

Good evening, Cllr Jones sends her apologies.

First of all thank you for another well run and poignant Remembrance Day Service. Secondly, thank you for the wonderful Fireworks held once again at Kings Field for the community.

Sizewell C Stage Two consultation

EDF Energy announced that the Stage 2 consultation for Sizewell C will run from 23 November 2016 to 3 February 2017.

Full details of EDF's exhibitions and their Statement of Community Consultation are available on the Sizewell C Project Website <http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/>

Exhibition schedule

Thursday 24 Nov 3 – 7pm

Sizewell Visitor Centre, Sizewell B, Leiston IP16 4UR

Friday 25 Nov 2 – 8pm

Theberton & Eastbridge Jubilee Hall, School House, Church Road, Theberton IP16 4SB

Saturday 26 Nov 10 – 4pm

Leiston Community Centre, King George's Avenue, Leiston IP16 4JX

Monday 28 Nov 11 – 3pm

Melton Ufford Park Hotel, Yarmouth Road, Melton IP12 1QW

Tuesday 29 Nov 11 – 3pm

Snape, The Concert Hall Café, Snape Maltings, Snape IP17 1SR

Tuesday 29 Nov 4 – 8pm

Westleton Village Hall, The Street, Westleton IP17 3AH

Wednesday 30 Nov 12 – 6pm

Aldeburgh Community Centre, Victoria Road, Kings Field, Aldeburgh IP15 5HY

Thursday 1 Dec 11 – 3pm

Wickham Market Village Hall, High Street, Wickham Market IP13 0HE

Friday 2 Dec 11 – 3pm

Saxmundham Market Hall, High Street, Saxmundham IP17 1AF

Saturday 3 Dec 10 – 4pm

Stratford St Andrew Riverside Centre, Great Glemham Road, Stratford St Andrew IP17 1LN

Monday 5 Dec 11 – 3pm

Rendlesham Community Centre, Walnut Tree Avenue, Rendlesham IP12 2GG

Monday 5 Dec 4 – 8pm

Lowestoft The Hotel Victoria, Kirkley Cliff Road, Lowestoft NR33 0BZ

Wednesday 7 Dec 11 – 3pm
Blythburgh Village Hall, London Road, Blythburgh IP19 9LQ

Wednesday 7 Dec 4 – 8pm
Southwold St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Road, Southwold IP18 6JP

Thursday 8 Dec 2 – 8pm
Darsham High Lodge, Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham IP17 3QT

Friday 9 Dec 11 – 3pm
Ipswich Town Hall, Cornhill, Ipswich IP1 1DH

Monday 12 Dec 11 – 3pm
Marlesford Village Hall, Church Road, Marlesford IP13 0AT

Tuesday 13 Dec 11 – 3pm
Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road, Woodbridge IP12 4AU

Wednesday 14 Dec 11 – 3pm
Middleton Village Hall, Mill Street, Middleton IP17 3NG

Thursday 15 Dec 11 – 3pm
Halesworth, The Rifle Hall, London Road, Halesworth IP19 8LW

Monday 12 December 4 – 8pm
Campsea Ashe, Victory Hall, Ash Road, Campsea Ashe IP13 0PX

Monday 19 December 2 – 8pm
Yoxford, Village Hall, Old High Road, Yoxford IP17 3EP

EDF Energy will also be hosting an exhibition in Hacheston. This will be advertised in the local area once timing and venue is confirmed.

Council invests in car park improvements

Suffolk Coastal has announced plans to improve two of its car parks; Melton Riverside and Thorpe Road in Aldeburgh.

The work to Melton Riverside Car Park next to Melton Railway Station will involve doing a general clean-up of the parking and picnic area and some realignment of the parking area to create an additional 20 car parking spaces. The car park surface will then be re-dressed, increasing the total number of parking spaces to 50.

