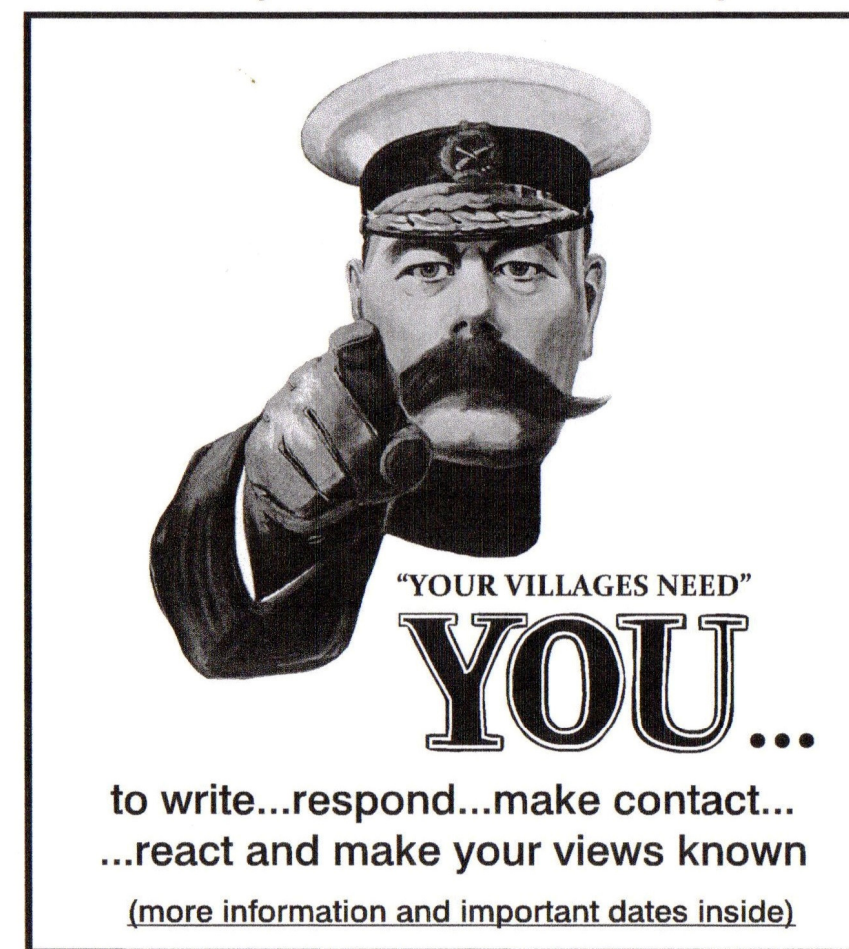


West Suffolk Waste Catchment Area Map



Fornham Bugle The WSOH Consultation has started

8th January until the 19th February 2016



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Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue should contact the Parish Clerk by email - fsmgpc@gmail.com

What Next?

Major lesson learnt from the first consultation was the power and influence residents have by exercising their prerogative as Statutory Consultees This second consultation will be the last opportunity to use that advantage and therefore must be fully exploited.

It is vital that everyone who has an opinion regarding the development of the WSOH takes the opportunity to put pen to paper and responds in whatever format suits them. Last time 540 objections were recorded and clearly we need to double that number if possible.

Hopefully you were able to attend one of the drop-in sessions run by the WSOH Project Team, or Great Barton Parish Council during January. If you have any further questions or concerns please come along to one of our own drop-in sessions at Fornham St Martin Village Hall on **Saturday 13th February 2016**, 10am-1pm & 4pm-7pm to talk to your Parish Councillors and other residents. The WSOH Project Team will not be present.

The end of the consultation process is the 19th February so there is no time to loose. **If you responded last time you really must do so again.** How about getting other members of your family to also have their say in their own reply? Have your neighbours taken part? Why not ask and see if you can persuade them to take part. Every single response is valuable.

We all have to work even harder now to achieve the right & best solution for our communities.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Methods for giving feed back.

Online Feedback Form : www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh Leave your comments and concerns on line.

Paper Feedback Form : Found online at above link and can be printed for you to write your thoughts and then post.

