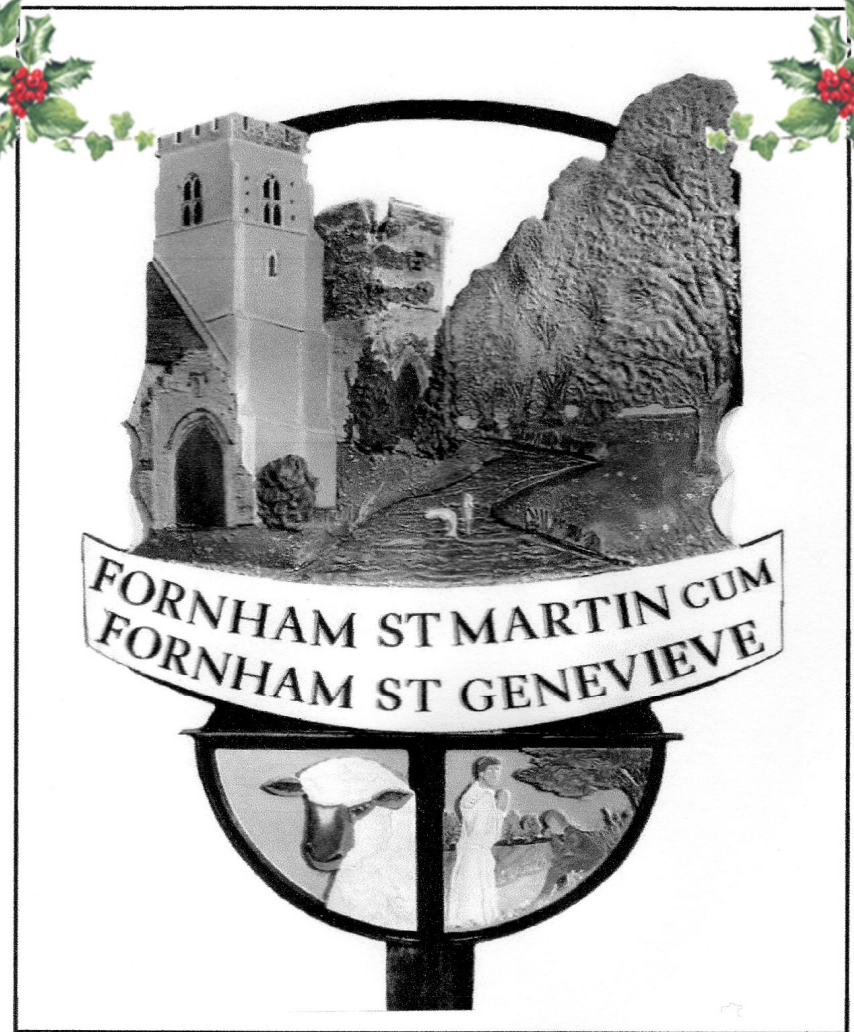


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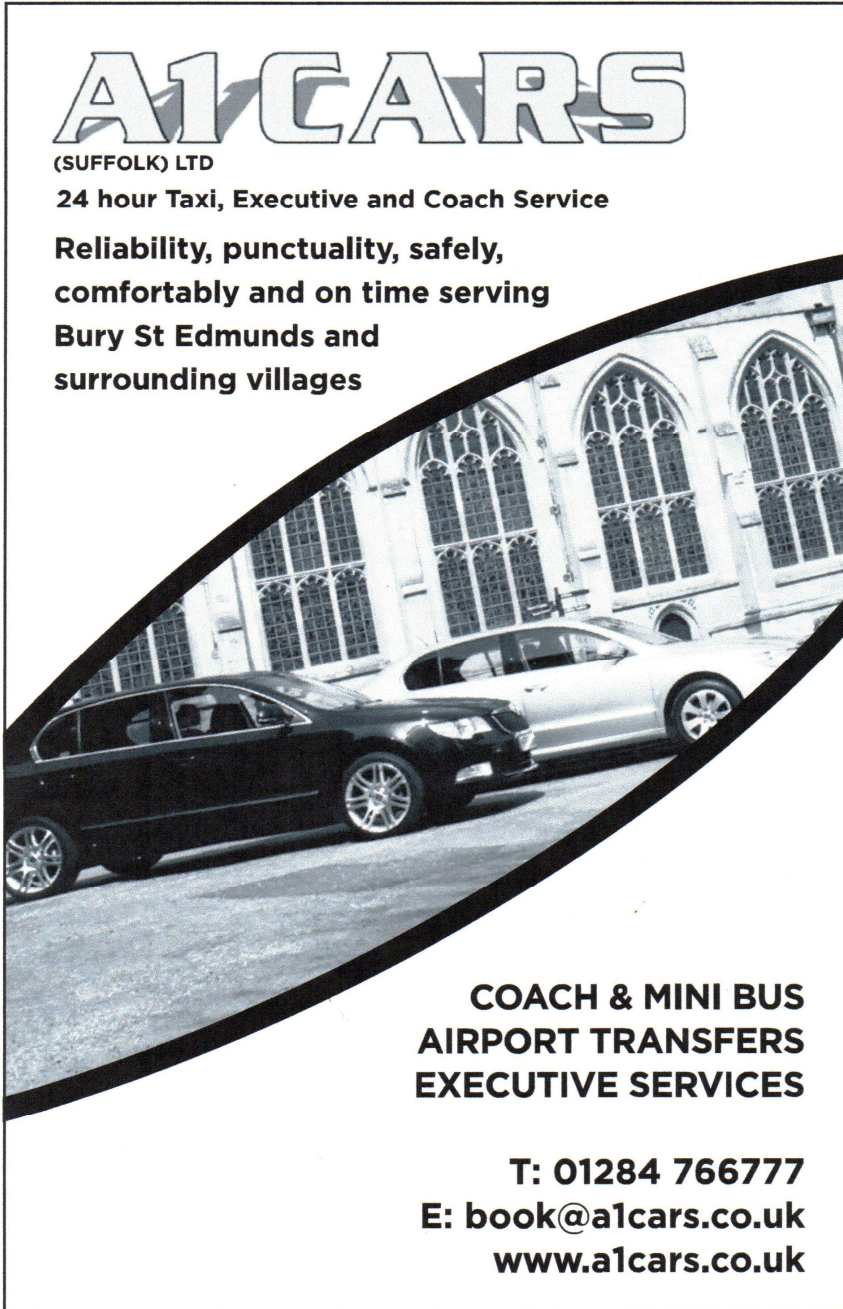
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Weekly

Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers * *
Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Jazz Club
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club
2nd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making
3rd Wed	7:45 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

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- 1st No. 11 TA Miles
- 2nd No. 22 V West
- 3rd No. 76 C Smart



Margaret Ade 01284 750133

LEAFLET DELIVERY

For the third time the Parish Council has received much needed help from Raphaella, Sebastian and Theodore Mc Andrew in helping to deliver leaflets in our Village regarding the West Suffolk Operational Hub. The Parish Council was only able to give very short notice of the task needed, however our three young residents jumped at the opportunity to do their bit again for the Village.

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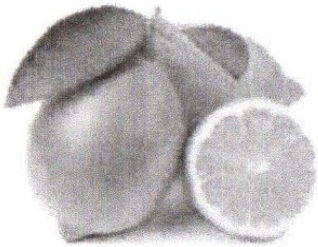
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LADIES CLUB

Our speaker in October, Enid Gathercole, is well known to many of our members as a local St John's Ambulance First Aider. She has had over 28 years experience with them. Enid showed us a special one of her long service medals. This was given after 12 years and has Queen Victoria on it. One place where First Aiders' services are very important is at the Newmarket Races and we are coming to a busy time for them at the big Christmas Fair here in Bury St Edmunds.

Edith had lots of advice for us about many important issues, that we could look out for and how we could help in emergency situations for example if we suspect someone has had a Stroke. We should remember **FAST** - **F**ace, ok or drooped; **A**rm, ok or limp; **S**peech, slurred and the most important **T**ime, as much speed as possible! She had brought three dummies along for us to have a go at using resuscitation techniques.

One was adult size, one a child and the last a baby. We were all rather apprehensive but with Enid's enthusiastic encouragement several of us did try. Finally we learned about defibrillators and how to use one. Fornham All Saints has already got one and Fornham St Martin will have one very soon. It was very reassuring to have Edith's advice and support. I think we shall need to ask her to come back - there is so much to learn!

We meet to celebrate Christmas together at the Bunbury Arms on **Wednesday 13 December, 6.30 for 7pm**. Menu details from Julia Ely 701879.

Our first meeting in **2018** is on **Wednesday 17 January**. Mark Ellis will talk about "21st Century Policing".

Please contact secretary Beryl Dykes on 704109 for more information about Fornham Ladies Club. A warm welcome awaits you.

Mary Payne

Colleen Leach - Village Hall Manager

The Parish Council wish to thank Colleen for managing the Bookings and the general care of the Hall so effectively for so many years.

We understand that Colleen will still "help out" when needed during holidays etc. Many thanks for all your hard work Colleen.

We of course would like to offer a warm welcome to Roger Farnell who takes on the roll and started on the 1st November.

Parish Council

ELDERBURY FRIENDSHIP & SOCIAL CLUB

On 3rd October we had a talk entitled 'A Packet of Parsley'. Our speaker was David White who told us that when he was a child he had used his pocket money to buy parsley seeds. He planted them in about one square yard of garden. He then sold the produce to local shopkeepers to use in their window displays. His interest in gardening led to his being employed in the gardening team at Buckingham Palace. He then related some interesting and amusing stories of his experiences there.

