STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman:- Councillor M. Williams **Vice-Chairman:-** Councillor J. Lawrence

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STIFFKEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT 7.00 PM IN STIFFKEY VILLAGE HALL, STIFFKEY

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. M. Williams, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. J. Lawrence, Cllr. P. Claydon, Cllr. P. Harrison, Cllr. A. Hooper, Cllr. R. Husain and Cllr. J. Sugden.

County Councillor M. Dalby.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

Three members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor V. Holliday.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Claydon in respect of Planning Application Nos. PF/24/2315 and LA/24/2316 Warborough Place, Wells Road, Stiffkey.

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4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public enquired why the Parish Council had given a grant of £135 from their reserves to finance a public company who have more reserves than the Parish Council. The member of public also enquired why the request had not been submitted through the proper channels of the Grant Policy. The Clerk said that the request was received before the resolution of the deadline date for grant requests was in place. In future years the grant form will have to be completed by the deadline and a copy of the last annual accounts of any organisation requesting a grant will have to be presented with the form.

Cllr. Sugden said that the publication in question circulates information for all the surrounding villages and is a voluntary organisation.

Cllr. Hooper stated that although some Members disagreed the majority voted in favour and therefore the resolution was adopted.

Cllr. Williams said that the company is a not-for-profit organisation and is run by volunteers.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 County Councillor's Report:- Attached. County Councillor Dalby reported that the Government are discussing devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk. This matter was covered in his October report. The Government will be producing a White Paper and the local authorities will have an opportunity to comment on the White Paper once produced. The May elections for Norfolk County Council will be postponed as a result of these discussions. Cllr. Dalby reported that Norfolk County Council are arguing for Level 3 instead of Level 2 as there will be more funding available.

The Members enquired about Cllr. Dalby's Norfolk County Council budget and the possibility of funding towards a scheme in Stiffkey. Cllr. Dalby said that his budget for the financial year is £11,000 of which there is £8,000 left to contribute towards any possible schemes. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for discussion and if a scheme is put forward through the Parish Partnership Funding Cllr. Dalby's funding will be put towards the

Parish Council's 50% of the cost. Cllr. Dalby confirmed that he has £8,000 available to contribute towards a scheme which will have to be agreed and costed by Norfolk County Council.

Cllr. Hooper expressed concern about the number of emergency road closures at short notice and the poor signage when they are in place. The main problem is with Anglian Water. A good example of this was Church Street, where it was 8 weeks before action was taken. An emergency road closure was used with inadequate signage – a board in Sheringham saying road ahead closed with nothing until Stiffkey. Damage is being caused by vehicles having to turn around when they reach the village due to poor signage. Cllr. Dalby said that Norfolk County Council are in discussions with Anglian Water and have said that they need to do better including liaising with Parish and Town Councils. This matter will be on the agenda at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in January again and he will keep us updated.

5.2 District Councillor's Reports:- Attached.

6. PLANNING

RV/24/2077 – Lodge Barn, Bridge Street, Stiffkey – APPROVED.
PF/24/2315 – 1 Warborough Place, Wells Road, Stiffkey. Stiffkey Parish Council's comments attached. **AGREED.**
LA/24/2316 – 1 Warborough Place, Wells Road, Stiffkey. Stiffkey Parish Council comments attached. **AGREED.**
Consultation – Changes to North Norfolk Local Plan – Circulated. Stiffkey Parish Council comments attached. **AGREED.**
Email – Catfield Parish Council – Planning Department NNDC. Circulated. It was **AGREED** that Stiffkey Parish Council will not take part in the questionnaire and the Clerk will inform Catfield Parish Council accordingly.

7. STIFFKEY BRIDGE

Cllr. Hooper reported that the Stiffkey Bridge has been completed and as the Parish Council need a working relationship with the National Trust, the Clerk should write to them acknowledging the new bridge is in place. **AGREED.** A thank you to Ian Curtis and the other volunteers has been placed in the latest newsletter for helping to bring this project to fruition.

The Clerk reported that an email has been received from a member of the public requesting that Ian Curtis be thanked. It was **AGREED** that this matter has been covered in the newsletter. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be removed from the agenda.

8. WEBSITE

8.1 Domain Name Transfer:- Cllr. Hooper reported that the domain name has been successfully transferred and the old site redirects to the new site. The old domain name is secure for three years. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be removed from the agenda. The Members thanked Cllr. Hooper and David Hooper for all their hard work on an excellent website.

