

## WEST SUFFOK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SUSAN GLOSSOP

### Annual report 2019

#### Committees on which I served

Joint officer appeals -substitute  
Democratic renewal working party  
Development control  
Grant working party  
Chairman of Licensing and regulatory committee until October 2018  
Overview and scrutiny - Vice chair  
Performance and audit –substitute  
Cabinet member for Planning and Economic Growth from October 2018

#### Outside bodies

Suffolk County Council Our Greenest board  
West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trust

#### Attendance record for Council meetings

96% with 1 absence due to holiday

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#### Locality budget

I had £3,000 budget this year as I had saved £500 from the previous year towards Ingham play area. Please contact me if you have a scheme that requires funding. These are the projects which were assisted this year

Risby	multi games use	£500
Lackford	outside light for community centre in the church	£500
West Stow	defibrillator	£500
Ingham	play equipment	£1,000
Culford village	hall chairs	£500

#### Council Tax Council

Suffolk CC	3.00%	increase
Adult social care precept	1.00 %	increase
Police and crime commissioner	12.7%	increase
West Suffolk Council	0.0 %	no increase

Please note that there are changes to the Council tax bill, the name is West Suffolk and making payments, if you pay by direct debit there is no change.

If you pay by standing order you will need to make sure to use the reference number or bar code on your bill. If paying by standing order you will need to change this with your bank using the reference number and the new bank details as shown on your bill.

## **Planning Applications**

There have been only 3 applications for Lackford registered on uniform since 01/01/2018. The Parish Council were not consulted on these as one was a County regulations application and 2 were requests for pre application advice which do not require consultation.

The majority of the applications have been approved enabling people to build extensions or make alterations to their property. Not all applications go smoothly however, and I would strongly advise people wanting to put in an application to talk to the Parish Council who make comments pertinent to each application. In addition it is worth having some pre-application advice from Planning Officers. I am also readily available to discuss any individual plans with anyone in the village and I frequently act as a go-between between resident and Planning Officer to try to resolve any problems on an informal basis.

## **Garden Waste Collection**

The cost of a brown bin has been increased to £43 per year as from April 2019

link for signing up on line: [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

## **Waste Hub at Hollow Road**

The new waste hub is planned to open in October 2019 with the recycling opening in November 2019

## **New West Suffolk Council**

Following the elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 the new council is in operation and for the first year it will be a District Council with a Chairman. The new council will have to at one of its first meetings debate and vote on whether it is going to submit a request to the privy council to become a Borough with a Mayor.

## **Civil Parking Enforcement**

**The secretary of State has not signed this order as yet due to the pressure of work caused by Brexit**

Agreement has been reached between the Police, SCC, St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath that St Eds and Forest Heath will take on the role of control of street parking as will Mid Suffolk District Council. It should run at a surplus but more importantly enable control of parking issues in conjunction with our off street parking operations. This will enable St Eds to keep all on street income. The period will be from 2019 -2029 and the proposal has to go to the Secretary of State for approval.

## **Suffolk Business Park**

Suffolk Business Park is a 68 hectare B1 and B8 employment allocation accessed via the Eastern Relief Road (opened September 2017)

IT is divided into two ownerships, Rougham Estates who own the eastern side and Taylor Wimpey who own the western side. West Suffolk Council has a small interest in the Taylor Wimpey land. Rougham Estates have engaged the development company Churchmanor Estates to promote and develop their land whilst Taylor Wimpey have engaged the developer Jaynic to promote their land interest.

The western side of the site has Outline consent for B1 and B8 uses; and the eastern side has a number of full planning consents for future occupiers. There are already six companies with signed deals to locate on the park including; Treatts PLC; ForFarmers; Thurlow Nunn Standen; The

Ambulance Trust; Unipart; and Festool. In addition there is another large warehouse ready for occupation.

The business park is a key opportunity for West Suffolk Council to attract additional companies; encourage new start-ups; raise salary levels; address the shortfall in unit types; and create links to Cambridge.

14 hectares of land to the north-west of the TW land was granted Enterprise Zone status for a 25 year period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Business rates growth within the Enterprise Zone area is retained by the relevant Local Enterprise Partnership and shared with West Suffolk Council on a percentage share agreement.

### **Town Centre Master plan**

Work has started on the plans with a £8.4 million scheme to redevelop the Post office building with the redevelopment providing retaining the historic Victorian façade and the rear of the building developed into retail with 12 apartments above and the link between market place and the Arc being widened with new shop fronts onto St Andrews Street

### **Issues raised**

The main issues in Lackford. Fly tipping is a concern and I report any I see to be collected by the waste team. Many of the issues have been highway issues which the Suffolk County Councillor addresses. There has been much concern regarding the diversions using the A1101 when works are carried out on the A11 and the A14 over the past year. Together with the County Councillor we have lobbied on behalf of the villages along the A1101.

Pot holes

Fly tipping

Speeding traffic through the villages

Rural bus service

Maintenance of public rights of way

Dog fouling

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