By Email : E Mails can be sent to wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk

By Post : Written feedback can be sent to West Suffolk Operational Hub Consultation Feedback, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury-St-Edmunds, IP33 3YU

The second WSOH Consultation has started! It runs 8th January to 19th February.

Thanks to all your magnificent efforts and responses last April, St Edmundsbury Borough Council (SEBC), Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) and Suffolk County Council (SCC) have been forced into a Consultation Process again. Well done to all those who participated.

Overall the common view of all parties involved, AND the land owner, is that the initial consultation process was lamentable, not transparent, not democratic, and not fit for purpose.

We now have a second chance to put this right and to consult and demonstrate our concerns surrounding the WSOH Project.

It must be acknowledged that the Borough have published information that is more comprehensive than the first effort in April 2015, and is still available from various locations and on the Web site. There are areas of information which are still required, ie traffic numbers, waste volumes and financial appraisal.

It follows therefore that our response as a village community must demonstrate equally a similar appropriate and professional response.

Your Parish Councils initial concerns are

- 1 Established practice in the UK is NOT to co locate Waste Transfer sites and Household Waste Recovery Systems. It is for good reason...ie segregating high volume private cars from HGVs.
- 2 A combined site will concentrate all traffic to a confined area where the junctions are already congested and will 'explode' volumes on local roads. Separate sites would dissipate and mitigate traffic concerns...by spreading the pressure over a number of locations. This would be fair and equitable, rather than imposing the totality on one community.
- 3 The new documents provide NO financial details to support cost savings.
- 4 The results of the traffic surveys carried out in the summer of 2015 have not been made available.
- 5 Lack of information over types of waste going to the WSOH, ie Black (known as residual) Blue (recycling), Brown (organic/compostable) & Trade Waste.
- 6 The current proposals are in breach of the Boroughs own 'Vision 2031', 'Green Infrastructure Strategy' and 'Core Strategy' policies.

PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council on behalf of all parishioners would like to acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, the work carried out by the volunteers who organise and distribute the Bugle.

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	7:30 pm	YOGA
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

**Term Time Only

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
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	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making

Occasional meetings
Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

*If you would like to book the Village Hall for a club meeting, exhibition, or private party, please contact **Colleen Leach** on **01284 756507**.*

Articles for inclusion in the Bugle should be posted to:

Pat & Su Brooklyn
8 Franklin Gardens
Cottenham
Cambridge CB24 8QW

Tel No: 01954 253 400

email: fornhambugle@virginmedia.com

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

For **advertising** contact Parish Clerk (see below) or via email on website <http://fornhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net/>

Delivery enquiries: Peter Forster Tel No: 01284 764723

Please note: deadline for articles to be included in the

APR 2016 / MAY 2016 issue is **NOON** on **23 March 2016** Thank you.

ADVERTISING IN THE BUGLE

The **BUGLE** is a free publication to all residents of Fornham St Martin and Fornham St Genevieve. There are six editions per year.

Our advertising rates are very competitive for further information

Please contact the **Parish Clerk**, Paul MacLachlan **email** your enquiry to **fsmgpc@gmail.com**

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Please supply logos in JPEG format and text Word doc.

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

Feb 9th Adrian Walters. History and Conservation on the Sudbury Riverside. A talk and slide show.

Mar 8th Alex Pettersson. Garden plants - rip off or good value you decide. Talk with plants for sale.

April 12th A. G. M.

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**.



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**FAMILY
FUNDRAISING
DISCO**



In aid of St Nicholas Hospice on Saturday 12 March 2016
7:45pm - 11pm at Chevely Road Club, Newmarket
 £1 for 13 years old and under £3 for 14+
 Raffle tickets £1 per strip

Raffle tickets and entry tickets available on the door and in advance

Please contact Katie for more info: **kmbbyford@aol.com**

Save time and money:

Buy your heating oil through a community bulk buying scheme

Community Action Suffolk (CAS) can save domestic households an average yearly saving of £74 on heating oil, and higher volume users such as community groups and rural businesses, an average yearly saving of £181. The heating oil is purchased in bulk twice a month (once in December) and deliveries are planned to provide an environmental benefit, with one tanker making a single trip to several customers in a village on the same day. Individual orders can also be made if a bulk deadline is missed. The scheme provides a hassle free process and membership is open to all, starting at just £20 per year with the option to place orders online, by email, by post or by phone. Visit www.communitybuying.org.uk or call **01473 345400** for details.