9. BLAKENEY SURGERY

9.1 Report attached. It was noted that Blakeney Parish Council worked hard to try and stop the closure and Stiffkey Parish Council Members would like to thank them for their hard work. It was **AGREED** to remove this item from the agenda.

9.2 Dentistry:- Report attached.

10. POLICE

10.1 SNAP:- A meeting was held on 7th October and the priorities have been printed in the latest newsletter.

10.2 Community Speed Watch Scheme:- Report attached.
Cllr. Williams reported that the Police are going to meet with the volunteers to try and ascertain a place in the 20 mph zone for the volunteers to operate. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

10.3 PCC Public Consultation:- The Clerk reported that Stiffkey Parish Council's comments have been submitted and the comments are on the website.

11. MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS

11.1 Bench – Red Lion:- The Members thanked Cllr. Husain and her partner for removing the bench and the bolts. Cllr. Williams

reported that the bench was donated but was not a memorial. It was **AGREED** that the bench will not be replaced.

12. FINANCE

12.1 Cash Book:- The Clerk circulated the cash book for the period to 31st October, 2024. **AGREED.**

12.2 Bank Statements:- All present signed the bank statements against the cash book for the period to 31st October, 2024.

12.3 The following payments were **AGREED:-**

	£
Clerk's salary, office allowance and travel October and November	580.58
HMRC – Tax	125.60
Westcotec – SAM 2 Battery	109.80
RBL – Poppy Wreath	20.00
Cllr. J. Sugden – Leaflets Defibrillator.	17.50

12.4 Newsletter:- Cllr. Husain reported that the newsletter was delivered last week and has been well received. It was **AGREED** that another newsletter will be prepared and circulated early in the New Year.

12.5 Full Council Training:- The Clerk reminded Members that the Full Council Training has been booked for Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall.

12.6 HMRC:- The Clerk reported that she is still liaising with HMRC concerning the change of address and will keep the Members updated.

12.7 Consultation – Council Tax Support Scheme:- Stiffkey Parish Council's comments have been submitted and are on the Website.

13. DEFIBRILLATOR AND HEALTHY STIFFKEY WORKING GROUP

13.1 Installation and Registration:- It was reported that the defibrillator is in place. The Clerk would like to thank Cllr. Hooper and David Hooper for registering the defibrillator. Members also thanked them. Cllr. Claydon reported that he has carried out the checking and maintenance since installation but will be preparing a rota for the volunteers.

13.2 CPR Training:- The Clerk circulated a list of the names who wish to attend the training on Thursday 28th November. Three more residents have requested the training and the Clerk will update the

list accordingly. The Clerk reported that a donation of £100 has been made directly into the bank account for the maintenance of the defibrillator. The Clerk has written and thanked the residents. Cllr. Sugden has collected a further £300 of funding towards the donation for the Community First Responders making a total of £400. All present thanked Cllr. Sugden for her hard work fundraising for this project. It was **AGREED** that £150 will be earmarked for new pads which will be replaced between meetings if utilised. It was **AGREED** that the remainder of £250 will be paid to the Community First Responders immediately. It was **AGREED** that an article will be placed in the next newsletter requesting donations towards the Community First Responders. Funding for the Community First Responders and maintenance of the defibrillator will be placed on the next agenda for an update.

13.3 BT Signs from BT Box:- Cllr. Sugden reported that these are plastic and not glass. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Sugden will store the signs and consideration to hold a village auction will be discussed at a future meeting. This matter will be placed on a future agenda.

13.4 Transport Scheme:- The Clerk reported that one resident has volunteered for the scheme if it is put in place. Tim Adams has started preparing the paperwork to set-up a charity and will attend a meeting with the Clerk once sufficient volunteers have come forward to run a viable scheme. Cllr. Hooper reported that a form has been placed on the Website for volunteers to complete. The Clerk circulated an email from Age Friendly North Norfolk and there may be an opportunity of working together on any future scheme.

14. ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW

14.1 Standing Orders:- Circulated. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will amend the Standing Orders to include his/her and redate before being placed on the website.

14.2 Financial Regulations:- Circulated. No amendments.

15. REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

15.1 Community First Responders:- Report attached.

16. HIGHWAYS

16.1 Temporary Road Closures:- Circulated. Noted. The Clerk will remind Cllr. Hooper to place the road closure on the A149 Stiffkey White No.2 Bridge on the website in January.

16.2 Emergency Road Closure – Damage – Anglian Water:- It was reported that the repairs have not been completed and the Clerk will chase accordingly.

