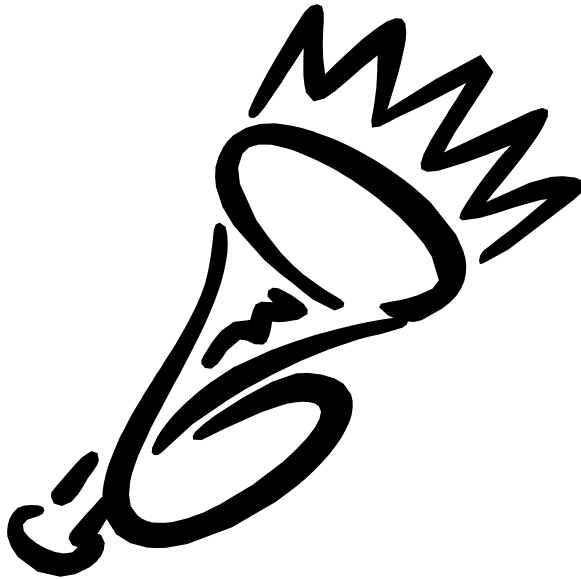


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Important message from The Chairman of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

Dear fellow resident

I am writing to seek your help with what may be one of the most important issues faced by our community in many years.

Your Parish Council has, over the past few months, been seeking to persuade the Borough Council that the proposed West Suffolk Operational Hub ought not to be sited at Hollow Road Farm. The following pages (4 and 5) seek to give you a sense of the impact that a combined domestic waste and transfer site will have on our community.

Although the campaign so far has been successful in obliging the Borough Council to evaluate other sites (see pages 6 and 7), **it is still possible that the Council will conclude that Hollow Road Farm is their preferred site.**

Although your local Parish Council continues to work on your behalf (see joint letter on page 8) we need your help and active participation if the campaign is to succeed. Keeping you informed is therefore vital.

In order to be able to contact you quickly and efficiently, I am asking that one person in your household sends their email address to the Parish Council (see foot of page 7 for details). This will enable us to keep you up to date with developments and to ask for any help and support that may be necessary .

Locating the hub to Hollow Road Farm will have a huge negative impact on our community. FORNHAM IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE HELP US TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

Thank you for your support.

Mike Collier

Did you Know?

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= ^{per year} c 500,000+

Plus

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= ^{per year} c 80,000+

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Did you know ... a planning application for a waste site in Hollow Road Farm was refused in December 2001?

The application was declined on the following grounds.

the adverse effect by noise and traffic;

the adverse impact of additional HGV movements;

waste transfer treatment centres are inappropriate in the countryside.

Did you know ... 4 Waste Recycling Centres in Northampton area had serious fires in the last few years?

Some of these fires lasted for days because of the volume of material stored.

Did you know ... the current household waste site at Rougham Hill is likely to generate an additional 1,600 local vehicle movements per day?

As you can see from the table opposite, many of these additional vehicle movements are lorries!

Did you know ... it is anticipated that the operational hub will handle 100,000 tonnes of household collection waste per annum?

Most refuse collection vehicles have a typical pay load of 11 tonnes when compacted.

Keep informed, send your email address to the Parish Council at fsmgpc@gmail.com

WEST SUFFOLK OPERATIONAL HUB (WSOH)

“A battle won but the war continues ...”

At the St Edmundsbury Borough Council meeting dated 7 July, Councillors decided to reject a recommendation to progress further work on the Hollow Road Farm site without first evaluating other possible sites. Although decisive, the voting (14 for, 17 against and 10 abstentions) shows there is still much to play for.



This encouraging decision is due, in no small part, to the efforts of concerned local residents who turned out in force at the Council meeting to demonstrate the strength of local feeling against the proposal to site the new hub at Hollow Road Farm.

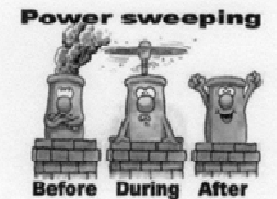
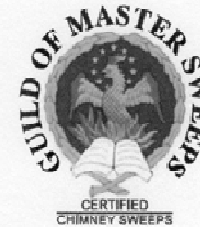
Having already received a joint letter from Great Barton, Fornham St Martin and Fornham All Saints Parish Councils, Borough Councillors were further influenced by the three community representatives, Philip Reeve, Simon Harding and Sarah Bartram, who argued persuasively that other sites were available and should be evaluated before further Council Tax monies are committed to a process that seemed to have a pre-determined outcome.

Portfolio Holder, Peter Stevens, responded by saying that the new hub needed to be close to a major centre of population and to the A14 and that it would eventually save money for local residents. He encouraged the councillors to support the motion by saying that, if during the consultation process a more suitable site should appear, it would be considered and that parts of the feasibility studies could be transferred; i.e. the considerations will be similar.

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While most of the Borough Councillors who responded to Councillor Stevens rose to oppose the recommendation, it was Councillors Paul and Rebecca Hopfensperger, who together with Councillor Sarah Broughton, caught the mood of the meeting pointing out that the recommendations before the Council had no popular support and seemed to reflect the views of planning officers rather than council members. Other councillors pointed out that the hub would generate very significant amounts of additional heavy lorry and support service traffic in the area and that it was folly to relocate the hub without first implementing a local traffic plan capable of accommodating it. In summary, a flawed process had, unsurprisingly, given rise to a flawed recommendation.

