Monthly DC Report for Parish council meetings

May 2022

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 & Resources - Cllr Sarah Broughton
2. Deputy Leader & Community Hubs - Cllr Jo Rayner
3. Housing – Cllr Sara Midway-White
4. Governance - Cllr Carol Bull
5. Regulatory & Environmental - Cllr Andy Drummond
6. Local Plan & Sunnica - Cllr David Roach
7. Families & Communities - Cllr Robert Everitt
8. Growth - Cllr Susan Glossop
9. Operations - Cllr Peter Stevens
10. Civic Chair of WS Council - Cllr Mike Chester
11. Vice Chair of WS Council - Cllr John Augustine
12. The 2022/2023 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

Currently I have been able to support the following: -

Queens jubilee celebrations – Barton Mills, Cavenham, Freckenham, Tuddenham and Worlington community events.

1. We are working through the Suffolk Highways review of traffic issues within Freckenham, Worlington & Barton Mills. These proposals will require funding, the currently this would be split between Locality Budgets and Parish allocation.

In addition, we are planning for a similar review covering Tuddenham and Cavenham. Currently Parishes are working through their concerns etc.

I have requested dates for a joint meeting with SCC Highways awaiting their response.

1. The West Suffolk Draft Local Plan “Issues and Options”

This draft local plan has now been published and issued for Public Consultation the closing date for responses 26th July 2022.

Full details have now been sent to all Parish and Town Councils.

Public Exhibition events throughout West Suffolk have been issued.

I will be attending the Red Lodge event on the 22ndJune 3pm – 6.30pm

1. The Governments Council tax rebate scheme is being administered by Anglia Revenue Partnership.

For households paying their council tax via direct debit can find full details on the WSC web site at - [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council-tax-grant.cfm](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council-tax-grant.cfm).

For Households not on direct debit the Anglia Revenue will be writing to house holders. They can also complete their application form online at – [www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/WSrebate](http://www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/WSrebate)

Please note that the losing date for claiming this rebate is 5th June 2022.

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.

Sunnica’s Adequacy of Consultation has now been accepted by the planning inspectors.

Their application in full can be viewed via -. [Sunnica Energy Farm | National Infrastructure Planning (planninginspectorate.gov.uk)](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs).

The SCC/WSC & CCC/ECDC have now submitted their respective Relevant Representation reports 17th March 2022.

We now await the Inspectors time frame for further submissions. Currently we are preparing the “Local Impact Assessment” report.

1. West Suffolk Council are taking active steps to reduce the numbers of people rough sleeping in the West Suffolk Area. Part of which is to provide different types of accommodation including supported accommodation. Accommodation is only part of this solution and WSC are working together with Partners in providing addiction and mental health support.

This is a very difficult and challenging situation.

Updated contact details are as follows. West Suffolk Council Housing Team can be contacted at dutytorefer@westsuffolk.gov.uk or via the Teams help desk on 01284-7632233.

In addition, you can still report via the rough sleeper’s web site at - [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) .

1. I copied to Parishes Clerks the latest Ukraine News Bulletin as issued by Suffolk County Council 20th April 2022.
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”.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend of celebration and fun during the Queens Platinum Jubilee. I will try to attend as many events as possible.

Thank you

Brian

You can also follow me on Twitter @Brian4manorward