Our next club function was the trip to Wicksted Park on 12th November for the Christmas Show and lunch. The weather was fair, and we were able to explore the garden and grounds. The food and entertainment were very good and resulted in a successful day out.

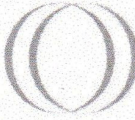
Our Programme for the next few months is:-

- 5th Dec:** Christmas Dinner (6.30 pm) with the Steve Beedle Trio supplying the music before and after the meal.
- 2nd Jan:** 'Life on the River Thames' – a talk by Brian Cornell.
- 6th Feb:** 'An American in Suffolk' – a presentation by Lynda Scoles
- 6th Mar:** A.G.M.


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Domiciliary care is care provided in a person's home. Sometimes it is called home care or 'Support to Live at Home'. Home care can include support with things like helping people to get out of bed, washing, dressing, getting to work, cooking meals, eating, seeing friends, caring for families and being part of the community.

Healthwatch Suffolk will use your feedback to help it understand the issues that people face when accessing care at home and what needs to be explored in detail as part of its developing project. As the health and care watchdog for Suffolk, it can use the things that people share to shape, influence and improve care to our county's most vulnerable residents.

Sharing your experiences couldn't be easier

If you are currently using a service, Healthwatch Suffolk is asking people to take part in a short survey. You can access it using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/homecareinsuffolk>

If you are not currently accessing support or would prefer not to feedback online, please contact the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 08004488234 (Freephone) or by email to info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk. Hard copies of the survey and other formats are available on request.

GARDEN CLUB

The second week of September was a busy one for the Club's members with an outing on Sunday the 10th and meeting on Tuesday the 12th. We visited Barnsdale Gardens (known to many as Geoff Hamilton's Garden) in the morning arriving to a warm welcome and in time for elevenses before we set off to explore the 38 individual gardens. Varying in size in an 8 acre site used at one time to film the BBC programme Gardeners World with Geoff as the host. The gardens are an extensive range of gardens including Kitchen and Wildlife, also Hosta and Penstemon beds, a Woodland Walk and Allotment. Most recently the winter border has been enlarged and redeveloped during 2016 and opened by Carol Klein in August to mark the 20th year since Geoff's untimely death. Many of the plants were donated by family, friends and former colleagues and Barnsdale staff.

A short journey took us to Burghley House and Gardens. The house, built between 1555 & 1587 by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Elizabeth 1, is truly magnificent. From the original Tudor kitchen through 18 state rooms with their breath-taking paintings etc., we made our way to the Contemporary Sculpture Garden. Since 1994 a collection of over twenty sculptures have been acquired and are placed over a wide area in the lakeside and woodland setting. A water garden nearby (appropriately named Garden of Surprises) with its flowing water and fountains entertained us all and most of us made it back to the coach without experiencing 'surprise' wet feet or drenching - and this was nothing to do with the weather!

Another good day out with a real variety of experiences.

Matt Long from Riverside Bulbs in Monks Eleigh came to our meeting to deliver his talk 'Bulbs Galore' and his daughter accompanied him to help carry in the terrific selection of bulb and also act as a prompt when on the odd occasion a name of a variety would not come to mind! The talks title also referred to the number of bulbs shown on the digital slideshow and the habit of many of the bulbs where they multiply given the correct conditions. With the delightful aconite kicking off the year in January, Matt took us through the year up to Autumn with colchicums and cyclamen and everything in between, just too many to mention here. Most popular appear to be tulips with an astronomical number of bulbs sold. No surprise bearing in mind their versatility including as cut flowers. A very entertaining speaker with such



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a detailed digital slide show we hope he will visit us again. Matthew Tanton-Brown was our speaker on October 10th and his talk 'Plants for Autumn and Winter Container' could not fail to leave us filled with inspiration. It has to be said the number of bulbs and plants he managed to pack into one basket (which he most generously donated to our raffle) had to be seen to be believed. The lucky raffle ticket holder will keep us informed as the seasons progress. Suggesting we might consider trying plants such as the new trailing viola, thyme, heathers and even tiny leaved trailing cotoneaster to make a change from the standard pansies, polyanthus etc., or a mix of both. With recommendations for compost, feed, books to read on the subject and tips on care in general it was a really informative meeting. Matthew's light hearted and friendly approach makes him a very popular speaker and we look forward to his next visit on a different topic as he has a wide variety of talks with which to entertain us, plus he always brings with him a variety of plants to tempt us to buy!

Detail of our programme for the coming months are as follows:

- Jan 9th** *Annual Dinner for Members and their guests only.*
- Feb 13th** *Andrew Sankey. Rethinking your Garden. A talk and digital slideshow. Ideas for refreshing borders etc.*
- Mar 13th** *Jamie Blake. Around the World in 80 plants. A talk and digital slideshow.*

The Garden Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at **7:30 pm** in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Membership is £13 per year with visitors paying £3 per visit. For further information please telephone the programme secretary **Frances Harpley** on **01284 755876**.



