Monthly DC Report for Parish council meetings

August 2021

Please find below my DC report for last month: -

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. Civic Chair of WS Council - Cllr Margret Marks
10. Vice Chair of WS Council - Cllr Mike Chester
11. The 2021/2022 Locality Budget Funding is now available and requests in support of Community Group Schemes is available within your Parish Council area any financial support requests should be made directly via my email to - [brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Currently I have been able to support the following: -

* Freckenham Village refurbishment Works
* Freckenham Community Speed Watch
* Tuddenham village green support

1. EV Vehicle chargers a total of 46 charging points has now been installed in 15 locations across West Suffolk – more updates to follow
2. The West Suffolk Draft Local Plan “Issues and Options” document for Public Consultation has now been approved by Full Council on the 29th of September 2020.

The Local plan working group continues to review the various options currently on the table. As soon as these updated details are available, I will advise.

1. “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. Suffolk Police reporting numbers have now been updated to include an additional service for the 101 number for Non-Emergency reports you can now also be reported online via: -

[www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something)

1. The Sunnica Solar Energy Farm “Statuary Consultation Period” was completed on the 18th of December 2020.

We now await the Sunnica response to this “Public Consultation” process.

A joint report has been submitted on behalf of: - Suffolk CC, West Suffolk DC, Cambridge CC & East Cambridge DC.

Currently the Technical Workshops have recommenced with Sunnica and Council officers.

Both sides are currently working through the “Statement of agreement” process and once published I will advise.

All Residents in affected areas will now have received in the post the Sunnica “Updated Newsletter” Showing several changes to their original scheme.

We had expected Sunnica to produce their DCO response by June 2021, this has been further delayed and is not now expected until September 2021.

If any additional information comes too hand, I will advise accordingly.

The Sunnica web site is available for all information at

[www.sunnica.co.uk](http://www.sunnica.co.uk) /downloads

The Sunnica webinars dates are now available via their web page at <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/#webinars> .

1. West Suffolk Council have started the “Dog Fouling campaign 2021” details have been separately circulated.

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 are taking active steps to reduce the numbers of people rough sleeping in the West Suffolk Area.

This is a very difficult and challenging situation.

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 new Mildenhall Hub is being officially opened on Friday 17th September.
2. The process for Planning application reviews has changed slightly. It is now very important if Residents or Parish Councils have any concerns to ensure that these are raised with their Local Parish Council and the appropriate Planning Case officer with copies to myself please at: -

brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk or on my mobile – 07801-472461

This will ensure that these issues can then be fully briefed and reviewed at the “Appropriate Delegation Panel meeting”.

I’m happy to take any questions

Thank you

Brian

You can also follow me on Twitter @Brian4manorward