

Agenda Item 24 Councillor Dispensation

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Agenda Item 27 emails circulated

If there is an email that I have circulated that is not included on the agenda and you consider it should be discussed, please raise the item at this point.

Agenda Item 28 Clerk's report

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
21/084	Bus shelter check still outstanding.	
21/094	SWT meeting to review lease	
22/003	Minutes placed on website.	✓
22/007 a	Payments made to suppliers.	✓
22/008	Planning comments sent to Babergh.	✓
	Contacted Babergh environmental health team re dark smoke seen from property in parish - awaiting update from agent at Babergh following their visit	

SCC Ref	Highway Issues
293897	Wyatts Lane - Reflective markers for steep bend missing on unlit bend of
294050	Missing barrier at the pond in Upper Road / Chapel Lane.

Clerk Hours
Period 1 Feb - 1 March - worked 16.17 hrs
Training 13 hrs (9 structured) (4 unstructured)

Agenda Item 29a RFO Report

Receipts & Payments

Date	Details	Ref	Power	Receipts	Payments
31/01/22	DF Crimmin - Salary January	613	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	365.33
31/01/22	DF Crimmin - WFHA January	613	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	16.00
31/01/22	HMRC - Clerk Tax	614	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	91.20
31/01/22	DF Crimmin - Expenses Sept to Jan	615	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	134.83
08/03/22	GeoXphere - Parish online	616	LA 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	60.00

Bank Reconciliation

	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Treasurers Account	28/01/22	£17,929.53	£17,262.17	£667.36	£0.00	£0.00
Cash	28/02/22	£0.00	£0.00			£0.00
		£17,929.53	£17,262.17	£667.36	£0.00	

Budget v's Actual

	Budget	Actual		Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/Forward		£10,378.36				
Income			Expenditure			
Precept	£7,000.00	£7,000.00	Clerks Salary		£2,710.00	£2,158.80
Grants	£276.40	£382.40	Admin		£1,658.00	£462.23
Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.00	Donations		£750.00	£0.00
NP Grant	£0.00	£3,200.00	Subscriptions		£355.00	£250.44
CIL	£0.00	£0.00	Insurance		£200.00	£171.84
VAT Repayment	£0.00	£1,582.55	Inspection		£200.00	£200.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	Maintenance		£700.00	£531.46
			Village Hall		£0.00	£0.00
			Contingency		£500.00	£0.00
			NP		£500.00	£882.50
			Community Wardens		£1,100.00	£233.40
			CIL		£0.00	£0.00
			VAT Paid		£0.00	£400.47
Total	£7,276.40	£12,164.95	Total	£0.00	£8,673.00	£5,291.14
			Assets C/Forward			£17,262.17
Total		£22,543.31	Total			£22,553.31

Agenda Item 29b Earmarked Reserves

Balance Carried Forward as at 1st April 2022

Earmarked Reserves

Asset Replacement	£800.00
Election	£723.47
CIL	£0.00
Village Hall	£3,000.00
	£4,523.47

Commitments

Entry Gate	£327.00
Quiet Lanes	£250.00
NP Grant	£2,317.50
	£7,417.97
Total	£7,417.97

Agenda Item 29c David Gotts – Cutting contract

Quoted £300 + VAT for 2022 cutting contract (no increase)

Agenda Item 29d Donation towards cost of parish magazine

The treasurer of LC PCC, Paul Barker, has requested that LCPC considers a donation towards the parish magazine. P/Y costs shown below:

LITTLE CORNARD PARISH MAGAZINE

Receipts & Payments

	2018	2019	2020	2021
	£	£	£	
Revenue from Advertising	663.00	650.00	876.00	800.00
Parish Council Donation	175.00	175.00	200.00	200.00
Village Hall Donation	45.00	45.00	45.00	100.00
	883.00	870.00	1121.00	1100.00
Artwork, printing etc.	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00
Postage & Stationery	36.72	42.15	42.28	36.93
	1011.72	1017.15	1017.28	1011.93
Net Profit (Loss)	-128.72	-147.15	103.72	88.07

Agenda Item 29e Donation towards BSEVC – Community at heart – see below



Dave Crimmin
Cragston
Sudbury Road
Newton
Sudbury Suffolk
CO10 0QH

October 2021

Dear Dave Crimmin

BSEVC – COMMUNITY AT HEART

As a Suffolk based charity, BSEVC have been supporting local people for over 35 years, more recently through the provision of community transport.

