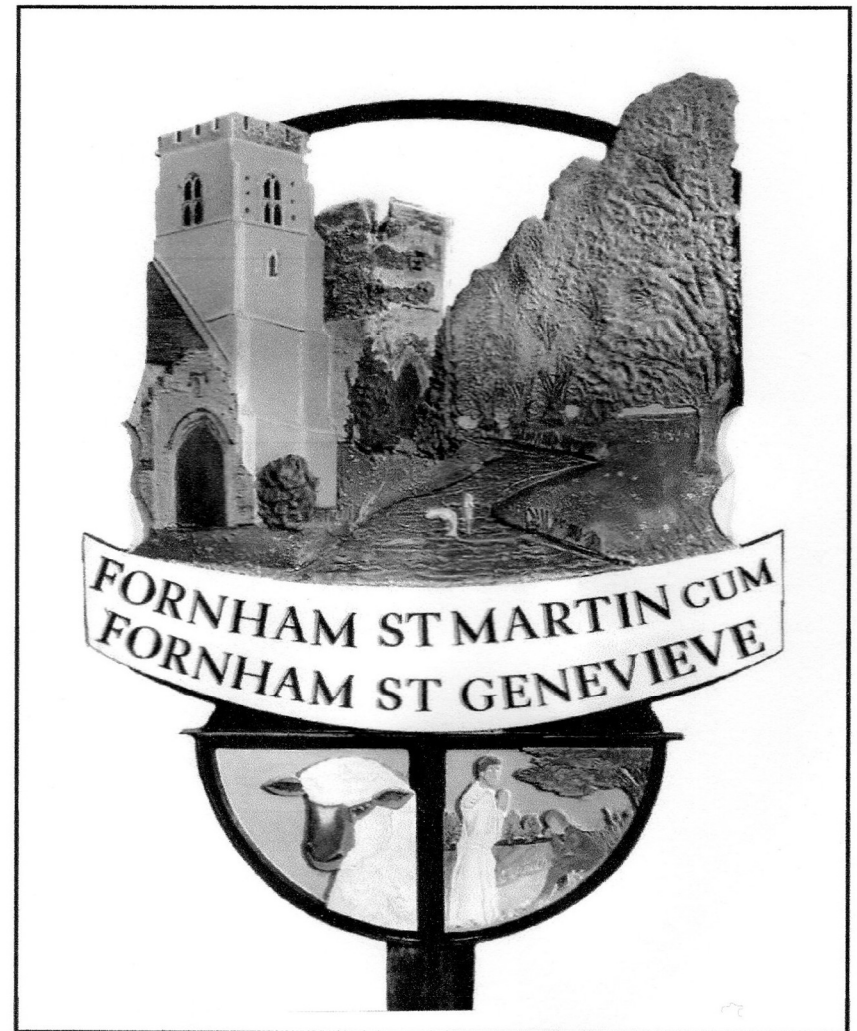
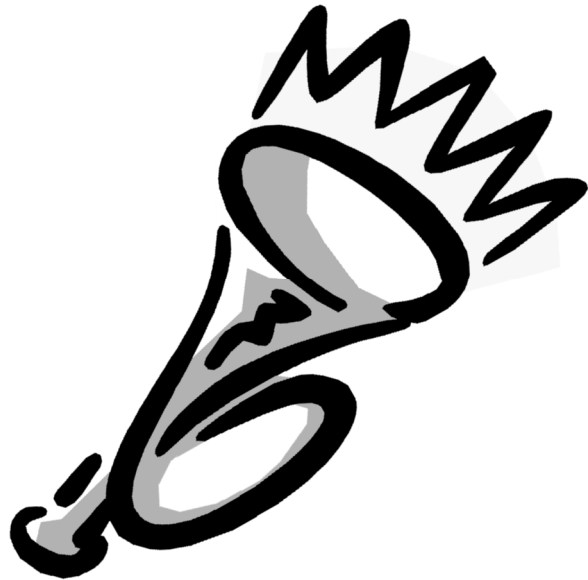


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### 2020 Parish Council Meetings

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2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
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3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
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"Residents of Lark Valley Drive rallied together to collect food parcels for Gatehouse Foodbank on 12th. May. Amanda was extremely grateful to receive a large trolley completely overloaded and wishes to thank all those who helped when demand at that period was double of ordinary times."