Work to this car park will be completed by Kier Construction and is due to start 26 November and is estimated to be completed by 13 January 2017, during this time the car park will be closed.

Once the work to this car park is completed, the Council hopes it will provide better access for regular users of the Country Park. The additional benefit of this work is that the refurbished car park will provide extra parking for those using the nearby facilities at the station and new

district council offices, providing additional public parking at times of peak demand such as major planning meetings.

The work to Thorpe Road car park involves improving the drainage of the site and surface of the car park. The tarmac surface at the entrance of the car park will be increased to prevent standing water and the area will be given a new shingle surface to help the area drain more effectively.

The work to the car park is planned to start on 16 January and be completed in time for Easter.

Once the works have been completed, both car parks will receive ongoing maintenance by Suffolk Coastal Norse.

We have planned the works to both car parks to take place during the autumn and winter months to reduce the impact on our residents and visitors and aim to keep people informed throughout the process.

International Fraud Awareness Week

International Fraud Awareness Week started on Sunday (13 November) and three councils in Suffolk are highlighting their efforts to combat fraud and make it easier for both staff and public to report criminal behaviour.

Cyber fraud is a relatively new phenomenon but traditional methods of fraud are continuing and Ipswich Borough, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are reminding everyone to be aware.

Under the banner “I Won’t Stand For Fraud”, the councils are urging everyone to be vigilant and to act if they suspect fraud is being committed.

Fraud can come in many guises:

- Do you suspect a tenant is sub-letting part or all of their home?
- Do you feel you should re-check a suspicious application form?
- Do you know of a business that could be involved in fraud?

It’s important that everyone is aware of the problem of fraud as it affects all aspects of society. By developing a stronger, more collaborative approach we aim to encourage the public to become more confident in reporting fraud and to share issues of fraud easier to protect the public against scams in the future.

A zero tolerance approach to fraud. Our dedicated fraud hotline makes it easier for members of the public to report issues in confidence and we hope that in doing so we can build a stronger defence against fraudsters and dedicate more resources to combat fraud at its source.”

To report fraud in east Suffolk, call the hotline on: 01394 444 444 or email: fraud@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Annual Forum looks towards the future of east Suffolk

The East Suffolk Partnership’s annual Forum celebrated its biggest Forum to date on the 11th November at the Trinity Park Conference Centre. The theme of this year’s conference was ‘the future of east Suffolk’ and attracted a wide variety of delegates from local businesses, Town and Parish councils, voluntary organisations, health services, the police, local councils, and education. The event focussed on providing a ‘time out’ from our continually changing world to look towards the future of east Suffolk and posed to delegates how to take advantage of the emerging opportunities and challenges.

The aim of the conference is to help build better partnership working in east Suffolk, allowing the delegates the opportunity to meet members of the East Suffolk Partnership Board and hear about progress in developing a collaborative approach to working across east Suffolk. Once again, the events will be supported by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and the East of England LGA.

The decision to focus on ‘the future of east Suffolk’ this year was because the event comes at a really significant time for us all, as we are increasingly seeking to collaborate in our delivery of local activities and services at all levels. This is particularly pertinent for Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils, who are seeking to create a new ‘super district’ council for east Suffolk.

The key note speakers for this year’s forum were Stephen Baker, Chief Executive of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils, Stephen Javes, Chief Executive of Orwell Housing and Chairman of Community Action Suffolk, and Roger Wright, Chief Executive of Aldeburgh Music who spoke about their vision for the future of east Suffolk.

Test your smoke alarm today

Residents in east Suffolk are being urged to test their smoke alarms today and then once per month.

According to recent research, only 28% of all UK households who own a smoke alarm test it on a regular basis. Having a working smoke alarm in your home gives you valuable time to get out of your home in the event of a fire.

There were 229 fire-related deaths in the home last year and it is hoped that encouraging people to test their smoke alarms now and then monthly could prevent more deaths.