As is the case for many charitable organisations, the last 18 months have seen huge changes and significant challenges – for BSEVC this has meant adapting and launching new services and support to meet the changing demands of communities across Suffolk.

As an organisation, we have three core areas of service delivery;

- Community Transport (Ipswich & Mid Suffolk primarily)
- Suffolk Carers Matter – family carer support
- Later Life Community - 65+ service

With the exception of the latter, these services are not age specific, although by nature of demand, these services are intrinsically linked and many of our transport passengers and family carers that we support are aged 65+.

It is our aim to provide and facilitate support for individuals, as close to their community as possible – helping to build networks of support, access to services (not just our own) and ultimately reducing loneliness and social isolation and improving health and wellbeing as a result.

In your parish there are 122 people over 65+, many of whom will have found the last year or more extremely challenging.

In order to help us continue this vital support, we would welcome your consideration in making a donation towards our work.

If you would like further information about our services and how we can support people in your parish, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Day

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Dear Parish Councillors

We would firstly like to introduce ourselves to your Parish, we are Later Life Community Connect within the charity BSEVC and are a relatively new service that launched in February this year. We are a single point of access telephone support service for older people aged 65+ across the whole County, with our telephone line available 7 days a week between the times of 10.00am and 2.00pm. Our aim is to link together routes of support for individuals so that they do not have to make numerous calls or reach out to multiple organisations. The client can make one call in to us, we have a conversation to find out what their worries/concerns are and then with their consent, we make referrals into appropriate services/organisations. It also allows us to identify other areas where support could be offered such as groups/clubs/activities etc that they may not have even considered themselves.

One of the areas we are looking into currently is Befriending and are undertaking a "Befriending Mapping Exercise" to try and establish which villages and towns are offering this type of service whether it be face to face, telephone or both. We have contacted the Good Neighbour Schemes and are now reaching out to Parish Councils to see if you have a village or community group that may be set up through the local church or volunteers within the Parish offering some form of befriending to your parishioners. We would very much appreciate it if you could take a couple of moments to complete our enclosed questionnaire, advising us if your village currently offers any type of befriending services. It is our hope to be able to identify the areas in Suffolk that have no befriending services but may have a need.

We have also enclosed for you a copy of our Service Brief so that you know who we are and what we are about along with one of our flyers in the hope that you may be able to display this on your Parish Notice Board.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help with this matter and please do not hesitate to contact us, Amanda Griffin and Tracy Matthew – Later Life Community Connect co-ordinators if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Amanda Griffin *Tracy Matthew*

Later Life Community Connect Co-ordinators

BSEVC, Red Gables, Ipswich Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1BE

Tel: 01449 614271

Registered charity: 1004198



LATER LIFE COMMUNITY CONNECT – a single point of access telephone support service for people requiring information or support on issues around later life.



01284 334516 (Monday – Sunday, 10am – 2pm)

Why?

In Suffolk, there are around **170,000 people aged 65 and over** – and this number is increasing at a rapid rate – due to a number of factors.

Suffolk is a great place to live and to retire, people in Suffolk have a longer life expectancy than the national average – but this brings about its own issues. **It is estimated that in the next 20 years, one in three of the Suffolk population will be aged 65 or over** – and this group of people will need to know that there is support and services available for them to access easily, if and when needed. It is often the way that it is not until someone is at crisis point, that they then start to look at the help that is available – at a time which is fraught and stressful, with emotions running high and possibly dealing with extreme grief. It is imperative that people know where to turn **before** it is needed, that they have access to organisations in a more holistic way, so that if that time comes, that contact is made all the easier.

What?