16.3 Scaffolding:- Cllr. Hooper reported that she has removed the SAM2 Sign for two weeks whilst the scaffolding is in place. The sign will be reinstated once the scaffolding has been removed.

16.4 Greenway:- The Clerk read an email received from Norfolk County Council stating that the cost of the legal process to carry out a Traffic Regulation Order to change the speed limit will be between £3,000 and £5,000. The cost of the speed reduction if the feasibility study by the Road Safety Team is successful is £15,000. This cost would be payable by the Parish Council even if the application failed due to objections. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be removed from the agenda and no further action will be taken.

16.5 H- Bars:- It was reported that the H-Bars at the junction off Bridge Street and the A149 have not been refreshed to date. The Clerk will chase accordingly.

16.6 Blocked Drain:- It was reported that this has been cleared and this matter will be removed from the agenda.

17. CLERK'S APPRAISAL

17.1 Cllr. Hooper prepared a form which was **AGREED.** Cllrs. Hooper, Williams and Sugden will liaise to ascertain how much time is needed for the process before the January meeting. They will inform the Clerk what time to arrive at the Village Hall for her appraisal.

18. NORFOLK'S LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY'S PUBLIC SURVEY

Report attached. **AGREED.**

19. CORRESPONDENCE

19.1 Norfolk ALC:- Various. Noted. Consultation of Remote Meetings report attached. **AGREED.** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would request the log-in details for the AGM to be held on 7th December.

19.2 The Rural Bulletin:- Various. Circulated. Noted.

19.3 NNDC – Coastal Forum:- Report attached.

19.4 Thank you Letter – Local Lynx. Noted.

19.5 Email concerning Grant to Local Lynx:- It was **AGREED** that this matter was covered under Public Participation.

19.6 NNDC – Positive Tea Events:- Circulated. Noted. It was **AGREED** that any future events will be placed on the Website and Social Media.

19.7 Age Friendly North Norfolk:- Circulated. Noted.

19.8 NCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan:- Circulated. Noted.

19.9 NNDC – Affordable Housing Crisis:- Circulated. Noted.

19.10 Bed Base:- The Clerk reported that she had received information concerning possible fly tipping. The Clerk has dealt with this matter.

19.11 Parish Council Filming:- Circulated. Noted. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would put forward Stiffkey Marsh, Stiffkey Bridge, The Church and The River.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Monday 27th January, 2025 at 7.00 pm in the Stiffkey Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

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Chairman **Date**

NCC Winter Season

As November approaches and colder days arrive, Norfolk County Council's highways maintenance teams are preparing for winter with our annual #NorfolkWinter campaign.

This year, we're introducing the most advanced gritting operation in Norfolk's history. Over the past two years, we've added 45 new gritting vehicles to our fleet, bringing all 58 vehicles up to top specifications.

Each vehicle will feature new auto-salting technology supported by satellite navigation. This system allows for more accurate salting with less manual work, saving time and reducing waste. On average, it cuts salt usage by 10-15% and prevents salt from being wasted on grass verges.

With mapping data and input from skilled drivers, our vehicles can follow pre-programmed routes, making it easier to treat Norfolk's roads accurately. Drivers can select routes, set salt spread rates, and operate efficiently, ensuring our network is treated consistently this winter and keeping Norfolk's roads safe.

Norfolk County Council Invests £1M to Keep Residents Warm This Winter

Proposals to support some of Norfolk's most vulnerable people this winter have been set out today.

Norfolk County Council is looking to use £1.15m of the £6.7m allocated to the county through the Household Support Fund to keep people warm and help them make ends meet.

This follows the government's decision to make the winter fuel payment means tested from this winter.

The county council will allocate £750,000 to partner with local organizations like Age UK and Citizens Advice Bureau to support those impacted by the changes to Winter Fuel Payments. They will also invest £400,000 in the "warm spaces" scheme, providing essential respite in community areas.

Additionally, the proposals include £3.6 million for cost-of-living vouchers for families eligible for means-tested free school meals. This is in addition to:

- **£1 million** for the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which offers direct support, household items, and emergency help.
- **£700,000** for local councils to provide proactive and crisis support.
- **£250,000** for Adult Learning to continue offering free courses on cooking, budgeting, and digital skills.

New strategy for Norfolk economy

Ambitious plans for Norfolk's economy are set to be revealed in a new strategy that will be presented to the county council's cabinet in November. The strategy aims to enhance Norfolk's impact in key sectors like clean energy, agri-tech, and advanced research.