*Matthew Kemsley, then Teresa and Alan Goodenough*

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We are really pleased to say that our Hall opened its doors again to Groups on Monday 6 July 2020. Two groups have returned, Mary's Quilters on Wednesday 22 July, and Slimming World will be back on Monday 10 August. We appreciate that many groups will not be able to return, either because of size, or that they do not feel it is the right time yet for them to do so.

There are many new rules and regulations associated with the re-opening as you will appreciate and the Committee have had to draw up a COVID-19 specific Risk Assessment for the Hall.

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- to restrict use of the kitchen to no more than two people at a time, maintaining a safe distance as per Government requirements
- to limit the number of people in the corridor and each of the male and female toilets to one person at a time

The Small Hall has been decorated by Roger Farnell, our Hall Manager, and cleared so that groups can use this area in addition to the Main Hall.

At the moment, and still based on 2 metre distancing, only 8 tables in the Main Hall and 3 in the Small Hall can be accommodated. We will keep the position under review in light of the recent announcement that the safe distance should be “1 metre plus”.

If not using tables then it will be 15 chairs only in the Main Hall and 6 in the Small Hall.

**Soft Furnishings** are a problem regarding cleaning, therefore, as advised, the fabric chairs have been placed in the small hall, covered over, and **should not be used**, and the curtains have been removed from the windows. This does make it look a little bare at the moment.

We have put out the plastic chairs as these are easier to keep clean. Again we will keep this under review.

We have placed a **table with hand sanitiser** just inside the main hall which each person **must use** on entry. There is also another **sanitiser bottle on the window sill** near the toilets.

**Cleaning** - The Hall will be thoroughly cleaned as often as is necessary, but we have asked Group Leaders to wipe down chairs and tables which have been used and leave in situ. All cleaning materials, cloths, gloves etc are provided and left in the Kitchen.

The Committee are really pleased to welcome Groups back and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

**Maureen Hockett (Chair)**

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## CHURCH NEWS

We were very pleased to open the church again, for an Evening Prayer (that's Evensong without the songs ) on Sunday 5th July, with thanks to Revd Matt Selman, after a long delay since mid March.

It also gave us the first opportunity to test our Pandemic Precautions, not easy to get used to in such familiar surroundings, but all went fairly well.

Hopefully now we can plan future services rotas, for all the churches, with some reliability.

Thanks in the meantime to Revd Sylvia who has been sending out services by email, to keep us in touch with our 'normal' routines.

Then after, on Tuesday 7th, we were pleased to be allowed a service in church at last, for the funeral of our beloved Margaret Ade, very sadly missed. Margaret has been a regular stalwart of St Martins for some 30 years, always willing to help keep the church active, tidy, in good order and supported it in many ways including book sales and Summer Fetes.

She set up and ran the 100 Club for many years, and on PCC 'rose' to become PCC Secretary for many years in such a reliable way.

Her sons Steve and Derek attended the service, with Steve playing Margaret's favourite hymns, sung for us, through the PA system, filling the church with lovely music, very moving and fitting.

They have provided some background to Margaret's life, as follows : Margaret Anne Ade, nee Knights, was born in Gillingham, Kent. After leaving school she attended secretarial college and worked as a secretary and shorthand typist, a job she continued throughout her life.

She married Ronald (Ron) Ade and they had two loving sons Stephen and Derek, three Grandsons Donnie, Jack and Rob and later, three great grandchildren Isaac, Henry and Lainey. They moved to Fornham St Martin in 1988.

Margaret had a strong Christian faith. She attended FSM church and soon became an active member of the congregation. Ron and Margaret were keen dancers and after retirement enjoyed many cruises and foreign travel. Margaret had many hobbies and pastimes including cross stitch and knitting for all her grandchildren becoming known as "Jumper Grannie!". Indeed she was knitting a cardigan for her new great granddaughter Lainey, just before she was taken ill. (apparently, in the Knit and Natter group last year she was known as the "Speedy Knitter" she was so fast and produced



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more poppies than anyone.!) ]

Margaret was blessed with having many friends and neighbours who were especially kind to her after Ron passed away, aged 92, four years ago, and his ashes are buried in the churchyard, where Margaret will join him. She will be sorely missed.

As some people may not have been able to be at the funeral in the current pandemic Stephen and Derek hope to arrange a memorial service for Margaret at St Martins Church when it is safe to do so, and we look forward to welcoming her family and friends then.

Another recent funeral was Jean Flack who lived in Fornham House for the last few years.

Very sadly we have to report the sudden death of Alison Mouncey (nee Copsey) at 46 years, at her home in Troston. Alison lived in FSM in her younger years with sister Michelle and parents Sadie and David, as well as numerous Yorkshire terriers, who always gave you a warm welcome. Alison was very much involved in the church then, helping with the active Sunday School, Summer fetes and other church activities and events.


She leaves behind husband David and son Charlie. She was buried in the Culford Woodland Burial Ground on 21st July, and will be very sadly missed by the family, at such a young age.

All are in our prayers, with sincere condolences to all the above families.

Since early July, churches have been allowed to open for individual private prayer. We decided that we would make the church available to anyone who would like this, but in order to exercise control over who enters, we would ask they contact us to arrange for it to be unlocked. This way we can ensure minimum risk of any virus affecting following visitors. Notices were accordingly put up in the notice boards.

The other churches in our benefice group have made their own separate arrangements.

In the meantime our church duties continue, with our list of Quinquennial repairs and maintenance completed, mainly minor items, but still costing money.

And the grass keeps growing, so a continuing expense to keep the churchyard neat and tidy, and respectful for visitors. Finances are going to look very tight by the end of the year, with no fund raising events possible at the moment, and very little response to my appeal for support in the last Bugle I would have hoped for better for the village church, which actively supports village community and social events, and provides the facility 

for weddings and funerals. The implications of the loss of some £5000 income from the planned events, reported in the last Bugle, remain to be seen next year, with overall running costs of £400 per week. All provided mainly by the support from our congregations and donations, together with some fees and gift aid tax refunds, and a grant from the Parish Council for churchyard maintenance. Please contact us if you can help, perhaps with some regular contributions in our Planned Giving Scheme.

We would hope to have one more book sale towards the end of the year, restrictions permitting.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust ( SHCT ) have just announced they will 'run' their Ride and Stride this year on Saturday 12th September, for the 38th year!. This will encourage people to get out their lycra, mount their bikes, and ride around the area to visit as many churches as they feel fit enough to do!. OR just have a nice walk, maybe around Bury or their local area, for the same purpose. This is to raise funds by sponsorships, either per church visited, or simply for making the effort. The sponsorship funds raised are sent off to SHCT, who return half and keep the other half to give out as grants. In fact they have just given us a grant towards part of the Tower Project. Nearer the time we will set up a rota for people to sit in church and sign off the riders forms, so if you can help for an hour, please let us know. Its a fun day out.

Services now arranged at 10am on Sundays are : 9th, 23rd & 30th Aug, 13th & 27th Sept.

Together with short services on alternate Tuesdays at 10am : 4th & 18th August, and 8th & 22nd September.

Although Hymn singing in services is not currently allowed by the Government, we plan having organ music played at suitable points during the service, so it will at least feel like a normal service. Hopefully this perceived risk may be relaxed soon, and we can exercise our vocal chords again. Come and join us.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting needs holding before the end of October, unless the Diocese changes its instructions. When we set a date this will be advertised on the notice boards, in view of the Bugle extending to end of September. We can then elect Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council ( PCC ) Members for the next year.

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August	Teresa Goodenough	Wendy Flack	Gordon Pickavance

All have received their prizes.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the church in these draws, with such restricted income at the moment.

*David Yates (705157) and Beryl Dykes (704109), Churchwardens*

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## ELDERBURY SOCIAL CLUB

Because of the virus we have been unable to meet.

The committee met at the beginning of June. If we are allowed to have other people in our cars by September then we will go to Fuller's Mill Gardens and have tea there. Unfortunately with our reduced numbers we will not be able to cover the costs.

If we cannot get more members the club will have to close. Very sad but we have to face facts. We have had some very interesting speakers and lovely outings and lots of friendship - meeting every month.

Sadly all good things come to an end.

**Margaret Leeder**

## GARDEN CLUB

At the time of writing, we are still unable to hold large indoor meetings. This means we have had to cancel all speakers for the next couple of months although luckily all have been happy to rebook for next year. The Committee will be in touch with you as soon as we are in a position to restart.

Although it is disappointing that we are unable to hold our monthly meetings, it is good to see some degree of normality returning elsewhere. Many gardens are now open, e.g. nearby Fullers Mill, all of the four RHS gardens, Cambridge Botanic Gardens, Kew Gardens, the gardens of the National Trust and English Heritage, and many more. Almost all require visitors to pre-book a time slot, which can be a bit tedious, but generally this issue seems to be easing as more choice appears! Several gardens under the National Garden Scheme are also now open. It is necessary to check the website ([ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)) on a Monday morning for the list of the gardens open in the coming week.

As we have all read, charities are seeing a worrying fall in their income, so do consider visiting some NGS gardens this summer as it is a wonderful way of supporting all the nursing and health beneficiary charities the NGS supports. If you want to combine a garden visit with art, I can highly recommend a trip to the gardens of Houghton Hall (near King's Lynn), which reopened on 12 July along with the postponed exhibition of Anish Kapoor's outdoor sculpture. Tickets have to be pre-booked ([houghtonhall.com](http://houghtonhall.com)).

The RHS have recently announced that all their Flower Shows have been cancelled for this year. They have also postponed the opening of their new garden RHS Bridgewater (near Manchester) until May 2021.

We have all become much more "nature conscious" over the past few years and the lockdown has definitely helped encourage this trend. I "signed up" to #NoMowMay and left my lawn unmown for the month (very difficult, as I do like to look out at stripes on my lawn); I have also almost eliminated the use of chemicals.



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Last autumn I decided to convert a part of my lawn into a wildlife area (it's neither big enough nor grand enough to qualify as a meadow). In early summer, all the yellow rattle I had sown the previous autumn flowered and it looked very colourful, although there was no sign of the vetch, cowslips or other plants present in the seed mix I had scattered. Now it comprises a vast array of different grasses and the odd self-sown poppy and, quite frankly, looks a bit of a mess!

However, I know it takes many years to establish a species-rich meadow, so I am going to persevere with my wildlife area (and try and put images of nice lawn stripes into the back of my mind.)

The Big Butterfly Count runs from 17 July to 9 August and is a great thing for all ages to participate in. Pick a sunny spot, watch the area for 15 minutes and record the butterflies and moths that visit. This can be repeated on as many occasions and at as many different locations as you like. Visit Butterfly Conservation's website ([bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org)) for details on downloading the free app and ID chart, and how to report your data.

On 13 July, three Garden Club families kindly opened their gardens to members. It was most enjoyable afternoon and thanks to Liz Robinson for her splendid organisation and to Francis & Peter Harpley and Julia & Michael Collier for allowing us to walk around their gardens.

Finally, to finish on matters important: what to drink whilst sitting outside watching the sun go down over all your hard work in the garden? Try a Victor Hugo cocktail: half-fill a glass with ice, add a small measure of gin, splash of St Germain (an elderflower cordial), wedge of lime, then top up with prosecco and soda water, adding a sprig of mint as a final flourish. Sit back and enjoy!

The Fornham Garden Club is always keen to welcome new members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall and usually have outings to local gardens in the summer. Anybody with any queries about the meetings, outings or membership should contact the Chairman (Keith Jones, 728077).

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## LADIES CLUB IN LOCKDOWN : AUGUST 2020

Greetings again - this time from my "bit less of a lockdown" in BSE!

This month I start with the sad news of Margaret Ade's death. Margaret came to Ladies Club from the Monday Club, which I believe, had links with the Fornham St Martin WI. Sadly this group had folded and several of its members [of which Margaret was one] came to join Fornham Ladies. They were welcomed with open arms!

A few of us attended Margaret's funeral on 7 July. A lovely gentle lady, we shall miss her.

For me, this was my first real experience of the easing of lockdown and it felt very strange. I had driven out of the town, into Fornham St Martin, parked on the playing field and walked into the church. It was a shock to find how unsettling I found it. The Fornham's had been my home for 39 years and St Martin's the church where I had worshipped. But this unease did not last long and I soon felt at home. I think it was all the necessary procedures demanded by the COVID-19 regulations that made it all feel so unreal!

I had hoped that Fornham Ladies would have been able to share the Summer Supper that has become the traditional way to wind up our programme for the year - the village hall transformed with beautifully laid tables, decorated with fresh flowers and the long buffet table groaning with a delicious cold supper! Sadly not possible while the COVID-19 regulations are in force.

