

Cllr Jones sends her apologies.

Many thanks to all concerned with the celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon on Kings Field, Community Centre and the High Street looked great. Thanks to all of the sponsors.

**Last Tuesday Cabinet looked at The Alde and Ore Estuary Plan:** The community around the Alde and Ore estuary, working with the Environment Agency, SCC, SCDC and other statutory agencies, has produced a plan for the preferred management approach for the next 20 to 50 years for the estuary. It has undergone extensive public consultation and a sustainability appraisal.

The Plan was developed as a result of the pioneering work of the Alde and Ore Futures project, working with the community to think about the future management of the estuary. This created the community led Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership who developed the plan with the aim of retaining the integrity of the estuary but looking for new solutions to create more resilient flood defences.

The plan recognises the issues of funding and looks to set out in its proposal the use of enabling development to raise a significant proportion of the £5m to £7m required to be found locally.

**Latitude Public Space Protection Order:** Suffolk Police has requested that we make a Public Space Protection Order (under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014) for the Latitude festival event on Henham Estate relating to psychoactive substances (also known as 'legal highs').

Suffolk Police have provided reports to the Council which highlight the potential dangers of psychoactive substances the use of which, according to national statistics, is on the increase.

The Public Space Protection Order, which lasts three years, would mean that it is an anti-social offence to distribute, possess, consume, sell/supply psychoactive substances (also known as 'legal highs') at Latitude.

Psychoactive substances is an umbrella term for products that largely are intended to mimic the effects of controlled drugs. In 2010, the number of deaths linked to psychoactive substances was 22 but this figure increased to 82 in 2014.

The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, commencement date of 26th May, creates a blanket ban on the production and supply of substances proven to be psychoactive but does not take into consideration possession of legal highs, which the police believe has a detrimental effect on festival goers.

Both the Police and the Anti Social Behaviour Officer are satisfied that the effect of these activities is or is likely to be of a persistent or continuing in nature, is or is likely to be such as to make the activities unreasonable and justifies the restrictions imposed by this order.

The report requested that Cabinet authorises further consultation with the Police and other relevant partners upon the proposed order and gives delegated responsibility to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health to authorise the making of a Public Space Protection Order if required, following these further discussions with partners.

## **EU Referendum 23.06.16**

Please encourage people to vote on this important issue on 23 June, as this could be a once in a lifetime decision which will have a huge impact on the future of this country.

People that registered to vote in the PCC election in May, will already be automatically registered to vote in the EU Referendum.

There is more information on: [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

**Devolution:** You will have seen that the issue of Devolution is becoming increasing high profile in the media, with a certain amount of negative comment being made about the lack of information and uncertainty on this issue.

This is the latest update from the man leading the negotiations on our behalf: “The ambitious devolution proposal for East Anglia is taking shape with negotiations ongoing between Government and local leaders to build on the original three county deal agreed in the Spring.

Andy Wood, conducting negotiations on behalf of the Leaders group in East Anglia met with Government representatives in May. Mr Wood put forward the proposal from Leaders for two deals (Suffolk and Norfolk and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) for East Anglia, but with clear links on matters such as transport and infrastructure.

The two proposed deals that will be discussed with Government will be based on the content of the original deal agreement signed in March. Leaders believe having two deals is the best way to get the most out of devolution for the people, places and businesses across East Anglia.

Andy Wood, Independent chair of the East Anglia Leaders Group said: “All leaders remain fully committed to securing an ambitious devolution settlement for residents and businesses across East Anglia. Negotiations with government are positive and progressing well. Government is certainly listening to East

Anglia, however, to talk more specifically about proposals at this point has the potential to weaken our negotiating position.”

“The ball is now firmly in our court. Locally we must conclude our discussions and present Government with our proposed deals. Government has been clear that councils will need to approve the deals locally before they will formally agree them. A full public consultation will take place in the summer to allow local people and businesses to have their say on the plans.”