To help keep you and your loved ones safe:

- Test your smoke alarm(s) today.
- Make sure you fit smoke alarms on each level of your home and test them monthly – even if they're wired into the mains.
- Never remove the battery in your smoke alarm unless you are replacing it.
- Plan and practise an escape route and make sure everyone in your home knows the plan.
- If you know of friends, family or neighbours who are unable to test their smoke alarms themselves, test it for them.

If you're a private landlord, you must fit at least one smoke alarm on each floor of the property you rent out. You must also fit a carbon monoxide alarm in any room with a solid fuel burner (eg a wood or coal-burning fireplace).

- You can be fined up to £5,000 if you fail to fit the required alarms.
- You must test every alarm at the start of a new tenancy.
- You can download the fire safety regulations for landlords at:

http://www.cieh.org/uploadedFiles/Core/Policy/Publications_and_information_services/Policy_publications/Publications/National_fire_safety_guidance_08.pdf

If you are a tenant in rented accommodation, your landlord is responsible for ensuring that there are working smoke alarms on every level of your home at the start of your tenancy. However, you are responsible (www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/475170/Fire-Safety-in-Shared-or-Rented-Accommodation.pdf) for testing your alarms monthly and replacing the batteries where necessary.

In the event of a fire, get out, stay out and call 999.

Visit www.gov.uk/firekills for more information.

Getting your recycling right. A campaign is being launched on the 31.10.16 by the Suffolk Waste Partnership to highlight the importance of people getting their recycling right.

As part of the campaign, a leaflet is being sent out to every household in Suffolk to highlight what can and can't go in your recycling bin:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste/Sorting-Your-Rubbish-wdc/Getting-Recycling-Right.pdf>

In Suffolk more than half of our household waste is recycled, but contamination levels have been rising as people increasingly put unsuitable items in their kerbside recycling bins. These items are potentially dangerous, can have a negative impact on the environment and ultimately cost the taxpayer extra money to clean up.

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. This facility is designed to only accept and process certain materials. If the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.

To ensure the correct items are put into their recycling bins, residents across the county are being asked to remember the following points to combat contamination:

- **Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the recycling bin**, either bagged or loose. Instead people are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops, or to take it to their nearest recycling banks.
- **Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled** as these items fall through the sorting process. However, bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on.
- **Aluminium foil needs to be rolled into a tennis ball-sized ball** before being placed in the recycling bin.
- Food waste, glass, electrical items, and batteries are just some of the common contaminants found. These items can't go in your recycling bin at home but they can be recycled elsewhere. Information on where they can be recycled are in the leaflet and online.

- Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. These must always go in the rubbish bin.

Cllr Clive Arthey, chairman of the Suffolk Waste Partnership, said:

“While it is great that we are recycling more than half of our household waste here in Suffolk, this campaign will hopefully help us improve the quality of Suffolk’s recyclable material and save taxpayers money.

“For example, 1,500 nappies are picked by hand from people’s recycling every day. This is a horrible job and spoils the other recyclables, costing both time and money to sort out. If you follow the advice in the leaflet and on our website and only put the correct items in your recycling bin, we can improve the quality of recyclables going to the MRF and will be able to recycle even more.

“Textiles and items of clothing are no longer being accepted in the recycling bins and we would ask people to take unwanted textiles to a charity shop, a recycling bank or their nearest Recycling Centre.”

More information on recycling can be found at www.suffolkrecycle.info.

Merger consultation – A recent independent survey of 1,000 residents in the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney districts in October shows that a clear majority of people are in favour of a new council for east Suffolk.

The survey conducted by ComRes asked people a number of questions about the proposals. Four out of five respondents (78%) expressed a favourable or neutral view about the proposals and of those who “don’t know” (20%), the majority then expressed a favourable view when provided with more information about the plans.