The Committee met on Thursday 16 July for a planning meeting - Ladies in the Abbey Gardens! We carried our chairs to a sheltered spot near the new Tennis Courts, safely distanced of course! This was my first visit to this part of The Abbey Gardens, so good to be surprised by this attractive development. Our monthly meetings have been put on hold until January 2021. We plan to get together to celebrate Christmas on Wednesday 9 December. Watch this space to read about our chosen venue.

Thank you for keeping Beryl and I up to date with news of our members. No one has yet sent in their Ladies Club memory, but I have added my mobile number to make it really easy to get in touch!

Best wishes, Mary Payne tel 01284 704801 / 07711513596  
maryp9@paynedave.plus.com

### Resolved 20/07/15.01

#### TO CONSIDER ANY ANNUAL DONATIONS 2020/21

Village Hall Committee = £500 (LGA 1976 (Miscellaneous Provisions) s19).	LGA 1976 s.19
St Martins Church (Churchyard Maintenance) = £500 plus a donation of £250 towards tree works (Local Government Act 1972, s. 214(6)).	LGA s.214 (6)
Elderbury Friendship & Social Club = £200	S137
Toddler Group = £200	S137
Computer Club = £200	S137
Fornham Ladies Club = £200	S137

Meeting Closed 9:10 pm

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The Parish Council Minutes of Meetings will in future be submitted in an abbreviated report format to the Bugle. Full copies of Draft and Approved Minutes can be viewed on our website;

<http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/> or can be requested from the Clerk [fsmgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fsmgpc@gmail.com) or in writing at **3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall Suffolk IP28 7LT.**

**PLEASE NOTE :** *The deadline for articles to be included in the OCT 20 / NOV 20 edition of the Bugle will be **NOON FRI 25 SEPT 2020** This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

**NOTE:** *email for contributors [buglefsmsg@gmail.com](mailto:buglefsmsg@gmail.com)*

for any items related to the Playing Field in future. All other items were rated as High/Substantial on the report.

**Resolved 20/07/8.01**

**TO RECEIVE & APPROVE THE END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS FOR 2019/20**

The balance carried forward as of 31st March 2020 was £6,811.85.

**Resolved 20/07/8.02**

**ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT (AGAR Sect.2) 2019/20**

**Resolved 20/07/9.01**

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR 2020/21**

The Budget was reviewed and no changes were made.

**Resolved 20/07.10.01**

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE ASSET REGISTER 2020/21**

The Asset Register was reviewed and adopted. The Parish Council Insurance Schedule has been updated.

**Resolved 20/07/11.01**

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPT STANDING ORDERS AMENDED July 2020**

The Parish Council Standing Orders were taken from the NALC Model July 2018.

**Resolved 20/07/11.02**

**TO ADOPT STANDING ORDERS ADDENDUM RE: REMOTE MEETINGS**

**Resolved 20/07/12.01**

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AMENDED July 2020**

The Parish Council Financial Regulations were updated in-line with the NALC Model July 2019

**Resolved 20/07/13.01**

**TO REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 2020/21**

**Resolved 20/07/14.01**

**REVIEW EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT PROCEDURE 2020/21**

The Parish Council Appointed Michael Williamson, Mijan Ltd to perform the Internal Audit for the financial year 2020/21.

**King George Playing Field Eco Initiatives**

Your Parish Council, as Trustees of the Playing Field, are anxious to make sure that this amenity is enjoyed by as many residents as possible and we are glad to report that the second phase of the initiative has now taken place.

A group of volunteers assisted by Greener Growth, prepared areas for wild flower turf to be laid around selected areas of the perimeter of the field, they also installed some, bird boxes, hedgehog houses and bug hotels. There is also now a Community Compost Bay. Many thanks to all volunteers who attended to help.

The trees are doing really well and have benefited from a good layer of mulch, and are being watered regularly by our volunteer, David Randall. The Parish Council extend their warmest thanks to him for his help and hard work.

Unfortunately, one of the bird boxes was stolen from the field a few days after installation, this is very disappointing.

The third phase of the initiative will include laying the wild flower turf beds and installation of a Nature Trail with Signage. We are looking at installing more picnic benches in the field in the future and would welcome any ideas residents may have on any further improvements.