NUT ROAST

Aubergine five nut roast recipe is a real winner for vegetarians. Its so easy to make and tastes delicious too - you can prepare it in advance or the day before you want to serve it so you've got plenty of time to focus on the sides. This recipe serves 8 people and will take around 1hr and 20 mins to make. This nut roast is ideal for vegetarians when it comes to your Sunday roast dinner or Christmas Day dinner with the whole family. This nut roast can be made up to two days ahead and can be frozen for up to a month. To reheat, put the nut roast on a backing tray and cover with foil. Reheat at 180C/Fan 160C/ Gas 4 for 50 mins to an hour, until piping hot.

Ingredients

1 medium aubergine

Olive oil

Salt and freshly ground pepper

40g (1.5oz) butter

1 small onion, finely chopped

2 celery stick, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

175g (6oz) shelled mixed nuts (such as Brazils, pine nuts, blanched whole almonds), chopped in the processor but not too finely.

50g (2oz) shelled pistachio nuts, roughly chopped

100g (oz) fresh white breadcrumbs

Grated rind and juice of half a lemon

100g (4oz) mature Cheddar, grated

100g (4oz) frozen chestnuts, thawed and roughly chopped

2 eggs beaten

4tbsp chopped fresh parsley

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Slice the aubergine thinly, lengthways. Arrange on a large oiled baking tray in a single layer, brush or drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Cook under the hot grill for 5-7 mins each side until the aubergine has softened and is beginning to turn golden. The aubergine will cook to a deep brown once in the oven, so don't worry about getting too much colour at the stage. Once you have turned the aubergine slices over, do keep a close eye on them as the second side will colour more quickly than the first side. Allow to cool slightly.

Use the aubergines to line across the base and sides of the prepared loaf tin, all slices going in the same direction.

Melt the butter in a medium pan, add the onion, celery and garlic and cool, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 10 mins. Spoon into a large bowl and leave to cool.

Add the remaining ingredients to the bowl with plenty of seasoning, and stir well to mix.

Spoon into the loaf tin, pressing the mixture down firmly. Fold the ends of aubergine over the top of the filling and cover the tin with the foil.

Cook in the preheated oven for 50 mins to 1 hour. Turn out on to a serving plate, remove the tin and garnish with sprigs of flat leaf parsley.

Slice thickly to serve.



Community Public Access Defibrillator

The Parish Council in cooperation with the Community Heartbeat Trust has secured a Defibrillator to be presented to the villages, for the use of the Community. The funding for this has been secured from the Big Lottery Fund, and will be linked to the Ambulance Service.

The Defibrillator is to be installed in the telephone box, outside the Village Hall. The phone box is currently undergoing refurbishment and the Defibrillator is hoped to be installed before Christmas, and operational by the New Year.

A Public Awareness and Training session will be held in the Hall in the New Year and will be run by the Community Heartbeat Trust. The date of this is to be confirmed and will be made public. Anyone is welcome to attend.

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the responsibility of checking the Defibrillator monthly, to ensure it is in working order. This person will also act as contact for the Ambulance Service, if the Defibrillator is used, in order for it to be collected and returned and cleaned and re-set.

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FSMSGPC OCTOBER Meeting Summary - Minutes approved at the November Meeting

Public Forum:

A member of the public raised the issue of speeding motorbikes at Barton Hill on weekday mornings between 5am-6am, the issue of the 'Time Trial' racing at the roundabout was also raised again. The Clerk is to report both issues to the Police Team again.

A resident raised concerns that someone had been playing Golf on the Playing Field and they had nearly smashed a window at the church. This is to be mentioned in the Bugle.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk reported that Street Light 25 had now been connected to the Electricity supply, but was now on all day & night, this has been reported to SCC. Light 232 has also been reported and will be repaired once a new lamp has been ordered.

The Clerk advised that the Insurance Schedule & Asset Register have been updated, with the Phone box & Defibrillator.

Planning Applications Considered:

DC/17/1857/HH - Lean-to extension, decking area & fencing to rear of existing garage (Retrospective) - The Hollie's The Street, Fornham St Martin.

Resolved 17/10/6.01

It was unanimously agreed to offer No Objections or Comments on application DC/17/1857/HH.

WSOH Update

The application was approved at the DCC Meeting on 21st Sept 2017. However, concerns have been raised by Philip Reeve, Gt. Barton, concerning comments made by Charles Judson (Principal Planning Officer) and Rachel Almond at the DCC meeting on 21st September, not being consistent with the report initially submitted to the Committee, which was available to view one week before the DCC meeting. This has meant that a matter of policy has been raised, for which Officers must give the Chairman and the Committee further advice on. This report will be given at the DCC meeting on 2nd November 2017. This gives us an opportunity to present again, and the Parish Councils are looking at the possibility of the Solicitor speaking at the Committee meeting on behalf of the Parish's to concentrate on the legal arguments raised, and a plan of action is being agreed.