Now we’re asking everyone in the two districts to tell us what they think, as part of an engagement campaign running until Monday 12 December. Please encourage your residents to have their say by emailing: merger@eastssuffolk.gov.uk

Better Broadband – The Better Broadband scheme has now extended its offer to people who currently get less than 2Mbps in their property and there are no other means of getting higher speeds.

As an alternative to an interim basic broadband service provided by satellite, residents and businesses may be eligible for a voucher to help

with the connection cost of an interim wireless broadband service from an Approved Supplier.

Please can you remind residents of the free voucher that is being extended to wireless systems.

For more information and to complete an application form, there is a page dedicated to people with current broadband speeds of less than 2Mbs. visit: www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com

If you have any queries on the Scheme, email: broadband@suffolk.gov.uk

Canvassers Calling - Please make residents aware that official canvassers are now calling at homes in Suffolk Coastal where people have not yet responded to their annual voter registration form.

The forms were sent to all Suffolk Coastal households earlier this year. Residents are legally required to confirm or update the details of anyone at the address who is eligible to vote in the UK to ensure they are registered to vote for future elections.

Over 82% of households have now responded to the annual voter registration forms. Any household which has not yet responded will be visited by an approved Suffolk Coastal canvasser, between 17 October and 25 November.

All canvassers will carry identification and will be trialling iPads to record the information for the first time. Suffolk Police and Suffolk Coastal's Customer Services will have a list of approved canvassers. Anyone concerned about the identity of a canvasser can contact Suffolk Coastal Customer Services on: 01394 383789.

Canvassers will never ask residents for money, and anyone claiming to be a canvasser who is asking for money should be reported to Suffolk Police by calling 101.

Residents are still able to respond to their form themselves, which will remove the need for a visit from a canvasser. The simplest way to respond is online, by text or by calling the free-phone number. - Go to www.elecreg.co.uk/suffolkcoastal

- Call free-phone 0808 284 1563

- Text 07537 410063

Community Call to Action - A brand new grant fund, targeting community health and wellbeing initiatives has been set up by Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils. The 'Community Call to Action' programme is the first joint funding pot managed by the two councils in partnership and provides an opportunity for local community groups and voluntary sector organisations to apply for a share of £125,000, with £62,500 available within each District Council area.

The funding has been made available by the Public Health and Protection team at Suffolk County Council and focuses on five key areas: mental health, dementia, carers support, social isolation and loneliness, and encouraging people to be fit and active.

Applications are now open and the deadline is midday on 30 November. Anyone interested in learning more should contact the Funding & Community Development Officer on 01394 444 720 or via email to grants@eastssuffolk.gov.uk.

Suffolk Coastal communities urged to apply for funding

Suffolk Coastal District Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new grant programme and is inviting organisations to apply.

The Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme is looking to assist community initiatives with grant funding to deliver new 'flagship' projects that will have a significant impact on communities and tackle need in a sustainable way. Voluntary and community organisations can apply for grant assistance between £1,000 and £10,000 to help a specific project or activity across our communities at a ward or across multiple wards that need more funding than is available through the Enabling Communities Budgets.

To be eligible for funding, the project must be supported by the relevant Ward Councillor or the relevant Cabinet Member(s). The Exemplar Programme has no set deadlines, so you can apply at any time and a decision will be made within 8 weeks of Council Officers receiving your complete application.

There has been £132,000 of funding set aside to fund projects through this programme, which can be spent on costs to fund a new community project or help fund new community capital projects, please check grant criteria before applying.

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Cabinet Member for Customers, Communities and Leisure, said: "Suffolk Coastal is committed to supporting local communities and the Enabling Communities Exemplar Programme will help enable communities to be more resilient and stronger. The fund has been designed to be accessible, responsive to community need and more aligned with the Enabling Communities Budgets and contribute towards Council's Enabling Communities Strategy and Business Plan.

We've worked hard to make sure this new funding makes it easier for groups to apply for. So if you are part of a community organisation and have ideas that can make a difference in your local community, please get in touch."