Norfolk's Economic Strategy, also known a Local Growth Plan, sets out an overview of the local economy and key priority areas for economic growth.

Norfolk is already at the forefront of some of the UK's most strategically important sectors.

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Norfolk is a global leader for offshore wind with £39bn of clean energy investment forecasted over the next 20 years. In Great Yarmouth, the new Operations and Maintenance Campus is expected to create 650 new jobs and new commercial space for the offshore renewable energy sector. This £24.8m partnership project is a collaboration with Great Yarmouth Borough Council, with enabling works well underway.

CLLR Michael Dalby

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English Devolution White Paper - emerging thoughts

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Dear all

You may have seen articles in the press (The Times and EDP today, for example) regarding the imminent Government White Paper on English Devolution. This will spell out plans for Mayoral Authorities and possible re-organisation of local government in England.

This could see Local Government services in Norfolk restructured to move from our current model of having multiple tiers (i.e. a County Council responsible for education and social care, and Districts responsible for Housing and Environmental Health etc.) to a single tier authority responsible for all services (similar to that seen in large cities like Birmingham or Manchester and more recently in North Yorkshire and Cumbria).

No decisions have yet been made. All the district councils in Norfolk are meeting and working collaboratively to consider the implications of any proposals which emerge.

This is the very beginning of a discussion, more detail about which will become clearer in the days and weeks ahead.

District Councils realise it's important that we keep local government local and connected to local places. Local Democratic accountability must be preserved.

The services District Councils provide to our communities will still need to be provided irrespective of any change to the structures or areas served by any of Norfolk's local authorities. Any proposals will need open debate and political engagement before being confirmed, following which plans for the future will be developed and shared. Any change is likely to be taken forward over a two or three-year period, as seen most recently in North Yorkshire.

What NNDC does every day is the essence of local government, and so, even if reform is given the go-ahead, the work for our residents and communities will continue - regardless of the reorganisation.

Do ask if questions.

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Nov DC report

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Date 2024-11-15 18:56

District Cllrs Report November 2024

From NNDC

'Leisure

NNDC has received confirmation of the funding to allow the Fakenham swimming pool and improved outdoors sports facilities to go ahead.

Planning

We are making progress in releasing capacity to build new houses through our actions on nutrient neutrality. Currently, this is through upgrading householder's septic tanks to new ones which release less nutrients.

The revisions to the new Local Plan are out for public consultation until Dec 18th. Please visit www.north-Norfolk.gov.uk/localplanconsultation.This will be your last chance to comment so do take part! Further public hearings will take place February 2025.

The local validation list for planning applications (the documents required for your application to be accepted) is out for public consultation. Search for 'local validation' on the NNDC website.

The October Government budget confirmed funding for an additional 300 local authority planners.

Benefits

We are still very keen to identify residents eligible for pension credit. To check your eligibility for pension credit go to gov.uk/pension-credit, call 0800991234, or contact the Financial Inclusion team (financial.inclusion@ north-Norfolk.gov.uk or 01263516221).

The financial Inclusion team are absolutely the best place to start for any money worries, problems paying bills etc. They also might be able to put you in touch with help to fill your oil tank oil and can help you obtain other benefits and allowances eg disability living allowance. They have claimed over £1.23 mill so far this year for residents.

Households will be contacted by the Benefits Team if they are eligible for payments under the Household Support Fund.

Discretionary housing payments are available for rent arrears, rent deposit and moving costs and on going rent shortfall.

Housing

As of 31st October 2024, there were 2334 households on the council waiting list, with 489 having the most urgent housing needs. In comparison, only 180 houses were let from 1st April to 31st October. As of 31st August, there were 233 open cases of households at risk of homelessness and 53 households in temporary accommodation (down 23% from last year). NNDC now owns 25 units for temporary accommodation which is far preferable to nightly paid accommodation.

Two rural housing schemes were opened this summer and four more are in build, and new affordable homes are coming on stream in Holt. Planning applications for two large affordable housing sites and with a high percentage of affordable homes have also recently been approved.

The housing adaptation scheme has funding so do please come forward if you need modifications to stay in your own home. Not all grants are means tested so you may be eligible! Urgent home repairs (eg emergency boiler replacement) are also covered. Contact me if you have any questions.

Environment

Environmental Health are required to inspect 450 food businesses by April 2025 to achieve the targets set by the Food Agency.

Roof mounted solar panels are being fitted to some of our waste collection vehicles to reduce emissions.

Net zero

Certain energy suppliers - EDF, E.ON and Octopus for example - are obligated to help households on benefits with energy efficiency upgrades. Check out the 'energy savings tips' page on NNDC's website for more details of this and other schemes.

Finance

The forecast for 2024/25 is for a £995k deficit. This is largely made up of additional borrowing costs and the cost of temporary accommodation.

NNDC is still in discussion with NCC as to how a proportion of the additional council tax on second homes can be put towards social housing.

Customer service

The average wait time to contact Customer Services at NNDC has been 8 mins 31 secs over the last three months. Luckily this is coming down.'

Blakeney Surgery

We should hear soon what the outcome is of the planning application for a 24hr medicines vending machine at Blakeney Village Hall. Although the Surgery was due to close on 7th November 2024, it will remain temporarily open for medicines ordering and collection whilst the final decision on planning is made.

Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Through the Government sponsored Boiler Upgrade Scheme you can get a grant of £7.5k towards replacing a fossil fuel heating system with a heat pump, or £5k towards replacing with a biomass boiler. This grant is not means tested. Visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme/print for more information.

Mobile phone coverage

Regarding mobile not spots, my belief is these are more prevalent than the mobile networks believe. To prove this, it would be good if we could validate the data in Ofcom's mobile coverage checker. You input a postcode and will be shown Ofcom's results for your chosen address. These may not tally with your experience, in which case you can complete a quick survey and let Ofcom know, or email me.

Oct District Cllrs report

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District Cllrs Report October 2024

From NNDC

'Planning

The revisions to the new Local Plan (concerning housing numbers and an updated Gypsy and Travellers accommodation plan) will be going out for public consultation Nov 6th - Dec 18th. The consultation will be online but hard copies will be available if needed. I suggest you contact me if you wish for one. Further public hearings will take place February 2025.

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We are keen to identify residents eligible for pension credit. To check your eligibility for pension credit go to gov.uk/pension-credit, call 0800991234, or contact the Financial Inclusion team (financial.inclusion@ north-Norfolk.gov.uk or 01263516221).

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A 'Forget me Not' grant of £500 is available to those living with memory loss. You don't need a formal diagnosis of dementia and the grant is not means tested. It covers adaptation or equipment to promote safety and independence. Examples of work considered are installing water level cut out or safety detectors, supplying memory aids such as clocks or changing lighting or flooring to be more suitable. You can contact NNDC by phone 01263513811 or search the website for Forget me Not.

Environment

From November 18th you will need to book an appointment to visit a recycling centre. Each time slot is 15 minutes. You can book 7 days in advance so appointments can be made from November 11th. Appointments can be made online at norfolk.gov.uk or by calling the Customer Care Centre on 03448008020.

Finance

Increasing car park charges from April 2925 is being discussed. These have not changed since 2022 and season tickets prices not reviewed since 2016. Car park income does contribute positively to NNDC's finances.'

Blakeney Surgery

The surgery will remain open for medicines collection till a solution is found to replace it.

Tech Skills for Life

Norfolk County Council's Tech Skills for Life team can help you with using a phone, tablet or laptop, or even provide you with one to borrow or keep. They can also help you get cheaper broadband and data. Call 01485536420, pop into your local library or email techskillsforlife@norfolk.gov.uk.

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Planning

PF/24/2315

I would propose the following response to this application:

Stiffkey Parish Council has a **neutral response,** but if this application is approved, we would ask for the following conditions:

a. All glazing is Dark Skies Appropriate Glazing
b. Any external lights to be Dark Skies compliant
c. Proposed materials to be submitted to the local planning authority for approval before first use
d. A traffic management plan to mitigate disruption on the A149 and immediate neighbouring properties prior to work being undertaken
e. The proposed detached outbuilding shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of 1 Warborough Place.

LA/24/2316

I would propose the following response to this application:

Given listed nature of the building, Stiffkey Parish Councils defers to the conservation and design officer as to the appropriateness of the proposed changes.