Having been defeated on the motion, the Borough Council has now undertaken to visit other potential sites, evaluate them thoroughly and to keep local residents informed about current thinking. The decision not to advance the Hollow Farm Road site without evaluating fully other potential sites is a battle won in a war that continues.

The campaign to date has taught us two important lessons. The first is that numbers matter when it comes to influencing our Borough Councillors. The second is that that the Parish Council needs to be able to contact you quickly and efficiently to keep you informed about the campaign and to call you to action when necessary.

Please continue to support the campaign by:

- (i) **attending Borough Council meetings whenever the issue is on the agenda;**
- (ii) **displaying protest signs in gardens and windows;**
- (iii) **forwarding your email address to the Parish Council Clerk, Paul MacLachlan, at fsmsgpc@gmail.com**

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**Letter to St Edmundsbury Borough Council from the Chairmen
of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve, Fornham All Saints
and Great Barton Parish Councils**

To Councillors John Griffiths, MBE and Peter Stevens

Dear Councillors

West Suffolk Operation Hub (WSOH)

In order to ensure electors in our three parishes remain fully informed, local residents were invited to attend an extended public session of the Great Barton Parish Council meeting held on 20th July. The meeting was well supported with approximately 80 local residents in attendance.

A lively and constructive discussion ensued out of which emerged the following consensus:

1. to agree with Cllr Griffiths' proposal (Cabinet meeting, 23 June 2015) that the electorate debate whether they want a single or combined waste/authority service;
2. that the co-location of waste services cannot be allowed to become a pioneering objective (first in the country) without a commitment to provide the necessary highways infrastructure to support it;
3. that all responses to the pre-planning consultation be made available on line so that the electorate can consider the full range of issues raised;
4. that the feasibility, and sustainability, of waste transport by rail from *The Saxham Business Park* to Gt Blakenham should be explored. A siding at Saxham could provide additional benefits to the Borough and residents.

We take this opportunity to re-affirm our willingness to work with you to progress this matter and to discuss the points summarised above in greater detail.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Collier, Chairman, Fornham St Martin cum Genevieve Parish Council

Philip Reeve, Great Barton Parish Council

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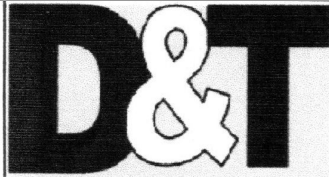
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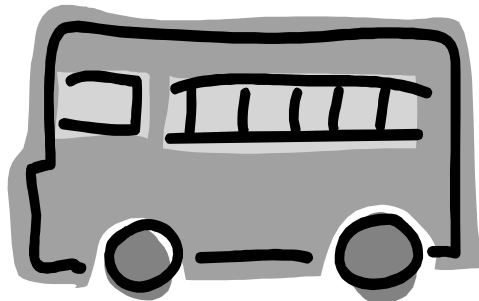
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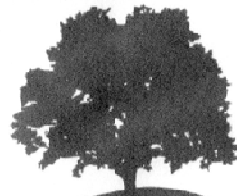
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A very professional digital slide show and talk on the subject of Delphiniums was brought to us at our meeting on June 9 by Howard Norton who is Chairman of the Delphinium Society Eastern Group. Howard talked about his introduction to gardening and the inspiration he gained from his Mother with his gradual progression toward his love of the versatile hardy perennial, delphinium, with its wonderful range of colours, ease of propagation and its longevity. He showed us their use in various types of borders and beds, in pots, grown to show and or flower arranging as well as cut flowers. Unusually they grow in most soil types, propagation can be by seed from the plant or by cuttings rooted in compost or water, with flowering from June through July, with a possibility of a second flowering in September. With much interest and interaction during and after the presentation including the chance to purchase a plant or two, it was a very enjoyable meeting.

On Sunday 28 June, twenty seven members/friends visited Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough and were given an introductory talk and guided tour by Vaughn Limmer the Head Gardener. This proved to be detailed and most comprehensive with the colours and perfume in the garden quite overwhelming despite the fine rain that greeted us, turning into a downpour. Although no members of the Beales family are involved now the business continues to win Gold Medals at the major Flower Shows and are proud of the 22 Gold Medals won during nine consecutive years. Growing nearly 1200 varieties they are the national holder of species roses and in 2013, following the removal of 100 tons of top soil, the gardens were redeveloped. No mean feat.

We then made our way to Blickling Hall near Aylsham and the sun blessed us with a warm afternoon, illuminating this magnificent red brick mansion especially the East Front with the view from the lawn above the parterre.

The beautifully kept gardens, including the double border, looked stunning, as did the grounds in general with walks to explore and see the Temple and Orangery as well as the Lake. The Jacobean house contains a wealth of history with its paintings, furniture, furnishings etc. Set out in the many room open to the public from the Great Hall as we entered, to the Long Gallery with the Siena marble fireplace, the stained glass and of course the library it contains said to be 'one of the most remarkable country house libraries in England and the finest in the care of the National Trust'. A 'must' of a day out if you haven't visited. With many visitors from abroad the shop had put a sample of Christmas cards on display on the morning of our visit!

A brief report on the Fete on an extremely warm (hot) 4th of July. The Garden Club run plant stall raised £213.40 with 50% going to the Club. This is a very creditable sum and grateful thanks are expressed to all who contributed by supplying the plants and garden related bric a brac, our customers and especially those who manned the stall giving their time and perspiration! *Thank you to Julia Collier for this report and the day out.*

For our evening meeting in a garden we visited Mill Hill House Brockley the home of Mr & Mrs Geoffrey Baber on July 14th. Their gardener Fred introduced us to the one acre garden set in four acres of pasture, which contained herbaceous borders, a sunken gravel garden, fine specimen trees and some beautiful roses. Luckily the rain kept away and we were able to take advantage of the long views of the rolling countryside before homing in on the well stocked plant stall with excellent quality plants at bargain prices. To complete the evening we enjoyed the most delicious refreshments in very comfortable surrounding and felt pleased we were able to help raise funds in support of the local Church of St Andrew's.

The following Saturday 18 July, forty-five plus members and guests travelled to Lamport Hall Gardens in Northamptonshire. Although our visit excluded the Grade One listed house, it is, together with the vast stable yard and building (also housing a museum of rural life) a majestic background to the gardens and parkland. Over the past 20 years the gardens have been restored and extended bringing the total garden size now to some ten acres. These included extensive borders, winter/spring gardens and in the former vast walled garden many tall herbaceous plants and grasses unusually planted in large blocks giving quite an impact and looking stunning in the sunshine and blowing the breeze.

After a lunch break at a motorway services we made our way to a private garden near Market Harborough, open under the National Garden Scheme. The owners gave us a warm welcome and a brief introduction and invited



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us to wander round at our leisure, but most of all to enjoy the garden. This was very easy as the whole area was attractively and imaginatively planted with well stocked borders an area of woodland with a pond and pathways, an area of paving with pots containing sun loving plants, and a lawn where tables and chairs were set out for us to sit and enjoy our welcome tea and superb home make cakes, before making our homeward journey.

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

- Aug 11th** David White. A Packet of Parsley. A talk on David's career in horticulture with a range of the unusual plants he grows to sell.
- Saturday Aug 22nd** Outing to RHS Gardens, Wisley. (fully booked)
- Sept 8th** Peter Skeggs-Gooch from Thorncroft Clematis. A complete guide to Clematis. A talk and digital slide show plus plants to purchase.
- Oct 13th** John Walkers. Every Show has a story. How Walkers Bulbs prepare for Shows such as Chelsea & Harrogate. A talk illustrated with slides.

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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LADIES CLUB

Since my last report, Ladies Club have seen beautiful photographs of "Secret Places of Suffolk" (March), had entertaining advice about "Image and Style" (April) and learned how to ice celebration cakes (May).

On June 24 Ladies Club members went out on a visit to Lodge Farm, Westhorpe near Stowmarket. The coach driver took the scenic route down attractive, leafy country roads. Warmly greeted by Brian Barker, we transferred to a long farm trailer, joining another group from



Monks Eleigh. We made several stops on our tour of the farm, Brian explaining the family farming ethos. They aim to maintain and improve the quality of their land, encourage a large number of plants, animals and birds to establish homes and habitats in the field edges, borders and copses AND run a profitable business. Brian's cousin Patrick joined us. His main interest is the growing number of species now established on the farm - especially in the newly developed ponds. We had enjoyed the delightful scent of field beans (this crop is exported to Spain to make "Habas Fritas" - a tasty and healthy snack), the damp smell of Summer hedgerows and much bird song. There were a few spots of rain - just enough to get out the brollies and cagoules. Back at the farm hot drinks and delicious cakes were waiting.

The Barker Boys passion, dedication and enthusiasm for their farm shone out. They were excellent hosts and we had had a memorable evening.

In July we held our Summer Supper and Quiz. Over 30 members and partners enjoyed an evening of good conversation, tasty food and the chance to exercise their memories and brain cells. The first round was Scrambled Countries with names jumbled. Surprisingly it was "England" that gave a few problems! After supper came round two - initial letters that made the words of well known sayings. Silence fell in the hall as everyone concentrated on solving the questions. "More time" was requested! Many cries of "oh, of course it is" echoed round the room as the answers were given. Well done to the winners. Try this one at home BCBC?

£50 was raised in our Charity Raffle. Members to decide which charity we shall support at the AGM.

No meeting in August.

We return from the break on Wednesday 16 September for our AGM followed by "A history of Jazz 1900 to 1945" by Grant Elliott. This will be an open meeting, 7:45pm, Fornham St Martin Village Hall. All welcome. Mary Payne

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FORNHAM OVER 60'S CLUB

Our review must start with the sad news which we received from Chilton Meadows Nursing Home that Ron Boughen had passed away. Ron was a stalwart of the club – he was a member right from the start of the club in 2009. Ron was very active on the committee and was always prepared to lend a hand when needed. He will be greatly missed!

For our June meeting we welcomed back Peter Banham with a fresh selection of well-known sayings and their origins. It is strange how these sayings, often with a workplace background, have come into our everyday language.

On 7th July we had a coach trip to Caithness Crystal in King's Lynn. We watched a craftsman at work and for a fee he would make glassware to our requirements. Quite a few souvenirs were purchased. After lunch at the factory we went on to Sandringham. Some of us visited the church where two days previously Princess Charlotte had been christened.

Later in the week a small group of members went on a 2 day excursion to Bath and Longleat (safari park and stately home) and this was an interesting experience.

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FORNHAM ST MARTIN CUM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th June 2015 in the Village Hall, Fornham St Martin

MINUTES

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Borough/County Councillor Mrs R Hopfensperger
Mr P MacLachlan
The Clerk
11 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES - None

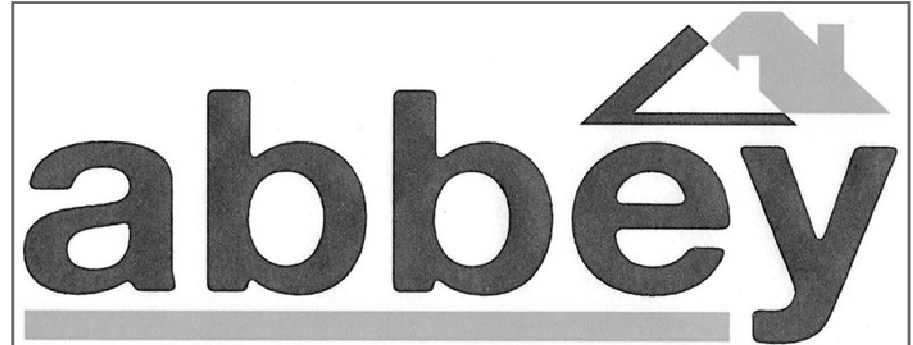
The Council adjourned for:

2. MR PHILIP DUNCAN, PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR PARK FARMS.

Due for certain protocols relating to planning matters, the Borough had advised Mr Duncan not to make a presentation to the Parish Council.

3. VILLAGE HALL PARKING MATTERS

Councillor Butler, the Parish Council's representative on the Hall Committee, outlined the long running issues relating to this matter. The Hall Committee had tried extremely hard to reach a solution in trying to stop residents close by who park their cars in front of the Hall. The car park is for people using the hall and is private property and after much deliberation, the Hall Committee had basically three options. **(1)** putting the car parking in the hands of an outside company who would employ clamping **(2)** erecting lockable posts. **(3)** the option much preferred by the Committee - saying to residents they may park their cars between the hours of 10:00pm and 8:15am. This will leave the front free for those using the hall. If option 3 is not complied with, then the posts will be erected.



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From the floor questions were asked about the non-usage of the car park at the rear of the Hall and whilst it was accepted that it was the case, this had little or no bearing on the issue in hand. The Hall Committee said that they would install improved signage in respect of the rear car park. It was pointed out that residents were free to park along the lane. The Chairman said that he thought that there was some parking available in front of the cottages along the lane but some of the residents park at the top. The Village Hall Committee would look into this. Councillor Butler said that the Committee were exploring the possibility of having some resurfacing work undertaken and some suppliers had been contacted to see if they were willing to donate materials. One resident said that they had been troubled by noise from the Hall. It was pointed out that there is a notice asking hirers to keep the door closed but it was thought to be an isolated case.

The Chairman thanked members of the Hall Committee for their attendance.

4. BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Hopfensperger.

On the widening of the footpath, Councillor Hopfensperger told the meeting that the contractors are currently digging trial holes and the actual work is likely to take place during July/August.

With regard to flashing signs, she said that unfortunately all the past paperwork has been lost, so Hen Abbott is having to start all over again but Councillor Hopfensperger is on the case.

On the Tollgate Interchange, Councillor Hopfensperger said she has arranged a meeting with Susan Buck and Chris Rand from St Edmundsbury, together with Richard Mortlock of the Mildenhall Residents Association, who has come up with, what looks like, an interesting plan. Councillor Butler, speaking for all Councillors, said it was imperative that the Station Hill issue must be tackled in tandem with the Tollgate interchange, otherwise the problem is moving from one place to another.

Councillor Hopfensperger said she is trying to arrange a meeting with the new transport portfolio holder to press for a proper transport plan for Bury and surrounding villages.

On the bus stop at the bottom the Barton Hill, Councillor Hopfensperger said the work is now in progress.

On the matter of the footpath opposite Flint Cottages (work scheduled to be commenced in May 2014), Councillor Hopfensperger said she had spoken to Matt Riches, asking that he unblocks the logjam on numerous outstanding matters, due to the inability of the contractors to manage their workload.

Councillor Hopfensperger said in regard to the DREAMLODGE application, she had been advised by Sarah Drane (planning officer) that this would receive a delegated refusal. However, she has been required to speak with the applicant, giving reasons for this proposed decision and must now wait for the response.

Regarding the proposed HUB, Councillors had been circulated with the Cabinet document which, being a lengthy tome, took some digesting and understanding. Philip Reeve of Great Barton Parish Council is meeting with SCC new leader, Colin Noble next week. Sarah Bartrum and Councillor Owen will be attending, as will Councillor Hopfensperger. Unfortunately Councillor Collier will be on holiday and cannot attend but he has written to Mr Noble, outlining the Parish Council's objections and also sending Mr Noble a copy of the Parish Council's letter of objection to Ian Gallin, the Chief Executive of St Edmundsbury.

Councillor's attention was drawn to an article in the East Anglian Daily Times by Councillor John Griffith's on his "Statement of Community Involvement"

Councillor Hopfensperger said that she had attended a meeting where she requested Mark Walsh to publish on the Borough's website, all the responses/objections to the HUB. She further said that applications had been made under "Freedom of Information" so they will have to publish the information. The Borough has indicated that they propose to have another pre-planning consultation on alternative sites. Both Councillors and Councillor Hopfensperger are somewhat sceptical and as Councillor Hopfensperger said "This MUST be a genuine consultation as there are sites which should be considered as they are not close to dwellings. The Suffolk Business Park would be most suitable as, with the relief road, it would have easy access to the A14 and would be away from dwellings. Another site was at Saxham - again a suitable access to the A14. Councillor Hopfensperger said she was totally in tune with the wishes of the Parish Council and that of the parishioners. She also indicated that Councillor Noble was not in favour of the Hollow Road site. Councillor Butler said he was convinced that the decision had already been made which was evidenced by their pompous and patronising language in their Cabinet document, totally ignoring the 1340 responses.

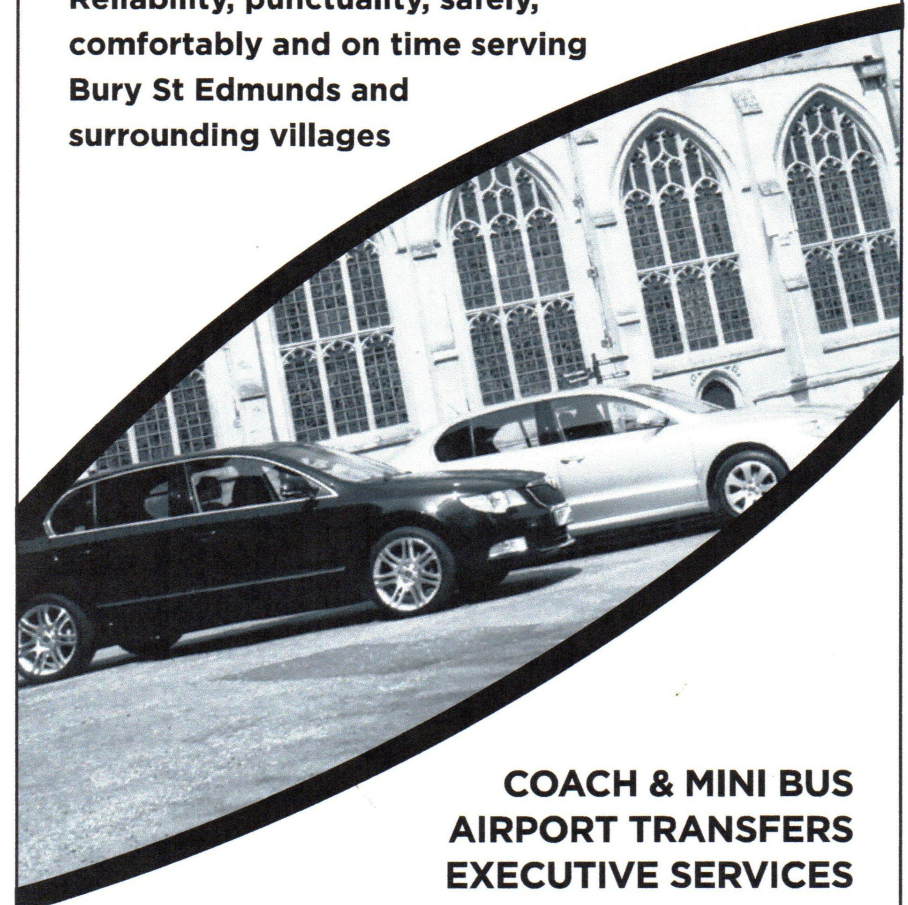
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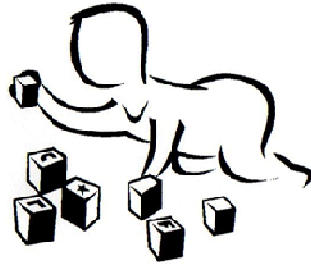
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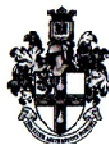
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Fellow Councillors were of similar mind. Councillor Hopfensperger said that this was NOT the right location and she understood why parishioners felt that they were being taken for a ride. The Borough has said that they will be carrying out a feasibility study on alternative sites during the summer.

Paul MacLachlan drew attention to the Cabinet document paras 4.2 and 4.3 relating to time scales. He pointed out their error. Councillor Jayne Hubbard said it was really important that we keep the parish informed at all times. Councillor Butler said we must keep focused. Councillor Hopfensperger said that Councillor Noble will be holding a drop in session on Saturday in the Apex between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Councillor Butler stated that we should consider using the power of the press.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hopfensperger for her attendance and for her continued and robust support on the HUB issue.

5. POLICE REPORT – There was no report to hand

6. AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC

These had been covered.

The Council reconvened

7. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Butler declared a prejudicial interest in planning application DC/15/1113/HH

8. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Sarah Bartrum and Penny Borrett had both indicated that they would be willing to fill the one vacancy and be co-opted. They would attend the July meeting when they would make a brief statement of their reasons and any relevant experience.

9. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

- a. Plans for widening the footpath
- b. Flashing signs
- c. Tollgate Interchange

} discussed in Councillor Hopfensperger's report

- d. Footpath opposite Flint Cottages
- g. Bus Stop bottom of Barton Hill
- j. Possible Traffic Plan for Bury and Surrounding Villages

as above

- k. Station Hill interchange

- e. Cycle Paths

With the impending issues relating to Park Farm, Dreamlodge and West Stow caravan park, it is vitally important that the cycle path requirement is addressed. Costs should be part of any planning approval and presumably can be made a condition under Section 106. This item will be kept on future agendas.

- f. Rooks

The Chairman said that as time was rather short, this matter would be placed on the July agenda. He did thank Mr and Mrs Hilder for their very comprehensive appraisal of the rook issue which had been circulated to Councillors.

- h. Time limit on temporary signs

In answer to the question of whether there was a time limit, SCC state "Fly postings on signs, railings etc. that are SCC property are dealt with by them through the Highways Department. If there are local events that have passed, then we will take the posters down on our rounds of street cleansing but there is NO fixed time after an event has taken place". From the floor it would seem that notices of intent to remove signs within seven days have been placed on those which refer to stopping the HUB but others have been ignored. Councillor Hopfensperger said she would look into this. Mr Yates said that he would be placing signs to advertise the Church fete. Councillors felt that there should be no problem.

- i. Cutting vegetation to the rear of the limes

M&TJ's have quoted £50 per cut. Councillors agreed to accept this.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Councillor Mrs Hubbard would be attending the meeting at Horringer. The Clerk would make sure she receives the full details. Details of various courses had been circulated to Councillors.

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There was still a problem with moles. The Clerk would contact AIDA and request that they try again. It was felt that this should be FOC.

Councillor Forster had refreshed the chippings along the trim trail and had removed the weeds. The Chairman said that he had made a really good job of the trim trail. Councillor Forster had made repairs to the gate and had made some metal ties for the trim trail.

A quote had been received in the sum of £120 for the removal of the fallen tree. A quotation would be sought for trimming the hedges, which in some places is overhanging.

The main gate required at least three coats of teak oil. Councillor Forster agreed to do this.

Tree Warden – Nothing

Rights of Way

The cable which is sagging and touching shrubs on the footpath running parallel with the bypass is not a power cable but is a BT one. The Clerk has informed BT.

The Clerk has requested a visit from the little sweeper. An acknowledgement has been received

The manager of the Pines Home has promised to remove the hedge clippings from the grass by the end of the week

The missing dog bin will cost £166.32 + Vat to replace. Councillors agreed that this quote should be accepted.

Planning

The following were discussed:

DC/15/1113/HH Mr Paul Butler, 6 Gleneagles Close. First floor extension over existing garage

NO OBJECTION

TPO177(1992)5 and TPO164(1971)3. Tree preservation order application to fell 1 no Oak (T005 on plan T5 on order 177) Re-pollard 1 no Oak (T013 on plan within Area A1 on order 164) Park Plantation, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve. As this was impossible to find the exact location, Councillor Owen would make further enquiries.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors had been circulated with many pieces of correspondence which did not require an answer.

Letters from Mr Zarattini would be answered by the Clerk.

Councillors thanked Mr Yates for his letter and photographs regarding the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

A resident from Park Avenue had written regarding the state of the lay by. The Chairman said he would take a look and advise the Clerk.

A few comments had been received about the Woolpack sign which had been replaced by a more modern one. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to Greene King asking that they re-instate the original one.

Councillor Mrs Hubbard had received an email regarding the fete and being refused a pitch for her stall. Mr Yates explained the situation. The Church fete to be placed on the next agenda

12. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were presented and passed for payment

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Denny Bros	Paper and toner	207.51
Mr Hoggett	Litter Picking and Playing Field	421.26
M & TJ's	Grass Cutting	324.00
AIDA	Pest Control	162.00
Realise Futures	Printing Bugle (2 issues)	375.82
P & S Brooklyn	Bugle Editors	187.27
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A lot of graves are very well cared for, and flowers regularly placed, but they should not spread too far, as this can interfere with adjacent graves. Temporary wooden crosses should be removed when the stone headstones are placed. If anyone is not sure about suitable arrangements, do please speak to us, and we will be happy to give advice. Incidentally the Graves Map and List, is kept in the Church for inspection by all, to assist visitors in locating any of the 475 graves going back to 1685.

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In June we were pleased to hold baptism services for Lyla Fordham and Isabelle & Albert Bray, to welcome them into the family of the church.

In June and July we held funeral services for Leila McAuslan, Malcolm Dale and Ruby Dutton, Rest in Peace.