Or email grants@eastssuffolk.gov.uk or call 01394 444721.

Local Plan Modification: Local people are also being asked to comment on a series of Main Modifications to the Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document and the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan, which were identified following public hearing sessions held in August and September.

The Main Modifications are intended to address issues of legal compliance and/or soundness within the documents and are being published for a six week period of public consultation until Monday 28 November 2016.

The Main Modifications Consultation is the next stage in the production of the Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document and the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan.

Further information can be found on our website:
www.eastssuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/site-allocations-and-area-specific-policies/main-modifications-consultation

Or you can contact the Planning Policy Team on:
suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk or 01394 444558 / 444761.

Best is Britain: Congratulations to both Felixstowe and Wickham Market on being voted in the top five in their categories in the annual Great British High Street competition.

Best Wishes to Arthur: We are sure you will all join with me in sending best wishes to Arthur Charvonia on being selected as the preferred

candidate to become the next Joint Chief Executive of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

New Cabinet Member Appointed

Suffolk Coastal District Council has welcomed a new face to its Cabinet.

Cllr Stuart Lawson is to join Cabinet, taking over the portfolio for Resources, Suffolk Coastal's Leader, Cllr Ray Herring, announced at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, 1 November, 2016.

This increases the total number of Cabinet Members from eight to nine.

Cllr Herring explained: "We are entering an incredibly busy period, with many major projects such as mergers, devolution, new office accommodation and possible Sizewell C consultation all on the horizon,

This is an opportune time to bring on board a new Cabinet Member and increase the size of our Cabinet team. Stuart has a background in project management and brings with him a wealth of valuable experience, as well as plenty of energy and a new way of looking at issues.

It also allows me to reduce the workload of Andy Smith, who has suffered from some recent health issues, while still keeping his expertise and commitment at the heart of Cabinet."

Cllr Lawson is a Conservative and represents the Kesgrave West ward. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Enabling Communities Task Group and a Kesgrave Town Councillor. He sits on the Licensing and Health Committee, Policy Development Task Group and Enabling Communities Task Group.

Responsibility for Economic Development is transferred from Cllr Andy Smith to Deputy Leader, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (who previously held the Resources portfolio). Cllr Smith retains responsibility for Coastal Management.

Women on Wheels!

Many thanks to those that came along to take part. TJ had a lovely day meeting new people and supporting the Suffolk Royal British Legion. Women on Wheels went to Rendlesham on Sunday 30 October – to encourage more women and girls to get on their bikes to have some fun

and raise money for the Suffolk Royal British Legion! (men took part and supported too)

Their rides for WOW are very much aimed at non-cyclists and existing cyclists alike, with routes of an achievable distance, and are open to all ages.

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf said: “Women on Wheels is the perfect opportunity for girls and women of all ages to get together and have fun while importantly raising money for the Suffolk Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is a great event which we hope will encourage girls to get back into cycling – we’re not looking for Olympic athletes, but women who maybe haven’t been on their bike since school. You haven’t got the excuse of saying you haven’t got a bike – as we can loan you one on the day!”

Councils to decide on devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk

SCDC Full Council Meeting on the 28.11.16.

Local councils are to decide on devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk.

Over the next two weeks, 12 councils across Norfolk and Suffolk and the New Anglia LEP will be asked to formally agree to become part of a Mayoral Combined authority for the two counties.

Councils and the LEP will be asked to agree to a draft order for approval by Parliament which covers the powers that Government is proposing to transfer to a Norfolk/Suffolk Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) and how it would take its decisions. Leaders have been clear that the key decisions such as on how to spend the £750m investment fund and £130m housing fund and requests for additional powers from government must be supported by all the members of MCA.

