMERGENCY</b>     | POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE           | 999           |
| <b>NHS</b>           | NON medical information line    | 111           |
| <b>Hospital</b>      | West Suffolk Hospital           | 01284 713000  |
| <b>Police</b>        | General enquiries               | 101           |
|                      | Crimestoppers                   | 0800 555 111  |
| <b>Samaritans</b>    | Bury St Edmunds                 | 0845 790 9090 |
| <b>Transport</b>     | National Rail Enquiries         | 0845 748 4950 |
|                      | BSE Bus Station                 | 01284 702020  |
|                      | Taxi                            | 01284 766777  |





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