A central website has the latest East Anglia Devolution information see:  
[www.eastangliadevo.co.uk](http://www.eastangliadevo.co.uk)

(The Comms officer and myself will be distributing a dedicated coastline lite to cover this)

**New Noise Complaints Service:** Suffolk Coastal’s Environmental Protection Team has launched a more proactive service to deal with late night noise complaints during the weekends this summer.

Around 40% of the population say that noise affects their quality of life with noise nuisance from pubs, clubs, barking dogs and loud music from neighbours proven to cause stress, loss of sleep and high blood pressure.

The Environmental Protection Team at Suffolk Coastal deals with around 500 complaints of noise nuisance each year, most of which occur during the summer months. These are usually dealt with by pre-planned visits outside office hours.

Now, following feedback from residents, this year we are providing a more reactive service during the busy Friday and Saturday evenings of the summer months. This improvement should help us provide a better service to our residents with a quicker resolution of the more serious noise complaints that occur outside of our normal office hours.

The new service was launched at the beginning of May and will run to the end of September, with officers available to respond to noise complaints from 8pm to 12 midnight Friday and Saturday nights. They can be contacted through Suffolk Coastal’s weekend evening hotline on: 01502 527132. Noise complaints can also be reported during the normal working day by telephoning: 01502 562111.

New ‘One Stop Shop’ Officially Opened by Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf at Woodbridge Library. The event follows the completion of a project to install a new shared helpdesk where Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk Libraries now staff work alongside each other to provide a huge range of services to customers in the heart of the community.

The work began in February and was completed in April. It has also included the creation of a new private interview room and a quieter dedicated area for accessing computers and for reading or study. The changes have already been received positively by customers and staff and have created an improved layout in the centre of the library making it easier to hold future events.

Investment in the new facility supports our planned move from the current offices in Melton Hill to new, more cost efficient accommodation in Melton during autumn 2016.

The new-look facility is already getting very positive feedback from customers and staff. It looks good, is brighter, much more inviting and provides a much better layout. Importantly, the project was completed on schedule, under budget and we were able to keep the Library open, offering our services, while the work was carried out.

This investment allows us to provide better customer services to local people by dealing with more things at the first point of contact.

**Suffolk Better Broadband Update:** The joint Suffolk Better Broadband project has completed its first contract with BT and achieved over 85% fibre coverage for premises in Suffolk.

This first contract was completed ahead of target, over delivered, and was significantly underspent, which means we have more funding for the next round, which is now also well underway. This contract aims to move us to around 98% coverage by the end of 2019.

There is also a scheme open to anybody who currently gets less than 2Mbps. This offers a connection voucher for satellite and wireless operators, and is aimed at providing an interim solution whilst our fibre rollout progresses. Wireless broadband providers have been added to this scheme, as it means that the variety of options is increased for those who have to wait a little longer for fibre.

For more information, or to register as a provider on this scheme, please visit: [www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com](http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com)

**New website:** The new East Suffolk website, which replaces our old Suffolk Coastal and Waveney sites, is due to be launched shortly. It has a modern, cleaner look and feel – please have a look, if you haven't already, at: [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

This new site incorporates both Suffolk Coastal and Waveney websites onto one platform. It will be clearer and more accessible through smartphone devices and tablets. Importantly, local people should find it far easier to carry out transactions on-line, saving time or the need to call us.

## **New powers to tackle fly-tipping**

The Suffolk Waste Partnership is warning anyone thinking of dumping waste in the county that new powers came into force on 9<sup>th</sup> May that allow local authorities to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person found to have fly-tipped.

**Any person issued one of the new Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping would then have 14 days to comply by paying £200, which is reduced to £120 if paid within 10 days, though individual local authorities will have the power to fix the level of the penalty at up to £400.**

Failure to comply with the notice may result in prosecution proceedings, which in the event of a conviction by a Magistrates Court can result in a maximum fine of £50,000 and / or a prison sentence of 6 months being imposed, with Crown Courts able to impose even steeper penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine.

