

CLERKS REPORT 24/06/26

Policies

There are four policies to adopt at this meeting, and they are the Complaints Procedure, Data Breach Policy, Data Retention Policy, and the Donations Policy. There are currently no changes to these policies.

Car Park

Another email has been sent to ESC regarding the cars on the car park. There are now two additional cars, both of which have no MOT or Road Tax. This now takes the number of cars to 5. The response from ESC was of little use, basically even though the cars have no MOT or Road Tax, because the owners state they are not abandoned, they will not remove them. ESC advise us to place a notice on the car windows asking for the owners to contact the PC. I have purchased some sticky pockets to use for this purpose.

External Audit

Please note that the required documents have been submitted to PKF Littlejohn but no report has been received yet.

Traffic management

A meeting took place with Cllr Ransome, Rebecca Quigg from Sizewell C Traffic Monitoring and me. It was interesting to hear that the average speed of vehicles on the Main Road has increased. Rebecca is to take this information to SCC Highways and discuss what can be done to improve this. It was suggested that roundels could be painted on the road or village gateways put in place to improve the awareness of the change in speed.

There was a Traffic Monitoring webinar organised by Sizewell C which I attended. This looks at numbers of vehicles on various roads from Woodbridge right through to Blythburgh. These slides/presentation should be available to share with you, but I have not received them yet.

I submitted an email to Rebecca regarding the signage in Town Farm Lane. When the latest notification of the road closure was received from Richard Knight, I sent an email in return to him about the signage for Town Farm Lane. This has been followed up by another email, which was copied to both of them, the Sizewell C office and Julia Ewart.

Coffee Morning

The Rural Coffee Caravan came to the coffee morning on the 3rd June. This is very useful as Annette has a lot of information to share with the community.

A resident has informed me that the footpath alongside the recreation ground has become overgrown, I have spoken with Nobby and he will trim it back. Apparently, it was July time he completed this last year.

Carlton Meres

A resident recently copied me into an email to Chris Bally (ESC) requesting clarification of the decisions made regarding the road signage and markings. Julia Ewart is aware of this email.

Spinney Close

A resident of Spinney Close has contacted me about the undergrowth that is encroaching onto her garden. I have spoken to Nobby and he will be taking a look at this.

Local Plan

I attended a webinar on Monday about the proposed new local plan which will cover East Suffolk through to 2045. There is a need to increase the number of houses built by 80%. There is a consultation going on at the moment and we are being encouraged to respond to this. This may be a response as individuals or as a Parish Council. The slides from the webinar are to be available to circulate, and this will include copies of the questions. Some Councils are taking copies of the questions to a Council meeting and agreeing a whole response.

Community News

A request has been made to increase the number of pages to 24 for this edition. This is a cost of (?). Currently the budget for the newsletter is £1375 from advertising revenue, and the budget has £2500. At this time we have £1955 in the pot. The invoices for the advertising have now started for this financial year, and we have already had one payment.

Correspondence

An email was received from a resident regarding the hedge clippings on the footpath that runs along the Main Road. Having spoken with Nobby he stated that he would look at the area to see if anything needed to be done.