The closure of Age UK Suffolk's Information & Advice Line has left a gap in the provision of support for older people, and this has been made even worse by the pandemic and extended periods of isolation. This is not a replacement service, more a **NEW** and holistic supportline that is available for people to call seven days a week. This single point of access telephone number will be answered physically seven days a week, **between dedicated hours (10am – 2pm)** – outside of these times callers will be encouraged to leave an answerphone message.

Later Life Community Connect was launched on Monday 8th February with the support of Suffolk Community Foundation and is co-ordinated by experienced advisors who will have a chat with callers, identify the issue (if there is one) and look to find a solution(s) to help. Often, callers may simply just want a chat, and that's fine too. Where needed, we will refer the individual to other organisations, who will then make contact for support. The important thing to note here is that the older person only has to make **one** call, and our team will follow up with the caller at agreed intervals to check on progress and wellbeing. In addition, we will also be offering to support people with a regular welfare call if required, through the support of volunteers.

Why BSEVC?

We have been supporting communities in Suffolk for over 35 years through a successful community transport service, and in more recent years through support and wellbeing activities for family carers and those living with mental health challenges. We are well placed to work countywide, and with our existing transport service, can also support people in accessing transport solutions that work for them, in a safe and managed way.

BSEVC is under new leadership with a new CEO, with future plans to create a suite of services and support for people in later life, based on experience of working at Age UK Suffolk and developing community development services and support.

Agenda Item 30b Planning Status

Application Reference	Address	Planning Details	LCPC Minute	Parish Council Comments	Babergh DC Comments
DC/21/05863	Burnthouse Farm, Bures Road	Construction of new agricultural vehicular access to serve grain store.	21/103	Supported	Approved 07/01/22
DC/21/06925	2 Henny View, Bures Road	Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions	21/008a	Supported	Approved 01/02/22
DC/22/00034	Apple Tree Cottage, Bures Road	Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Residential Development for the erection of up to two pairs of semi detached dwellings (following demolition of stable block).	21/008b	Objected	

Agenda Item 34 Bramford to Twinstead

Draft response prepared by Councillor Hammond for consideration / comments:

Little Cornard Parish Council response to National Grid proposals for Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement.

Introduction:

The Little Cornard Parish Council LCPC response will be focussed on the area within the Parish of Little Cornard but also on the wider Stour Valley Project Area. In preparing this response LCPC has taken into account recent views expressed by residents together with the results of a Parish Questionnaire completed in preparation for the production of the LCPC Neighbourhood Plan. LCPC has also reviewed its response to the earlier proposals which were put on hold.

LCPC understand and accept the national requirement for additional electricity. It is disappointed that national infrastructure planning for transmission of this electricity has been slow and has not taken account of public concerns regarding an over reliance on overland routes.

In the current situation LCPC accept that there is a need for additional transmission routes and that the proposed 'Bramford to Twinstead' route is probably the best option in this region. LCPC would also like to put on record that any further transmission through the Stour Valley would be unacceptable and that the appropriate authorities must plan, at an early stage, to use undersea grids to reduce the reliance on overland routes.

Undergrounding:

LCPC are very pleased that National Grid NG has confirmed that the route through Little Cornard and the wider Stour Valley Project Area has been confirmed as underground. The addition of additional pylons and cables would have had a very negative impact both for residents and visitors to the area. Visitor numbers have been increasing, evidenced by 'wear and tear,' on our popular footpaths and it is disappointing that the value of tourism was screened out of 'impact assessment.' In particular, the route through Little Cornard lies close to the important footpath linking Essex to Suffolk across the river Stour which takes advantage of the extremely high landscape value and views. It is worth remembering that this is a relatively unspoilt landscape which has changed very little since world famous painters including Constable and Gainsborough created masterpieces.

It is also important to recognise that undergrounding will eliminate further deaths of birds striking cables in the air. The data from the NG bird surveys was somewhat incomplete so it should be stressed that the Stour valley has a significant population of birds of prey, for instance, Buzzards, Red Kite and Kestrels can be seen on a daily basis. The river is also a

flight path for swans and migrating geese. It is sad that a number of deaths have been observed under the existing 400,000 volt lines.