Local Plan Consultation

Send as an email as per consultation policy – planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

I would propose a response as follows:

Stiffkey Parish Council recognises the need that more housing is required in the district. However, the current plan seems to simply increase the number of houses to be built in areas already established as expanding- an approach which lacks any nuance. The plan as it stands seems to be increasing the number of houses to be built for the sake of meeting a set target, rather than looking what is needed and where. It is our view that, there needs to be far more thought as to what and where and should take the following more wholistically into consideration:

a. Environmental Impacts – people living where they work/reducing the need to travel
b. Locations of homes. Examine where people want to live and where their jobs currently are or where jobs are available locally. Reducing travel and commute times and knock on impacts on childcare, access to local amenities and so on
c. Locally available public transport routes- reducing cars on the road and subsequent emissions
d. Available amenities and facilities – such as doctors/dentists/shops
e. Work from home options – rural vs urban/internet speeds
f. The types and ownership of the proposed properties – affordability vs social housing vs more 2nd homes/investment properties. Increased housing is not appropriate if it fails to adequately plan for the needs of its community and full-time resident population.

Blakeney Surgery

Reconfiguration has finally responded and the Sec Of State has declined to intervene to relook at the closure of Blakeney Surgery.

What is interesting is that one of the partners/senior management at Holt Medical Practice has already put in a pre-planning application for knocking down the Blakeney surgery and replacing it with housing.

Dentistry

January looking to be opening for Damira dental in Wells. In Holt already open. Damira have been awarded the NHS dental contract. The Holt practice is closed to any new patients and will not take NHS patients at all (even on a waiting list). The Wells practice will allow patients to register on their waiting list for NHS treatment but currently, has no capacity!

111 remains the best option for emergency dental treatment as the operator then hunts to find a dentist to give the treatment as an NHS patient. We need to keep promoting this to residents, so they are aware of this option. We should also try to encourage them to register as an NHS patient with whichever dentist they are sent to for emergency treatment if possible.

Transport to dentists is likely to be a key component of the Transport Scheme as it is becoming very clear it will involve travel

Community Speed Watch Report to Parish Council – November 2024

The following sessions have been carried out to date during October and November.

Date	Time	Location	Number of vehicles exceeding 30mph speed limit	Speeds
15 October	15.40 – 17.00	Church Street facing Morston direction	2	36 & 37mph
31 October	13.35 – 15.05	Wells Road	6	Between 36 to 41 mph
5 November	11.15 – 12.00	Church Street facing Morston	1	40mph
5 November	10.40 – 11.10	Church Street	0	
6 November	10.05 – 11.10	Wells Road	2	Both 37mph
13 November	07.00 – 08.00	Wells Road	3	35 & 36mph
21 November	14.15 – 15.00	Wells Road	2	36 & 37mph

It has been noticeable that being visible in hi-vis jackets slows the traffic down. By getting out regularly it is hoped we will start to see a difference.

We have had 2 more volunteers come forward recently which we hope will enable us to hold more regular sessions. If anyone else is interested in volunteering or finding out more please contact the Stiffkey co-ordinator Jackie Appleby via email jackieappleby295@gmail.com

CFR Update

The latest figures available are:
58 Shifts
237 Hours

9 Call-outs: Average duration per call out – around 1.5 - 2 hours depending on scenario
2x Category One
7x Category Two

The Official CFR report will be published on the website at the end of the Quarter.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Given the scope of this – I think as a PC we should be actively supporting this work and trying to disseminate whenever possible.

Signposting this to our residents I think will help us disseminate this information across a broader audience. It is already available on our website.

I would like to propose that over the next 12-18 months we look at the data from this survey and see what we can use to incorporate it into our policies – such as planning, biodiversity policy and see if there are any changes we might want to make to accommodate the survey findings.

Consultation/Remote meetings

I think as a PC we need to respond to the government consultation on this via email: remoteattendanceconsultation@communities.gov.uk

I Propose that we support the idea of remote meetings on an occasional basis – but not for major decisions such as budget setting, annual meetings/accounts approval

I would also propose that we do not support the idea of proxy voting. Proxy voting would leave the PC open to accusations being levelled about 'fixing'/corruption/transparency/decision making outside of public meetings and so on. Voting when attending would help us the integrity of the PC

Proposed Consultation Response:

Stiffkey Parish Council **supports** the idea of remote meetings on an **occasional basis** if/when circumstances dictate

Stiffkey Parish Council **does not support** the idea of **proxy voting**

Coastal Forum.

Not much to report – focussed on shore management plans. It would be good to try and promote people using the EA site more to access information – especially since SMP5 is available and gives clear information for specifics along the coast.

Vegetation schemes run over 2024 have been reasonably successful -in particular with regard to the Alexander and its negative impact

Elsewhere the major of work is around sea defences at Cromer and Mundesley with some work at Sheringham using the LIDAR drone. To date 35,000 tonnes of rock brought from the West Coast of Scotland for Cromer and 30,000 tonnes to Mundesley.