FSM 100 Club Winners

DECEMBER 2015

1st	No. 11 T A Miles
2nd	No. 76 C Smart
3rd	No. 45 S Hilton

JANUARY 2016

1st	No. 66 R P Catton
2nd	No. 70 E Laffin
3rd	No. 33 T Goodenough

★ February is the beginning of the 100 club year and the subscription of £12 per member is due. I would be very grateful if members would be kind enough to let me have their subscription as soon as possible, please.

★ Many thanks and with best wishes

★ **Margaret Ade 01284 750133**

FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

On 1st December the club held its Christmas lunch 'at home' in the Fornham All Saints Community Centre. Some new members were welcomed and joined us for this occasion. We had a firm of caterers who provided our meal. Carol Hubbard and her team did us proud with an excellent menu and food which was beautifully prepared. Peter Forster brought along some festive music and a lovely decorated Christmas tree. He was very disappointed that members did not take advantage of the sprig of mistletoe which he had provided. The afternoon provided a good opportunity for a chat and to catch up with events and exchange cards and presents. The general impression was that it had been a successful day.

For our January activity 19 members went to the Theatre Royal to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and thoroughly enjoyed it. Our presence got a special mention from the actors on stage and we responded in the usual way. Our thanks go to Brenda for organising and delivering the refreshments during the interval.

Our next meeting will be on 2nd February at the Fornham All Saints Community Centre at 2pm. Our guest speaker will be Ron Davis from the Bury St. Edmunds Woodcrafting Club.

New members are always welcome!

JIM LANG 01284 705 358

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FORNHAM GARDEN CLUB

Our visit to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire finally got under way on Saturday November 21st having been postponed from the previous weekend when gales and heavy rain forced the staff to close the craft fair and market for safety reasons. Once we left Huntingdon behind we were rewarded with a cold and windy day with blue skies and inexplicably excited to see some snow on top of the Derbyshire Peaks! Several rooms in the house were decorated for Christmas with the story of 'Wind in the Willow' the theme and the magnificent interior was a stunning backdrop for the Christmas trees, wreaths etc laden with baubles, lights and general decorations.

With the main characters from the story i.e. Ratty, Mole, Toad & Co, featuring in many settings cameras were kept busy recording the scenes but possibly not the atmosphere. The market stalls were doing brisk business with hot food and drinks leading the way, but a wide choice of crafts for sale gave many an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. Dusk fell as we left and Matlock and Bath's lights made us feel Christmas was just around the corner and here we are with 2016 a whole new year ahead.

A very popular speaker, Peter Jackson from Scotdales Garden Centre in Great Shelford, gave us a really good start to our evening on December 8th with his talk 'Plants for Winter Interest'. Covering both indoor and outdoor plants Peter ran through the diverse selection he had brought including orchids (the best selling house plant) cacti, amaryllis, poinsettia, bulbs such as hyacinth and narcissi, then on to skimmia, contoneaster, hellebore and heuchera to provide colour in our garden in the dull winter days. Again the opportunity to buy a present with Peter's expertise to advise on care of the plant to gain the maximum benefit for both the plant and its recipient.

There was only one way to round off such a good meeting and that was with warm mulled wine, hot sausage rolls and mince pies and the hope Peter will visit us again in the near future.

Steve Rodwell Garden Services - update.

I am delighted to be able to give many residents who have been asking about Steve's condition after his major accident some very encouraging news. It is now two months since breaking two Vertebra, a collar bone, and seventeen fractures to his ribs together with damage to his spinal cord causing paralysis of his left leg!

As of writing, 6th January, he is currently in the famous Physiotherapy unit in Sheffield and is receiving expert treatment. Steve is already able to walk on his damaged leg with a frame and is hoping to be mobile on crutches in a day or two. He has been informed that with this rapid recovery and his characteristic determination he may well be home in the near future.

