

In the past year the number of planning applications received by the parish council was very similar to the previous year. However, as the timings of the receipt of the applications were kinder to us, we only had to meet 7 times rather than 9. During the year, we reviewed 5 planning applications and Babergh and ourselves managed to agree on all of them!.

The councillors have been in discussions with Babergh to see if Little Cornard should be looking to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The councillors feel that this will be the right thing to do but are planning a public meeting in June with residents to share our knowledge on the subject and see if you agree that this is something the we as residents want to undertake.

It is great to see the that all the hard work in persuading Suffolk County Council Highways to reduce the speed of the Bures Road is now reducing the number of accidents on the road. It is still early days, but the initial results have been promising. We must thank James Finch for all his effort in this project. However, we still await a permanent road directional sign for the Church.

The upgraded Broadband service in the parish has meant that many more of you can take advantage of faster Broadband speeds should you wish to. However, it is not a perfect science and some residents do not have the option - yet.

We hope that you like us are happy with the results of the ongoing footpath maintenance by our contractor, who we have been able to employ with the aid of an annual grant from Suffolk County Council. We now also have a footpath warden in Ciaran Giffin so any issues can be actioned a lot more quickly through him.

Thanks to a donation of locally made notices boards, we now have 2 new boards in Upper Road and Bures Road. Thank you

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The council has set a Precept in 2018 / 2019 which means a 0% increase for an average Band D household.

I must thank both James Finch and Lee Parker for their attendance at our meetings and their support in helping to resolve issues. I must also thank my fellow councillors for all their support during the last year.

Finally, I would just like to record the passing of Noel King, who contributed over 50 years of service to the parish council and untold hours of support for the village hall, charities and residents in the village. He will be greatly missed.