- Draft Norfolk & Suffolk Combined Authority Order

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Your-Council/Devolution/NSCA-order-summary.pdf>

The draft order was produced after the Secretary of State (SoS) for Communities and Local Government had considered a summary of the more than 10,000 responses to the consultation carried out during July and August. The SoS recognised the local support for Devolution and was satisfied that creating a Mayoral Combined Authority for Norfolk and Suffolk would improve outcomes for local communities.

The majority of consultation responses, 6080, were received via a telephone

survey carried out by Ipsos-Mori. The survey gained views from a cross section of people, reflecting the population of the two counties and highlighted strong support for more decisions to be taken locally across a range of issues. There was also majority support for setting up a MCA.

The same survey was also available via the Devolution and council websites with around 2900 people responding. Whilst there was less support for a MCA via this channel there was majority support for more decisions to be taken locally.

250 businesses of various sizes across the two counties were also surveyed by Mori and also showed clear support for more decisions to be taken locally by a MCA.

Andy Wood, Independent Chair of the Leaders Group said:

“Communities have told us that they want more decisions that affect them taken locally rather than by central government. Devolution would deliver exactly that - improving people’s lives and the places in which they live. The Secretary of State has confirmed the Government’s commitment to Devolution for Norfolk and Suffolk – locally, we must now seize this once in a lifetime opportunity.

There have been some concerns about those areas of Norfolk who would currently not be covered by the Combined Authority. The Secretary of State has been clear that once the Combined Authority has been formally established the four areas would be very welcome to apply to join, should they so wish.

It is also important to be clear that only if all the councils agree the draft order will devolution for the two counties proceed. In early September a strong message was sent to the North East where some councils voted against their proposed Devolution deal, which saw Government promptly withdraw the deal. The Secretary of State has clearly stated that this is one of the most ambitious devolution deals in the country. He has been equally as clear that if we don’t agree the deal the funding on offer will be spent elsewhere in the country, where Devolution plans are agreed. We must not allow more than £1bn of funding slip through our fingers.”

Key elements of the Norfolk/Suffolk deal are:

- £25m funding each year for the next 30 years (£750m) to support economic growth, development of local infrastructure and jobs (this would increase the local economy to £43bn and create 95,000 jobs by 2026)
- £130m investment over five years to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk
- Over the lifetime of the deal around 200,000 homes could be delivered
- Control of a £225m transport budget for the next four years
- Control of an existing c£20m annual adult skills fund to ensure the training offer matches the needs of local businesses and the local labour market
- Control of an existing c£2m annual Apprenticeship Grant for employers

If all councils and the LEP approve the draft order a Combined Authority would be established from 1 March 2017 with Mayoral elections taking place on 4 May 2017.

Lastly

The Great British Spring Clean, March 3rd-5th, 2017

Keep Britain Tidy would love to have the support of elected members from across your authority in the first of our national Great British Spring Cleans, which will be taking place across the long weekend of March 3rd - 5th, 2017.

Earlier this year, as part of Clean for The Queen, local authorities across the country helped us to inspire a quarter of a million people to get outdoors and clean up their local neighbourhoods.

Next year, we're aiming higher. We want to get 500,000 people outdoors and active in their communities clearing up litter and we hope our new campaign title inspires many more people to participate.

Once again, litter charities across the country have come together in support of this campaign and we are putting together an impressive group of supporting organisations drawn from the private, public and charity sectors

Naturally, we'd love to have support from you and other elected members in making this event truly spectacular.

Once again a number of resources will shortly be available for you to use and the website www.greatbritishspringclean.org will be launched publicly in early November.

We've also written to your Chief Executive's office, seeking support from the relevant community based teams on the ground. But it'd be great if you could indicate your support for the campaign, as we encourage as many elected members as possible to take part and of course promote the campaign to their own constituents.

If you can indicate your willingness to support the campaign by replying to torichard.mcilwain@keepbritaintidy.org, we'll be back in touch shortly with more details.

As always please get in touch if we can be of assistance.

TJ & Maureen

(Brickdocks – under ATC planning update?)