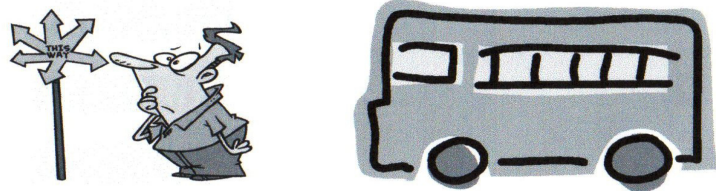
I know that Steve and his wife Karen have been inundated with calls and cards all wishing him a speedy return to health, and they have asked me to thank every one for their over whelming support and assure customers that he should be back in full working order in the Spring

STOP PRESS: Steve arrived home to continue his recuperation on the 16th January.

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<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/>

Suffolk County Council's SuffolkonBoard website has details of all local transport and links to relevant websites. It helps you find the easiest way to get around, depending on your mobility and how you want to travel, and includes journey planners.



COURSES FOR FAMILY CARERS

Find out more for free!

Suffolk Family Carers is a Suffolk wide organisation which aims to offer support and information to anyone caring for a friend, family member or neighbour with any kind of illness, disability or frailty. If you offer support, help or encouragement to a friend or family member who is unwell then you are a Family Carer and are able to access our free Caring With Confidence courses. These courses provide information and tips on ways to confidently care for your friend or loved one. A variety of topics are covered such as effective communication to get your needs met, ways to manage your emotions and take better care of yourself, balancing caring with other commitments you may have, and looking at day to day challenges. We also have a wealth of resources which may help with a variety of issues and concerns you face within your caring role. If you care for someone with Dementia you could also access our Caring for Dementia with Confidence course which is specifically designed for those caring for someone with Dementia or memory loss. These sessions are not only a great way to gain useful information but also give you the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation. Family Carers who have attended the sessions have said they have found it useful for a variety of reasons such as "feeling that I am not alone", gaining "friendship and knowledge" and knowing "that there is help out there". These sessions run regularly so to find out more about either Caring with Confidence or Caring for Dementia with Confidence please contact us on 01473 835446 or cwc@suffolkfamilycarers.org.

Reception 01473 835400 Website www.suffolkfamilycarers.org

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Thursday 19 November 2015 at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster and Jayne Hubbard.

In attendance:

Paul MacLachlan (Clerk) and six members of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- ◆ the Agenda;
- ◆ the following appendices:
 - 1: actions arising from prior meetings;
 - 2: report of the Responsible Finance Officer;

1. Apologies

The apologies of Cllr Nick Owen (illness), Gary Hubbard (illness) and Paul Butler (business commitment) were received and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted. No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 15 October 2015 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve, IP28 6TT

Guy Bailey, RPS Group, spoke on behalf of the applicant and outlined the landscape improvements submitted to the Planning Authority in respect of application 15/1662.

Following the presentation councillors agreed to bring forward consideration of agenda item 9(ii) in order to permit Mr Bailey to make an earlier departure.

9(ii) Planning application 15/1662: Fornham Park, Fornham St Genevieve, IP28 6TT

Councillors felt that the golf course was a fundamental element of the original application and that condition 6 of SE/05/02293 should not be varied.

The big event for us last year was of course the restoration of the 1912 Nelson Pipe Organ, completely stripped down and carefully and lovingly put back together over 10 weeks by Mike Osborne from Ipswich. It should now be fit for many years to lead the singing in church, an essential part of all services. To celebrate this essential and wonderful achievement a concert was held in the church, of music, songs and a few organ pieces, by Christopher Moore and his Tudor Rose Singers from Woolpit, in October. A Memorial Book has been created of the history of the organ since installed in 1974 from a Methodist church in Lincoln, its restoration and Scroll of Names of all who generously and willingly raised the £13,300 needed, with some delightful photographs. It is on display in the church.

Following our last Book Sale Coffee & Cakes in November the next one is on **Saturday 13th February** (changed from 20th) and we are planning the one after on **14th May**, so do come along for a browse through the 1500 or so books, with refreshments after. Book and cake donations welcomed.

Following the Diocesan Architects Quinquennial (5 yearly) inspection we have to carry out maintenance to the church building and churchyard, which should be commenced in February. Fortunately nothing major this time, but the 18 smallish items will cost some £3000, so we need to continue our regular fund raising, and if you could help support these, or by a donation, we would be very grateful.