David Yates and Sylvia Hilton, Churchwardens

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16 July 2015 at 7:30pm

The Chairman presented the Clerk with a gift, thanking him for his past services and wished him a happy retirement. The Clerk thanked Councillors for the gift and their kind words and said he would greatly miss the work and the people but it was time to go and he wished Paul MacLachlan well.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Thursday 16 July 2015 at 7:30pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Paul MacLachlan (Clerk) and eight 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 planning applications received and decisions taken under delegated powers;
 - 3: report of the Responsible Finance Officer;
 - 4: protocol for keeping Councillors informed of matters arising between meetings.

1 Apologies

The apologies of Borough and County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger were received.

2 Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted. Cllr Owen declared an interest in agenda item 10(ii). No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

3 Co-option of new councillor

Penny Borrett confirmed her desire to be co-opted onto the Parish Council highlighting her wish to contribute to community issues such as the West Suffolk Operational Hub.

It was proposed by Mike Collier, seconded by Gary Hubbard and agreed unanimously that Penny Borrett be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The acceptance of office form was completed and countersigned by the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Borrett to the Parish Council.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 18 June 2015 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chair.

5 Clerk's report

(i) The Clerk reported progress on actions arising from prior meetings [see Appendix 1].

The Clerk was asked to:

- a) obtain a second quotation to trim the hedges and raise the tree canopy around the playing field;
- b) arrange repairs to the lay-by near the Golf Club in Fornham St Genevieve.

(ii) The Clerk reported on the following matters of significance:

- ◆ on a recommendation to refuse permission for application DC/15/0662/VAR, Fornham Park (seeking the removal or variation of a condition requiring the construction, and use of a 9 hole, pay and play golf course prior to the occupation of the 26 timber holiday lodges);
- ◆ on the Safer Neighbourhood Team crime report dated 16 July;
- ◆ on the training opportunities available from Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

6. Borough, County and Community Reports

Cllrs received the verbal report telephoned to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Cllrs noted that the widening of The Street is due to be completed by the end of August 2015.

In response to other outstanding issues the Clerk was asked to contact the local authority to seek progress with:

- a) the installation of vehicle activated signage;
- b) completion of work to the bus stop at the bottom of Barton Hill;
- c) improvement to the footpath opposite Flint Cottages.

lost his battle with cancer just over a year ago. He was a stalwart supporter and organiser of the fetes for as long as I can remember, and I learnt all I know about it from him. It was great to see Heather maintaining the tradition on the ever popular tombola. This years fete was dedicated to him, God Bless and I am sure he was with us in spirit, residing now in our Churchyard.

The **restoration of the organ** (which is now 103 years old since it was built by Nelsons of Durham, and in our Church since purchased from a Methodist Church in Lincoln in 1974) is now complete, after 13 weeks hard work by Mike Osborne and colleague Steve. They stripped it down entirely, repaired broken pipes, replaced those they couldn't repair, fitted new leather joints, fitted new tubing for the pedals, and put it back together again, all 963 pipes, and tuned it, for the grand sum of nearly £12,000. Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger has recently generously awarded part of her Locality Budget towards this essential work, and so Suffolk County Council have recently sent us a cheque for £2478, to complete the fund raising, for which we are extremely grateful, and thank them both enormously. Thanks to this and the fantastic generosity of so many people, we have now enough to pay the bill!

To celebrate this wonderful achievement we are going to hold a concert on Saturday 10th October. The Tudor Rose Singers, with their conductor and celebrated retired professional organist Christopher Moore, will include some organ pieces to put it through its paces, and we hope as many people as possible who have supported the fund raising will join us. A scroll of everyone's names, from the village, surrounding villages, around the country and even New Zealand, will be available to see.

Following last year's Quinquennial (5 yearly) **Architects Report** of the Church and Churchyard commissioned and paid for by the Diocese, we have now obtained quotations for the 19 maintenance or repair items we are required to carry out, fortunately none too serious. These amount to £3330, and we will gradually carry these out as funds permit.

Of recent concern has been the occasional excessive nature of some of the mementoes placed on **graves**. We always try to be as sensitive as possible, especially at and just after burials, when families and relatives wish to leave articles or decorations, perhaps of sentimental value. But we are guided and instructed by the Churchyard Rules set by the Diocese, and these are displayed on the notice boards, and Funeral Directors are asked to inform families of these.



joining us, and participating in the community spirit we all enjoy, as well as other village organisations, like the gardening club and brownies. It was also good to see some of our new friends from the North Bury Churches, St Johns, St Georges and All Saints, now we are merged with them under Priest in Charge Mark Haworth.

A special thanks to all the volunteers, some 50 or so, from both FSM and Fornham All Saints and St Genevieve, who worked so hard both on the day, and during the week before, with the house collections, without which there would be no fete.

Thanks to Heather and her staff in Fornham House for allowing us to hold the fete again in the gardens, which provide such a wonderful setting. This year we welcomed our new MP, Jo Churchill to open the Fete, for which we thank her, and clearly she enjoyed it, with husband Peter, and mixed freely to talk to lots of people, and I'm sure learned a lot about our village community, hopefully to our mutual benefit for the future.

Thanks to Dominick at Whatley Lane, for providing and sponsoring the sign boards this year around the villages, and then joining in with 'Splash an Estate Agent' game, throwing wet sponges at him and Chloe, which was very popular, even more than Splat the Rat. Thanks to Jay at Peter Watts for loaning us a freezer, to sell ices creams and lollies, together with all the 'tea ladies' who kept up a never ending supply of refreshments, cakes and scones.

Thanks to Carrs, Eastern Concrete, Howards Accountants, Redmayne Bentley, Cecil & Larter and Whatley Lane for their generous donations.

The Prize Draw was very popular as usual, and provides a substantial part of the funds raised. R Gill won the £50, Mary Taylor the family Center Parcs voucher, Alan Goodenough the Woolpack voucher, Beryl Dykes the Tollgate voucher, Joan Moore the FAS Organic Shop voucher, together with many more prizes awarded of wine, champagne, golf round and others. The cake competition was won by Beth Riches, and the cup cakes by Jenny Stocking.

£2,835 was raised to support the Churches, and EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) collected £286 on the gate bucket collection, so everyone's happy, that's an excellent result for all the effort and support, well done.

It was a shame our good friend Len Long could not be with us, after he

The Chairman reported on a meeting attended by Cllrs Collier, Owen, Borough Cllrs Paul and Rebecca Hopfensperger and local authority officers Chris Brand and Susan Buck to discuss the traffic difficulties at the Tollgate Interchange and Station Hill. Cllrs were encouraged to hear that a draft Transport Plan was awaiting consideration and that the local authority acknowledged the need for a holistic solution that did not simply pass traffic issues from one area to another.

The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Cllrs were advised of plans to develop a local business site. The Chairman welcomed the report but advised that it would be inappropriate to comment on proposals until invited to do so by the Planning Authority.

The meeting reconvened.

7. Decisions taken since the last meeting

No decisions had been made under either specific or general authorizations.

8. West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH)

Cllrs noted St Edmundsbury Borough Council's decision not to fund further pre-application consultation in respect of the Hollow Road Farm site and welcomed the commitment made by the Cllr Griffiths, Leader of the Council, to evaluate thoroughly other potential sites for the WSOH before coming to a final decision. In order to progress the campaign between meetings, and to keep local residents informed of developments, Cllrs decided to form a Campaign Working Group.

It was agreed that the Working Group include both Cllrs and interested members of the public. It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed that the Campaign Working Group comprise Cllrs Mike Collier, Nick Owen, Penny Borrett and Jayne Hubbard and that Trevor Clinch, Sarah Bartram and Colin Hilder be invited to participate.

It was further agreed that prior to the next Parish Council meeting the Campaign Working Group be authorised to

- a) meet as required;
- b) subscribe to Materials Recycling World at a cost of £141.30 + VAT;
- c) consult with other third parties as appropriate;
- d) arrange such public meetings as may be required.

Cllrs asked the Working Group to:

- ◆ write to the Leader of the Council thanking him for his commitment to evaluate thoroughly other sites before deciding on the most appropriate site;
- ◆ use space in The Bugle to communicate with local residents;
- ◆ consider how to obtain residents' email addresses;
- ◆ bring recommendations for further action to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Community

- (i) Cllrs considered responses to the rook survey and agreed to take no further action.
- (ii) Cllrs considered the findings of the June 2015 Play Area Safety report.
Cllrs noted their earlier decision to trim the hedges and remove any dangerously low tree branches surrounding the field and agreed that the weeds and vegetation between or around the edges of the surfacing be removed.
No further action to deter mole activity was felt necessary at this time.

10. Planning and Environment

- (i) Cllrs considered appendix 2 noting recent planning decisions. There were no new applications to consider.
- (ii) Cllrs were advised of a request from local residents for repairs to the entrance of Old Hall Road. The Clerk was asked to pass the request to the local authority for action.
- (iii) Cllrs were advised that some rights of way were impassible or were obstructed. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the paths to be cleared.

11. Finance

- (i) Cllrs agreed that the report of the Responsible Finance Officer for April 2015 (Appendix 3) be received and that any outstanding payments be made.
It was further agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to approve payments falling due before the next meeting.
- (ii) Cllrs agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to agree with the Clerk how he is reimbursed for employment-related costs.

12. Governance

- (i) Cllrs agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair meet with the Clerk to update the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and that the documents be considered at the next meeting.
- (ii) Cllrs adopted the protocol at appendix 4 describing how the Clerk will keep Councillors informed of matters arising between meetings.

13. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

- (i) Reports on meetings attended had been considered;
- (ii) It was agreed that Cllrs Collier and Owen should attend the 2031 Vision Liaison Group meeting on 11 August;
- (iii) It was agreed to discuss Parish Council notice boards at a future meeting;
- (iv) There were no items of further information.

The meeting ended at 10:20pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 17 September 2015

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

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FSM CHURCH NEWS



Well, we managed another very successful **FETE** again this year on Saturday 4th July, blessed with a beautiful sunny day, in between the thunder and lightning the night before, and rain the morning after.

A huge thanks to the 350 or so who came along and supported us, with families, friends and relatives, to enjoy all the usual fun and games, competitions, stalls, sales bargains especially on the bric a brac and produce stalls, and teas on the lawn. It is such a good opportunity to meet and socialise with friends and neighbours, and meet new ones. It was particularly good to see new residents in the villages