To clarify this means the application will be voted on again on 2nd Nov and so no final decision has been passed. The Secretary of State cannot call in the application until a ratified decision has been passed.

Finance & Policies:

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of 29th September 2017 is £19,959.18

Update on External Audit

The Clerk advised that BDO had highlighted an outstanding point on the External Audit and had requested that the Asset Register amount be amended on the 2015-16 column on the Accounting Statement section of the Annual Return to reflect the correct amount, including the Play Area figure. The audit has now been completed with no other issues. The Notice of Conclusion has been published.

King George V Playing Field Trusteeship Update

No update yet to report.

Asset Risk Assessment & maintenance procedure to be agreed.

It was agreed to carry out regular Risk Assessment inspections of the Assets every 6 months, this is to be carried out by the Cllr. Collier, who will report on any issues or maintenance identified at the meetings. The Clerk is to diary for 6 monthly inspections and remind Cllr. Collier.

Litter Picking – Discuss options for removal of large waste objects

It was agreed that the procedure will be for the litter pickers to inform the Clerk of any large waste/litter found and the Clerk will report to the Borough Council Waste Department.

General Data Protection Regulation & to discuss appointment of a DPO

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is coming in to force in May 2018 and it brings with it the legal obligation for any 'public authority or body' (which according to the National Association of Local Councils includes all sizes of parish and town council) to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The concern is that this appointment may not be straightforward, as whilst it is possible to appoint an existing member of staff, they must, by requirement of the regulation, possess 'expert knowledge of data protection law and practices' and must ensure their 'duties do not result in a conflict of interests'. As Clerk there is a 'conflict of interest' and any training sufficient to provide the expert knowledge the Clerk would need, would be a residential legal course.



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Parish Matters:

Defibrillator Update

The Clerk advised that the application for the paint kit had been successful and the Defibrillator was ready to be installed as soon as the refurbishment was completed. The Clerk will organise the official opening and Public Awareness Session, once the Defibrillator has been set up and registered with the Ambulance Service. A volunteer is needed to check the Defibrillator weekly and to re-stock and clean the unit when it has been used, the Clerk is to check with the Litter Pickers and the Village Hall Manager to see if they would be prepared to take it on as part of their duties. The Clerk is also to place a notice in the Bugle.

The Clerk presented two quotes for refurbishment of the phone box. One from M.E.B. Maintenance for £160 and one from Peter Forster Building Services for £175.

Resolved 17/10/8.01

It was agreed to proceed with the quote from M.E.B. Maintenance to refurbish the phone box for £160.00.

Update on Play Area Repairs

The Clerk presented the Play Area Inspections report on behalf of Cllr. Butler, he mentions the bins not being emptied by SEBC, the Clerk is to chase this up. Cllr. Butler also mentioned the bark retaining timber being loose, the Clerk confirmed that this has not been raised by the Monthly Inspection, so it was suggested to monitor it at this time. Cllr. Flaherty offered to do the weekly inspections until the next meeting.

The Clerk advised that quotes were still pending and it was agreed to defer the item until the November meeting.

Remembrance Wreath to be Agreed

David Yates confirmed he has ordered the wreaths. The Service is to be held at 10:15am on Sunday 12th November 2017 at the Church. Cllr. Collier agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and agreed to . . .

... do a Reading at the Service

Resolved 17/10/8.02

It was agreed to purchase a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council for Remembrance Sunday.

Highways & Footpaths:

Update on Advertising Rights & Rights for Removal of Adverts in the Village

SEBC advised that only the Local Planning Authority has the right to remove certain advertisements, but there is only an automatic right to remove a few. Notice has to be given generally. There is a right to display certain advertisements and others do not come under advertisement control. As the adverts in question mainly appear to be displayed on street furniture, an agreement can be made with County Highways or your local County Councillor.

It was agreed not to pursue such an agreement, and to remove any posters/notices that were on Parish Council property and if the event date had already passed.

Update on Trees Reported to the SEBC Tree Officer (2 South Lodge Drive & 8 Park Avenue)

Cllr. Flaherty advised that she had now managed to speak to someone in the correct Department and they had agreed to act as a Point of Contact for the Parish Council. She confirmed that she had been advised that both the trees concerned at 2 South Lodge Drive and 8 Park Avenue, are Highways owned, and as such the report needed to be forwarded to Highways who would then ascertain what, if any, works needed doing and establish whether there was any TPO's and apply to Planning to carry out the works. This is why the requests submitted by the Clerk had not been responded to.

Cllr. Flaherty advised that she was now in receipt of maps showing the locations and numbers of the TPO's in the villages, but to date there is no specific list for the village. Cllr. Flaherty is to start compiling a list for the villages using the maps provided and the 'Find My' tool on the SEBC website. The Clerk is to provide a copy of the Boundary map to Cllr. Flaherty.

