Monthly DC Report for Parish council meetings

May 2020

Good evening to you all my DC report for last month is : -

1. The West Suffolk Council Leader is Cllr john Griffiths
2. Main portfolio holders are

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1. Deputy Leader & Housing – Cllr Sara Midway-White
2. Resources & Partnership - Cllr Sarah Broughton
3. Governance - Cllr Carol Bull
4. Regulatory - Cllr Andy Drummond
5. Families & Communities - Cllr Robert Everitt
6. Growth - Cllr Susan Glossop
7. Leisure, Culture & Community Hubs - Cllr Jo Rayner
8. Operations - Cllr Peter Stevens
9. Due to COVID 19 virus currently all West Suffolk Council meetings have been cancelled. We currently testing out and awaiting approval form Government concerning using the virtual video links with separate voting provision. Once details are approved I will advise.

Meeting are primality being held via MS Teams with live streaming for Public viewing.

In addition meeting Suffolk Constabulary are on “Skype” and other external meetings currently using “Zoom” all are working fine at this time.

1. West Suffolk council like all Councils is now fully implicating the Governments Coronavirus 19 Policies.

* I have attached the latest issue of the “Suffolk Resilience” data .
* Business support via [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business) or call 01284-763233
* A new focus group has been set up. The telephone number for those in genuine need of help is 0800-876-6926
* Revised Locality budget allocation have been issued to all District Councillors (your Parish Clerk has all the details)
* We are continuing to support the needs of rough sleepers in our area via [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)
* Brown Bin street collections are resuming week commencing 16th June in our area. Actual collection date can be checked online via

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| * <https://westsuffolk-self.achieveservice.com/service/Waste_New_Round_Interim_Postcode_Lookup> just enter your postcode for your next collection dates. * West Suffolk parks are now open – Brandon Country Park, Nowtown Park Bury and West Stow Country Park. Normal parking charges have now been reinstated. |

1. The approval for Grants to village halls etc have now been processed and funds transfers are now taking place.
2. Previously I have advised concerning Locality Budget Funding requests and specifically in support and Community Group Schemes set up as a direct result of the COVID 19. I have been able to support several local schemes and would request that any Community Groups within your Parish Council area would like financial support for them to contact me directly via [brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk)
3. “County Lines” drug issues and the impact upon our rural communities is being actively pursued by Suffolk Constabulary. This is a cross border operation resulting in several arrests and prosecutions being made.

Recent updates and presentations by Suffolk Police concerning the issues are being actively pursued by the Constabulary .

1. “Proposed Sunnica Residents Engagement” I am currently in the process of trying to arrange a joint Residents/SCC/DC & Sunnica engagement/consultation meeting.

The intention is that both SCC & DC senior planning officers plus Councillor portfolio holders will also be present.

Once the initial arrangements have been sorted I will be in a position to advise date/location/timings etc.

The planning portal number is : - DC/19/0472/EIASCO – The joint SCC/WS Consultation Response dated 11th April 2019 has now been issued.

1. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) is being introduced throughout Suffolk CC during 2020, we have been advised that CPE will become effective from the 6th April and the Council are in the process of recruiting 18 additional staff to cover these duties.
2. West Suffolk Council are part of the Suffolk wide campaign to crack down on fly tipping with prosecutions taking place resenting with a business in Bury St Edmunds being fines accordingly.

If Residents are aware of fly tipping in their villages please contact Dominic Owner by email at [dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk) with a copy to myself please.

1. West Suffolk Council has taken active steps to reduce the numbers of people rough sleeping in the West Suffolk Area.

This is a very difficult and challenging situation. We have received additional funding of £450K from the Government to assist in these cases.

If you see or suspect someone is rough sleeping please report this to – [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) or directly to our Team on 01282-7578178

1. The process for Planning application reviews has changed slightly . It is now very important if Residents or Parish Councils have any concern’s to ensure that these are raised to the appropriate Planning Case officer with copies to myself at :- brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk or on my mobile – 07801-472461

in order that I can present these issues at the “Revised Delegation Panel meetings”.

I’m happy to take any questions

Thank you

Brian

I’m also on Twitter @Brian4manorward