We must thank all our regular volunteers who look after the church in so many ways, cleaning, flower arranging, polishing brasses, tidying the churchyard, serving coffee after services, as well as the sides men and women and readers for assisting in the services. We could not maintain the condition of the building, or have services without you! If you can help in any way, please let us know.

This is appreciated not only by us, but also the many visitors throughout the year, from all over the country as well as the world, often visiting family graves.

As Easter Eggs are already in the shops, surely premature, Easter must be soon?? Actually its 27th March, so look forward to seeing you then.

Services in February, at 10am are on Sundays 14th and 28th, and on Tuesdays 2nd, 9th and 23rd, with an Evensong on Sunday 7th at 3pm.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2016.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens.

FSM CHURCH NEWS

Christmas over again for another year, it seems long past now in chilly February, but it was good while it lasted, so Happy New 2016 Year to everyone.

The Christmas Services were very well supported, with Advent on 29th November (the start of the church's Christmas period) the Carols on 22nd December and the children's Crib Service on Christmas Eve, packed as usual with 160 children and families from a wide area including Cambridge and Dublin, as well as local.



The church was beautifully decorated with an 8ft tree, holly and candles in the windows and the model stable centre piece in front of the altar. The model figures of Mary and Joseph and the shepherds and Kings were placed in turn into the stable by children, Joseph being temporarily lost in the throng but arrived eventually, a bit late. It was nice to see some of the children dressed in character, perhaps from their nativity plays at school, a magical time for them, as well as their parents! . . . even a little angel with wings, called Isobel.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the decorations, Catherine, Sylvia, Gina, Anita and Heather, as well as the tidying away afterwards, and also our new Priest in Charge, Mark Haworth for leading the service through the Nativity Story.

Putting a few numbers to all the services in 2015, the Sunday and Tuesday services were down slightly on the average over the last 4 years of around 1220, but the trend over the last 6 years is maintained upwards, which is encouraging, but always room for more.!

We were pleased to welcome 5 children into the family of the church with baptisms, christened at the font, also 2 weddings and 7 funerals. With these additional 14 services, combined together with the weekly communion service held in Fornham House, church services were provided to 2246 souls, an increase of 3%, so we are pleased that the Church continues to fulfil a big part in our village life, to the people who still want and value it.

As in previous years the collections were donated to local charities, with £147 to Gatehouse Food Bank from the Carol Service, and £200 to E.A.C.H. childrens hospice from the Crib Service. Similarly Fornham All Saints donated £189 to The Childrens Society from their annual Christingle service.

Councillors were concerned that the revised landscape proposals contain no enforceable obligation to maintain the grounds, trees, shrubs and grasslands to specific standards in perpetuity. Councillors did not feel that the revised landscape proposals sufficiently mitigated the significant visual impact of the proposed lodges on the landscape. Councillors voted by a majority (one abstention) to object to application 15/1662.

5. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllr Hopfensperger did not attend the meeting.

6. Clerk's report

- (i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings (see Appendix 1).
- (ii) The Clerk indicated that Cllr Jayne Hubbard had completed the accounting checks for the quarter to 30 September 2015.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Colin Hilder outlined his opposition to the planning applications relating to Lark's Pool Farm and expressed the view that the Parish Council ought to object to the applications.

The meeting reconvened.

Following the presentation councillors agreed to bring forward consideration of agenda item 9(i).

9(i) Planning applications 15/1752, 15/1753, 15/1754, 15/1757, 15/1758, 15/1759, 15/1760 and 15/1761: Lark's Pool Farm, Fornham St Genevieve, IP28 6LP

The Chair reminded councillors of the parish council meeting dated 8 October at which the applicant's agent and Mr Hilder had put their respective cases for and against the applications. The Chair indicated that he had received further representations from Mr Hilder which he had conveyed to a meeting of the Planning Advisory Group.

The Chair read the recommended response of the Planning Advisory Group which was to object to the applications. Councillors voted unanimously to accept the recommended response of the Planning Advisory Group.

7. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that no decisions had been taken.

8. West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH)

Cllr Collier reported that the planned Borough Council consultation had been put back to the second week in January 2016.

Councillors felt that the recent spate of fires at waste hubs ought to be highlighted in the next issue of The Bugle.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Trevor Clinch for all the printing and publicity he had generated in connection with the hub and offered to cover reasonable expenditure.