Correspondence:

The Clerk presented correspondence from;

SALC AGM to be held on 7th November 2017 at 6:30pm, at the Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell.



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SEBC/FHDC Annual Parish Conference to be held on 16th November 2017 at 6:30pm, at the Sybil Andres Academy, Rougham Tower, Bury St Edmunds. The theme will be Health & Well-being. Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Flaherty are to attend.

Highways Operational Plan – Highways has undergone a restructure and relocated from West Suffolk House to Rougham Highways Department. Initial faults reporting; Suffolk Highway Online Reporting Tool <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk> or 0345 606 6171. To follow up on a repair/fault telephone 0345 606 6171 with the log reference number. If no response or update received contact your County Councillor, Rebecca.hopfensperger@suffolk.gov.uk

From 1 October new dog control orders are being introduced to help tackle dog fouling. The dog fouling order applies to all spaces open to the public in Forest Heath and details some of those spaces (such as play areas and fenced sports pitches in the season) from which dogs are excluded. Full details will appear on the website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/dogfouling at 1am on 1 October.

The Village Hall have appointed a new Manager to replace Colleen. Roger Farnell will start on 1 November 2017.

Councillor's Reports and Meetings Attended & Items for the Next

Agenda:

Cllr. Collier advised that David Payne has located the disc with the Welcome Pack software and Cllr. Collier and David Yates are currently updating the Welcome Pack; it is hoped this will be ready to go to print in the New Year.

2018 Meeting Dates to be Agreed

It was agreed to continue with the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of August and December. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 10th May 2018 at 7pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

11 January, 08 February, 08 March, 12 April, 10 May (APM & APCM), 14 June, 12 July, 13 September, 11 October & 8 November 2018

Next Meeting is to be held on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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DRAFT FSMSGPC November 2017 Meeting Summary – To be approved January 2018

Public Forum:

1 Member of the Public was present.

County & Borough Councillor

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger was unable to attend and sent her apologies. The Clerk presented the following report on her behalf;

The proposal to join St Edmundsbury with Forest Heath was agreed by both councils and now the secretary of state will be notified.

St Edmundsbury have finalised the purchase of the old post office building in the town centre. The council will now look at opportunities to improve the area including the market thoroughfare, St Andrews St and the Cornhill.

We tried again for the third time to get the West Suffolk Operational Hub refused. We put up a good fight but unfortunately it was approved. The decision will not be posted until the secretary of state has examined the application and decided whether to call the application in.

The consultation on home to school transport changes was delayed. The proposal was to change council funded home to school transport to the statutory minimum which is to the nearest school. The new proposal will now go to cabinet in December and if accepted will go out to consultation in mid-December.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk advised that with help from Cllr. Forster and David Yates, the owners responsible for the bench at the Playing field, in memory of Mr & Mrs Fordham had been identified and contacted to arrange for the bench to be maintained and repaired.

The Clerk reported that she will be attending an Understanding Planning course in January 2018 with Tuddenham Parish Council, places are available if any Councillors wish to attend.

The Clerk advised that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is coming in to force in May 2018 and it brings with it the legal obligation for any 'public authority or body' (which according to the National Association of Local Councils includes all sizes of parish and town council) to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The concern is that this appointment may not be straightforward, as whilst it is possible to appoint an existing member of staff, they must, by requirement of the regulation, possess 'expert knowledge of data protection law and practices' and must ensure their 'duties do not result in a conflict of interests'. As Clerk there is a 'conflict of interest' and any . . .

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Planning Applications Considered:

DC/17/2034/FUL - Change of use of 1no. agricultural barn to offices (B1) and change of use of 1no. agricultural barn to storage use (B8) - Fornham Business Court, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 17/11/6.01

It was agreed for the Council to submit the following concerns in response to application DC/17/2034/FUL;

The size of the office building and toilet amenities being provided, suggests a large number of staff will be employed and working at the offices, the allowance of 77 extra parking spaces within the proposed development, suggests that there will be significant increase in vehicle movements and traffic flow to and from the development. Our concerns are that the current infrastructure is insufficient to support this increase, especially with the likelihood of the future West Suffolk Operational Hub development also adding extra strain on the road infrastructure within that vicinity. It is also felt that the current single track access road into the development is insufficient for the potential increase in vehicles needing access both during development and build and after completion by staff at the offices.

DC/17/2224/HH - Single storey front extension - Ducksluice Farm, Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve

Resolved 17/11/6.02

No objections to application DC/17/2224/HH.

DC/17/2216/FUL - 1 storage building - Proposed Farm Buildings, Hall Farm The Drift, Fornham St Martin

Resolved 17/11/6.03

No objections to application DC/17/2216/FUL.