We are looking for any volunteers who would like to be involved in the next phase. If you would like to help please contact our Clerk Vicky who will provide more information [fmsgpc@gmail.com](mailto:fmsgpc@gmail.com) or Tel: 077 12 232920

## Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council DRAFT July 2020 Remote Meeting Minutes Summary

**Councillor's Present:** Cllr. Mike Collier (MC), Cllr. John Borrett (JB), Cllr. Penny Borrett (PBo), Cllr. Paul Butler (PBu), Cllr. Frank Stennett (FS). No Members of the public were present.

### **County, District Councillor Report**

Cllr. Rebecca Hopfensperger was present at the meeting and gave the following updates;

- West Suffolk has the lowest rates of COVID-19 in East Anglia. The Small Business Grant – COVID-19 has given out £917,000 in grants to 156 businesses locally, the village hall in Fornham St Martin benefited from a £10,000 grant.
- The 'Home but not Alone' scheme has received 1,344 calls.
- B1106 Culford Road Junction – *(Highways are to renew white lining & SLOW signs, redo the Chevrons larger & spread out over the bend, warning bend signs will be improved, an Advisory 30mph speed on both directions)*. The engineer is going to revisiting the site with regards to the positioning of the chevrons, the white markings renewal has been ordered and Cllr. Hopfensperger has agreed to pay for any additional signage that is needed.
- Lark Valley / Parklands Green Footpaths - Both Locations have been inspected and a number of repairs have been ordered on Lark Valley Drive:

La 206190 – o/s No. 8 – 1 x trip- roots pushing up footway

La 206191 – o/s No. 6 – 2 x trips- roots pushing up footway

La 206192 – o/s No. 2 – 2 x trips - roots pushing up footway

La 206193 – Adjacent No. 2 – trips - roots pushing up footway

- The moss on the footpaths on Parklands Green has been reported to West Suffolk Council for action, once this has been removed engineers can then re-assess the footpath condition.
- Flooding Barton Hill, (BMW Garage) & Russell Baron Road(RH) – This issue at Barton Hill has been scored and handed over to the Drainage Team for further consideration. The drainage team will rank and prioritise this issue against all other potential future planned drainage works in Suffolk. The flooding at Russell Baron Road has been inspected by the Highways Assessment Officer and logged as potential future works (ref La 206188).

- Flooding B1106 & Opp. Parklands Green(lay-by) – The Drainage Contractor attended and jetted a blocked gully (#60130326), blocked with leaves and debris and should have been completed by the end of June.

Police SNT newsletters are available to view at; [www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/your-area/snt-newsletters)

### **Planning:**

- i. **DC/20/0898/TPO** – *No Objections submitted 8th July 2020*
- ii. **DC/20/0949/TPO** – *No Objections submitted 6th July 2020*
- iii. **DC/20/0899/TPO** – *No Objections submitted 3rd July 2020*
- iv. **DC/20/0777/RM** – *No Objections submitted 9th June 2020*
- v. **DC/20/0682/FUL** – *Objections & Comments submitted 8th June 2020*
- vi. **DC/20/0469/LB** – *No Objections submitted 28th April 2020*
- vii. **DC/20/0496/FUL - 68 lodges with parking, landscaping, waste and recycling areas and construction compound/maintenance area.**  
**LOCATION: St Genevieve Lakes, Road from Bury Road to B1106** – *Holding Objection requested, until further information can be provided by the applicant.*
- viii. **AP/20/0020/STAND – Appeal DC/19/1584/FUL (i) Change of use of park land to land for siting of 12no. additional holiday lodges - extension to previously approved application DC/16/2792/FUL and (ii) associated landscaping (iii) construction of access road (iv) parking spaces (v) hardstanding bases and (vi) associated landscape planting and infrastructure LOCATION: The Dream Lodge Group Fornham Park Fornham St Genevieve** – *Previous Objections & comments still stand and will be forwarded to the Inspector by WSC Planning Officer.*

### **Finance & Policies:**

#### **Parish Council Bank Balances and Reconciliation**

The bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts were received and adopted. The bank account balance as of 1st June 2020 is £31,373.11

#### **Resolved 20/07/7.01**

#### **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGAR Sect.1) 2019/20**

#### **Resolved 20/07/7.01**

#### **ADOPTION OF INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2019/20**

The Internal Auditor noted that the Councils reserves are a little low and need building up. It was also advised that due to legislation changes the Parish Council as Trustees of the Playing Field, will need to hold separate meetings