LCPC are satisfied that the suggested undergrounding route through Little Cornard and across the river is probably the best option. LCPC is not qualified to comment on the route on the Essex side of the river although it would appear to take advantage of the topography.

While LCPC are pleased that money has been committed for undergrounding in the Stour Valley Project Area they would strongly support further undergrounding to the east of Little Cornard; with one caveat which is covered in the next section on Sealing End Compounds.

Stour Valley East Sealing End Compound:

LCPC believe that the proposed position of the Sealing End Compound takes advantage of the topography and will be reasonably well screened from the majority of residents on the north side of the structure. It is to be hoped that the last pylon before the compound is also carefully positioned with regard to its visual impact.

The construction of a permanent access road needs to be carefully planned to avoid visual intrusion. It is important that it runs from the B 1508 to eliminate the need for maintenance traffic on Little Cornard lanes, see below.

LCPC would support additional undergrounding to the east if extra funding was available. In the event that this happens it is important, if a new Sealing End Compound location is required, that it should be in a visually unobtrusive location and ideally positioned close to a main road to minimise permanent access problems.

Construction access and traffic:

LCPC believe that it should not be necessary for large construction vehicles to use the Little Cornard lanes. These lanes are very narrow single-track roads often with banks up to 4 metres high on each side. Vehicle traffic is already significant, local residents, local businesses including a popular children's nursery plus agricultural traffic. Three stables/equestrian centres in the immediate area with riders using our lanes on a regular basis together with walkers and cyclists make for a challenging environment where safety is often compromised. Any additional construction traffic would be dangerous. Extra heavy vehicles would also contribute to additional damage to roads and drains and increase the risk to animals, both pets and horses; and, for example, badgers and deer.

It is important to note that all the Little Cornard lanes are about to be designated as Quiet Lanes under the Suffolk County Council initiative, providing a safer and more pleasant, environment for residents and visitors. Non vehicle users will have priority which will mean large vehicles will have to slow down and may have to reverse to allow people/horses to pass safely.

LCPC believe 'haul roads,' running from either end and along the undergrounding route will provide a safe and practical option for construction traffic.

A particular concern, which has been reported to NG, is the temporary construction road from the top of Spout lane running southwards close to existing pylon 4YL065. An NG engineer at the Nayland exhibition has told us that it is not required. We are, however, concerned as it would run from a very narrow and steep lane with 4.0 metre high banks which is an established wildlife corridor.

Environmental mitigation sites:

LCPC believe there is an opportunity to provide an exciting and beneficial site on the east side of the valley and that the suggested position, ENV12, close to the Sealing End Compound may not be the best option. A site closer to the river and a couple of hundred metres to the north where the Essex to Suffolk footpath runs could provide several benefits. It would create a wildlife corridor from the river to the existing corridor running up Spout lane from the B1508. It would also link with Daw's Hall Environmental Centre on the Essex side of the river. Attracting more visitors to the area is important to support the rural economy. The new proposed site is low value agricultural land which frequently floods. The benefit to both the environment and residents/visitors would be positive. The current position of ENV12 is used by the local shoot and already contributes to the local economy.

Conclusion:

In the event that this NG proposal is taken forward LCPC would expect to be consulted on any changes and developments. LCPC will work with NG to identify best options but also any mitigation that can reduce disruption of a physical nature but also to protect the well being of a worried community.

Agenda Item 38 Footpath signs – Discover Suffolk

<https://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk>

“Discover Suffolk, Suffolk County Council's guide to getting outdoors in Suffolk. Promoting walking, cycling and riding in Suffolk. Explore walking, cycling and riding guides, promoted trails & easy access routes in Suffolk.

Whether you enjoy a casual stroll along the prom or a long distance ramble, a weekend family bike ride or a full-on cycling holiday, or you just fancy getting out somewhere different with your four-legged friend, Discover Suffolk has something for everyone.

From stunning coastline and traditional countryside to beautiful heathland and sleepy villages, ancient woodland and country parks to historic estates and nature reserves, Suffolk really is the place to get outdoors.”