9. Planning and Environment

(iii) Cllrs noted the following planning decisions made since the last meeting:

- 15/1771: BT poles/cabinets on road from B1106 roundabout Not required
- 15/1906: TPO application at 18 Gleneagles Close Approved
- 15/1596: Storage bunker at Bury St Edmunds rifle club Approved
- PL/01213/15: rationalization of site at Hollow Farm Road Approved

(iv) The Chair reported on a meeting with the Borough Council to discuss possible remedies to discuss a number of local environmental issues including the chafer bug damage to the playing field. It was agreed that:

- (a) residents be consulted, via The Bugle, about planting two-thirds of the playing field with a wild flower mix;
- (b) the Borough Council be commissioned to rotavate the playing field in December 2015 and February 2016 in an effort to expose the bugs to predators;
- (c) arrangements be made to clear leaves from the public footpath along the B1106, at the entrance to Lark Valley Drive and in Parklands;
- (d) the concerns expressed by a local resident about the impact of work at the sewerage plant be passed to the Borough and County Councillor.

10. Finance

(i) Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for November 2015 (Appendix 2) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.

(iii) Arising from agreement of the 2016/17 budget it was proposed by Cllr Jayne Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Borrett and agreed that the 2016/17 Parish Precept be £20,750.00 and that the Parish Council apply for a Parish Revenue Support Grant of £900.00 and a Local Council Tax Support Grant of £208.00. The Chair and Clerk were authorized to sign the 2016/17 application form for grant and precept (Appendix 5).

(iv) Cllrs agreed to opt-in to the sector-led arrangements for the procurement of audit for smaller authorities.

(v) Cllrs considered and agreed a grant request of £32.98 from Fornham Toddler Group.

10. Governance

(i) Cllrs authorised the Clerk to make a registration with the Information Commissioner.

(ii) Cllrs considered and adopted the risk assessment and management procedures document at Appendix 6.

(iii) Cllrs considered and adopted the Financial Regulations at Appendix 7.

(iv) It was noted that the Chairman would not be able to attend the **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council** planned for 7:00pm on Thursday 12 May. Councillors agreed that the meeting be moved to **7:00pm on Monday 23 May**.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- (i) Reports on meetings attended had been considered;
- (ii) There were no future meetings requiring attendance;
- (iii) No further items were identified for consideration at future meetings;
- (iv) No further items of information were raised.

The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

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PLEASE NOTE : *The Parish Council has decided that the deadline for articles to be included in the Bugle will be brought forward where possible. APR/MAY edition deadline NOON 23 Mar 2016. This will ensure that residents receive their copy before the beginning of the month shown on the front cover.*

NOTE: new email for contributors fornhambugle@virginmedia.com

- (ii) Cllrs noted the content of Appendix 2 and the decision of the Planning Authority to refuse application 15/1661 for 2 dwellings on land adjacent to 4 South Lodge Drive, Fornham St Genevieve.
- (iii) Cllr Collier reported on a meeting with the County Rights of Way officer to discuss how to upgrade the maintenance of the 3 rights of way within the parish. Cllr Collier advised that he would be bringing recommendations regarding future footpath maintenance to the February meeting.
- (iv) The Clerk reported on quotations requested from M&TJs and St Edmundsbury Borough Council for a comprehensive environmental management contract. It was anticipated that the quotations would be considered at the February meeting.
- (v) Cllrs considered the following environmental issues within the parish:
 - ◆ that a decision on meadow flower planting within the playing field be made at the February meeting;
 - ◆ that Peter Forster be authorised to obtain quotations for new notice boards and to submit them to Borough Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger for Locality Funding.

Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger left the meeting.

9. Finance

- (i) Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for January 2015 (Appendix 3) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
Cllrs approved all payments.
- (ii) Cllrs considered the draft 2016/17 budget at Appendix 4(i) making the following amendments:
 - ◆ adding a £425 refund of 2015/16 village heating subsidy;
 - ◆ deleting £300 payment for hire of the village hall and increasing the village hall donation from £500 to £1,000;
 - ◆ reducing community assets from £1,000 to £500 and increasing community campaigns from £nil to £500;
 - ◆ increasing the churchyard donation from £500 to £750;
 - ◆ reducing office equipment costs from £50 to £25.
 Cllrs noted that the above changes had no impact on the proposed break even budget.
It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed that the 2016/17 budget as amended (see Appendix 4(ii)) be adopted.

The Clerk reported that the following further invoices had also been received:

Mike Collier	£18.50	Remembrance wreath (s.137)
Peter Forster	£42.00	Storm damage to noticeboard
Paul Bird	£940.97	Mowing the play area, field and trim trail

Cllrs approved all payments.

- (ii) Cllrs noted the reduced Rate Support and Council Tax Support grants available in 2016/17 and highlighted the need to make provision in the 2016/17 budget for legal advice in connection with the West Suffolk Operational Hub. Cllrs noted that, given the pressure on council finances in 2016/17, it would be necessary to increase the precept and to review the level of grant support available to community groups.

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Present:

Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Paul Butler, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster Gary Hubbard and Jayne Hubbard.

In attendance:

Paul MacLachlan (Clerk), County and Borough Councillor, Rebecca Hopfensperger, and three members of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes: the Agenda;

the following appendices:

- 1: actions arising from prior meetings;
- 2: planning applications and decisions;
- 3: report of the Responsible Finance Officer;



- 4(i): 2016/17 budget prior to amendments;
- 4(ii): 2016/17 budget adopted;
- 5: application for grant and precept;
- 6: risk assessment and management;
- 7: financial regulations

1. Apologies

The apologies of Cllr Nick Owen (illness) were received and accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted. No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings dated 19 November 2015 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllr Hopfensperger commented on the following issues:

- (i) expressing concern at the continuing bias in the West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH) literature towards locating the hub at Hollow Farm Road;
- (ii) on a likely £40 per annum charge for brown bins;
- (iii) that the 2016/17 County Council may contain a 2% Social Care levy;
- (iv) confirming that the Parish Council have no financial liability for the recent path widening along the B1106;
- (v) inviting an application for 2015/16 Locality Funding for the replacement of Parish Council notice boards and commenting that quotations should be received prior to the end of the month.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Members of the public commented on shortcomings in the WSOH consultation documentation, thanked councillors for their unstinting efforts on behalf of the community and confirmed their opposition to locating the hub at Hollow Farm Road.

The meeting reconvened.

5. Clerk's report

- (i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings [see Appendix 1].
- (ii) The Clerk commented on the following issues:
 - ◆ that extensive work was being undertaken at the Suffolk Golf Club. Cllrs welcomed the work which was enhancing both the golf course and the roadside appearance of the club;

- ◆ on a Rights of Way and Byways course being run by the Local Council Public Advisory Service on Monday 25 January (£25.00). It was agreed that the Clerk should attend;
- ◆ that the next Parish Councils Conference will be held at 6.00pm on Monday 11 April (venue to be confirmed);
- ◆ on positive comments from residents to the suggestion that part of the playing field be turned over to a wild flower meadow.

6. Decisions taken since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that following consultation with councillors it had been decided to support planning application 15/2162/TPO at The Laurels, Parklands Green, Fornham St Genevieve, IP28 6UH.

7. West Suffolk Operational Hub

Cllr Collier commented that he had attended 10 meetings relating to the WSOH since the last meeting of the Parish Council on 19 November 2015.

Cllrs noted that the Hub Advisory Committee will meet on Saturday 16 January and agreed that members of the Group be authorised to:

- ◆ make arrangements for a local drop-in event;
- ◆ draft an article for inclusion in the February/March issue of The Bugle;
- ◆ arrange for the printing and distribution of flyers to local residents.

Cllr Collier commented that it was important that local residents resubmit any consultation comments previously made and that all consultation responses are made in a professional manner.

8. Planning and Environment

(i) Responses to planning consultations

Cllrs resolved to make the following planning recommendations:

15/2502/FUL	Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, FSM, IP31 1SJ
Construction of vegetable store	
To support the application	
15/2440/RM	Land north west of Bury at Tut Hill, Fornham All
Reserved Matters Application - Submission of details under O.P.P DC/13/0932/HYB for strategic infrastructure comprising details of roads, footpaths, cycle ways, drainage and landscaping details of for the second section of the Primary Movement Corridor and landscaping of Green Corridors M, N, O and P	
To support the application	