WSOH Update

The third Development Control Committee Meeting to discuss the Hub proposal was held on 2nd November 2017. Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Borrett attended and spoke against the Hub application, as did Cllr. Hopfensperger, her 12-minute speech was very good. The case against identified 10 Local Plans to which the development stepped outside of and were not adhered to. The Chief Planning Officer gave a report stating the reasons for and against the application being allowed to contravene the Local Plan;

Material Harm against Planning Permission:

1. Departure from Development Plan
2. Loss of Grade 2 agricultural land
3. Impact on character and appearance of countryside

Material Considerations in favour of Planning Permission:

1. General National and Local Policy Support (for the concept and aims of the proposal)
2. Meets an identified need
3. Improved performance against the waste hierarchy
4. More efficient public service and address deficiencies in existing sites
5. Reduction in waste miles
6. Inclusion of a re-sale shop
7. Best available site for co-located facilities
8. Release of other sites for development – planned and windfall
9. Economic benefits arising during construction.

Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Borrett report that the both the 2nd and 3rd DCC meetings showed a total lack of debate. One member on the Committee mentioned the loss of prime growing land and another member suggested that the decision be sent to appeal to be looked at by experts at Bristol, this suggestion was not acknowledged or discussed by the other members.

As a result, the Chairman proposed to accept the application and the vote was in favour of permission being granted.

The decision now lies with the Secretary of State as to whether it is called in, this could take 2-3 weeks and as such we are currently in limbo. The 3 Parish Councils has already written to the Secretary of State twice before and Jo Churchill has apparently already spoken to the Secretary of State on our behalf.

If the application is approved by the Secretary of State, it is vital that the Parish Councils work with Planning to ensure conditions set are enforced



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and followed up on and to monitor any problems post operation, therefore cooperation and communication will be essential.

Resolved 17/11/6.04

It was agreed to authorize further expenditure in support of the legal campaign against the applications approval. The total amount of the expenditure agreed by the Parish Council for their portion of costs involved is £3,500.00. This is to be agreed in the 2018/2019 budget as 50% (£1,750.00 for Community Campaigns), with the remaining 50% (£1,750.00) to be taken from General Reserves.

Finance & Policies:

That the bank balances and reconciliation of payments and receipts be received and adopted and initialled & signed as such by the Chairman. The bank account balance as of 1st November 2017 is £17,455.51.

King George V Playing Field Trusteeship Update

The Clerk advised that both parcels of land is now registered with Land Registry and she has copies of the Title entries. The Deed of Transfer is now complete for both parcels of land and the Clerk confirmed she has now updated the Charity Commission with the details of the new Trustees, as the Parish Council as a Body, she also has a copy of the Certificate for the field registration with the Charity Commission. The Clerk is to liaise with Fields in Trust regarding their part of the process.

2018/2019 Draft Budget & Precept Setting

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2018/19, and options for the Precept request. The expenditure for 2018/19 has increased due to expenditure on Community campaigns, namely the WSOH and also for general maintenance of the community assets etc. The Clerk advised that there are also costs associated with Data Protection Services and the appointment of a Data Protection Officer, in line with the General Data Protection Regulation coming in to force in May 2018. It was suggested that the Clerk prepare figures for adoption at the January meeting, based on a precept increase of £2, 637 on last year. This is an extra £4.99 per household (£50.11 for Band D), which equates to 42p per month. The Clerk is to put a notice in the next edition of the Bugle advising residents of the increase and reasons why.

Parish Matters:

Defibrillator Update

The Clerk advised that the electrician had prepared the connections . . .

...and was ready to install once the refurbishment had been completed. She confirmed the refurbishment should be carried out this weekend coming. The Clerk is to put an update in the Bugle and also a request for a volunteer to act as contact for the Defibrillator and to check it monthly. The Clerk will arrange an official opening and a Public Awareness/Training session, once the Defibrillator is installed and registered with the Ambulance Service.

Play Area Inspections Report & Agree Inspection Rota

Cllr. Flaherty presented the Play Area Inspections report with no issues raised, the bins not being emptied by SEBC was raised again and the Clerk is to chase this up. Cllr. Forster offered to do the weekly inspections until the next meeting in January 2018.

Quotes for Play Area Repairs

The Clerk presented quotes from Wicksteed for the ramp and repairs and a quote from Forster Building Services and one from Playscapes. The Clerk also presented quotes from Forster Building Services and Playscapes to replace the rotten timbers etc. at the Trim Trail. The Clerk advised the Council on the budget still remaining for the Play Area. Cllr. Butler proposed and Cllr. Hubbard (JH) seconded accepting the quotes from Playscapes to repair the ramp bushboard and to replace the rotten timbers at the Trim Trail.

Resolved 17/11/8.01

It was agreed to accept the quote from Playscapes to repair the multi play unit climbing ramp and to replace the rotten timbers at the Trim Trail for a cost of £1645.38 + VAT.

Correspondence:

The Clerk presented correspondence from;

SCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan- Preferred Options Consultation 5pm Monday 30th October 2017 to 5pm Monday 11th November 2017. A consultation event will be held at Barnham Village Hall on 6th November 2017 between 2pm-8pm.

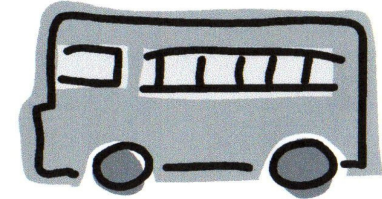
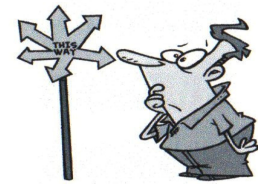
Councillor's Reports and Meetings Attended:

Cllr. Butler asked for an update on Tut Hill to be requested. It is believed that a decision on this is still not yet decided.

Cllr. Butler asked for Cllr. Hopfensperger to confirm her support for the Councils appeal for cycleways. This is to be added to the January agenda for discussion.

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Particular thanks to Sunshine Gardens who have again maintained the churchyard in well cut and trimmed condition throughout the year, so important as it's the first impression of the church as you enter through the gate.

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Cllr. Butler advised that the Village Hall has ordered some new chairs, paid for by Cllr. Hopfensperger's Locality Budget. Suggestions of what to do with the old chairs are welcome.

Next Meeting is to be held on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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2018 Parish Council Meeting Dates

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME

Meeting are held on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of August and December. All meeting start at 7;30 pm with the exception of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th May.

11 January
08 February
08 March
12 April
10 May - Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting
14 June
12 July
13 September
11 October
8 November

CHURCH NEWS

We look forward to Christmas with the three carol services in Lark Valley benefice, on 19th December FSM, with the choir leading us in joyful singing of those time-honoured carols. This followed by our lovely **Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm**, when we expect a church full of young families, and the rest of us! If the children like to dress as angels, shepherds,



wise men or even Kings, then it all adds to the spirit of the occasion. On **Christmas Day** there is a short communion service at 10.30am. Every house should now have a Christmas Card with all the services listed, but if not, or you want one for a friend, (many join us from Bury for the Crib Service) do let us know.

We held our Remembrance Service on 12th November, followed by gathering around the village War Memorial in the churchyard for the 2 minutes silence and reading of the 15 names of the fallen, preceded by a short Communion service led by Revd Sylvia Bareham.

Copies of the original service on 3rd April 1921, of the Unveiling and Dedication of The Memorial Cross, as it was then known, together with a photo of the event, were distributed, and are available if anyone would like one.

As usual we welcomed the Parish Council, with Mike and Penny reading passages from the Book of Micah and St John's Gospel, where we are told there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Unfortunately, there were very few from the village, which was disappointing. As we look around the world today, you wonder what progress we have made, but we wouldn't have the relatively safe environment here today without the sacrifice of others.

Our annual Tudor Rose concert was a great success on 21st October, with a full Church and nice variety of music, and refreshment, so thanks to everyone who helped, and supported it. £458 was raised for our fabric fund.

By the time you read this we may have already held our **Book Sale Coffee and Cakes** and **Christmas Stall on 2nd December**. Always an enjoyable day to drop in for a browse through some 2500 books, and have a cuppa and refreshment with friends, or as in many cases make new ones, even your neighbour you didn't know.!

On 12th November we bade a very fond farewell to our regular organist over the last few years, Julie Heard, as she and Brendin with young Avery return to U.S. for his military service. It has been a joy & blessing to have Julie play for us, and FAS, and we wished them well over some special refreshments after the service. David and Margaret were especially pleased to be Avery's god parents, and we gave her an anniversary card for Avery on his first anniversary next July, as we do with all those baptised, to remind them of this important event in their lives when they were presented with a certificate and a candle.

Over the year we have enjoyed welcoming four couples for their weddings. Also, five very young people for baptisms, including Avery, as well as twins Florence and Reuben Garnham, Harvey Deas and Luca Murray. We held four funeral services with two burials, four burials of ashes, with five services at the crematorium.

The church has been open during the day for seven months over the Summer, and the visitors book recorded 33 names but there were many more, locally from Norwich – Colchester – Peterborough, to London, Eastbourne, Sussex, USA, Tokyo, and Spain, many to visit graves of relatives, or revisit the church they attended as children.

Our great thanks to everyone who has supported us over the year, and helped with all the tasks that make the church function every week, flower arrangers, coffee makers, cleaners, readers, sides men and women and those on the Fabric Committee and PCC, as well as Revds Mark Haworth and Sylvia Bareham, for leading most of our services during the year.

We could do with some help with flowers and cleaning, on an occasional basis. We have been able to maintain the fabric condition of our lovely 700-year-old building, which is such a significant part of the 