Householders also have a legal duty of care to ensure that their waste does not end up being fly-tipped and can be prosecuted and fined up to £5,000 if convicted by a Court for failing to fulfil this duty. So to stay safe, always carry out the following SCRAP checks when arranging for your rubbish to be removed by anyone other than your local district or borough council:

- **Suspect** - Beware of rogue waste carriers – reputable companies do not usually make direct approaches. If in any doubt as to whether someone is a legitimate waste carrier, do not allow them to take your waste.
- **Check** - Ask for their waste carrier registration details. You can verify them by visiting the online register at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or by calling 03708 506 506. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.
- **Refuse** – Any unsolicited offers to have any rubbish taken away. Always carry out your own research and choose who you wish to approach.
- **Ask questions** - Always ask what exactly is going to happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier who wants your business should not object to being asked reasonable questions.
- **Paperwork** - Make sure you get a proper receipt containing the written information for your waste. This should include what has been removed and where it will be going. Make sure the Company or tradesman's details are included.

If you see someone dumping rubbish, please report it to your local council along with any details that might help us to identify and trace those responsible, including the registration of any vehicle involved:

Suffolk Coastal District Council 01394 444000

**Suffolk Coastal District Council's new Chairman** is Councillor Mark Newton.

Cllr Newton, who represents the Tower Ward, which is within the Parish of Rushmere St Andrew, will be Chairman for the next 12 months, taking on the post from Cllr Susan Harvey.

He officially became the district's first citizen, when he was elected as Chairman of Suffolk Coastal District Council at its Annual Council meeting on Thursday, 26 May 2016.

Cllr Newton, who has lived in Rushmere St Andrew since 1981, was first elected to Suffolk Coastal Council in 2011. He is also a Rushmere St Andrew Parish Councillor.

Cllr Newton has served as chairman of Suffolk Coastal's Licensing Committee since May 2015, a role he has to step down from to take on his new duties. But he hopes to remain as a member of the Licensing Committee, which he has served on for five years.

### **Sport England - New strategy triples investment to tackle inactivity**

£250 million will be spent over four years as part of a new strategy to support grassroots sport.

More than one in four people in England do less than 30 minutes of physical activity a week. But research shows that those who do the least activity stand to benefit the most, even if it's just small changes like gentle jogging, swimming or playing rounders in the park

- Read the strategy: Towards an Active Nation on the Sport England Website; <http://www.sportengland.org/>

As well as continuing to support people who already play sport, there will be a much greater emphasis on groups who are typically much less active such as women, disabled people and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The strategy will help deliver against the five health, social and economic outcomes set out in the Government's Sporting Future strategy.

Key features of the new strategy are:

- Funding to get children and young people active from the age of five outside of the curriculum.
- Working with the sport sector to put customers at the heart of what they do, and using the principles of behaviour change to inform their work
- Piloting new ways of working locally by investing in up to 10 places in England – a mix of urban and rural areas
- Investing up to £30m in a new volunteering strategy, enabling more people to get the benefits of volunteering and attracting a new, more diverse range of volunteers
- Helping sport keep pace with the digital expectations of customers
- Working closely with governing bodies of sport and others who support people who already play regularly, to help them become more efficient, sustainable and diversify their sources of funding.

The approach to funding has been simplified reducing the number of investment programmes from more than 20 down to seven.

**Suffolk Coastal Business & Community Awards** – Just a reminder, the deadline for nomination for our prestigious Suffolk Coastal Business and Community Awards is the end of the month (30 June). There are thirteen awards designed to recognise the contributions, initiatives and successes of businesses, groups and individuals within the Suffolk Coastal District over the past 18 months.

The Business and Community Awards give local people a unique opportunity to celebrate what is great about Suffolk Coastal and to recognise those people who hard work and dedication makes this such a fantastic place to live and work. We all know businesses, clubs and individuals who just go that extra mile to make a difference in the community. Now is your chance to say ‘thank you’ by ensuring their commitment is recognised by nominating them for an award on [www.scbca.co.uk](http://www.scbca.co.uk)

Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf