

Agenda Item 262 Dispensations

If there is an item on this agenda for which you have a pecuniary interest you will not be able to take part in any of the discussion or vote on a resolution. However, if you wish the council to consider your request for dispensation you need to **write to the Clerk ahead of the meeting** stating your reasons on why you should be given a dispensation.

Agenda Item 265 Emails Circulated

If there is an email that I have circulated which is not included on the agenda and you consider it should be discussed, please raise the item at this point.

Agenda Item 266 Clerk's Report

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
20/240	Awaiting T&C's for RoSPA's post installation inspection from All Play Solutions.	
20/245	Minutes sent to Newsletter and updated on website.	✓
20/246	Applications made for SCC and BDC Locality Grants.	✓
20/249 b	Payments made to suppliers, individuals and organisations.	✓
20/250	Planning response sent to Babergh.	✓
20/249 b	Donation made to Poppy Appeal.	✓
	Clerk's Delegated Power	
	Nothing to report since last meeting.	
	Clerk Hours	
	Up until 1st November 2020 - 419.25 hours worked / 405 hours paid.	

Associated Papers NPC Meeting on 11th November 2020

Agenda Item 267a RFO Report

Receipts & Payments

Date	Details	Cheque	Power	Receipts	Payments
07/09/20	Bank Interest	BS1		1.54	0.00
14/10/20	RBL Poppy Appeal - Donation	101256	Localism Act 2011 ss 1 to 8	0.00	100.00
07/09/20	Bank Interest	BS1		7.86	0.00

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Unpresented Cheques	Credits not shown	Difference
Community	30/09/20	£100.00				
Premium Accounts	30/09/20	£48,672.66	£56,975.00	£3,593.10	£11,795.44	£0.00
Tracker Account	30/09/20	£1,164.96	£1,164.96	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		£49,937.62	£58,139.96	£3,593.10	£11,795.44	

Actual v's Budget

	Budget	Actual		Reserves	Budget	Actual
Assets B/F		£52,445.88				
Income			Expenditure			
Precept	£10,258.00	£10,258.00	Clerks Salary		£11,556.40	£7,017.70
Grants	£0.00	£4,505.00	Admin		£1,900.00	£509.54
Recycling	£400.00	£760.62	Donations		£800.00	£300.00
CIL / Other	£5,000.00	£18,421.87	Annual Subscriptions		£602.00	£260.87
Bank Interest	£25.00	£26.59	Footpath Maintenance		£300.00	£0.00
VAT Repayment	£0.00	£1,419.14	Insurance		£320.00	£331.40
			Inspection		£380.00	£380.00
			Maintenance		£2,000.00	£297.29
			Projects		£1,400.00	£16,051.40
			CIL / Other	£24,448.12	£4,000.00	£0.00
			Village Hall		£165.00	£0.00
			VAT Paid		£0.00	£3,950.38
			Contingency		£500.00	£0.00
			NNP	£5,505.00	£0.00	£598.56
Total	£15,683.00	£35,391.22	Total	£29,953.12	£23,923.40	£29,697.14
			Assets Carried Forward			£58,139.96
Total		£87,837.10	Total			£87,837.10

Agenda Item 268e Planning Status

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	BDC Response
APP/D3505/W/20/3252989	Appeal against refusal of DC/20/00019 Woodean, Links View - Erection of 1no. dwelling and creation of vehicular access.	20/209c	Now object to the original planning application.	Appeal Dismissed 02/11/2020
DC/20/03337	Site Of Former Red House Farm, Sudbury Road - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission DC/18/00190 (to facilitate changes to house types, interior accommodation and other minor changes).	20/232a	Support	
DC/20/03810	Perrywood Garden Centre, Newton Road - Erection of a new garden centre building (Use Class A1) including restaurant, enclosed and open canopies and outdoor sales area. Erection of a glasshouse and store. Partial demolition of and erection of an extension to the existing garden centre building (to be used for Use Classes A1 and B1). Erection of a replacement potting shed. External alterations of the existing barn. Erection of electricity sub-stations and an electricity distribution building. Provision of landscaping, car parking areas, wildlife area and outdoor events space.	20/250a	Support	
DC/20/03914	Marks Meadow, Rectory Road - Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval DC/20/00859 (Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered all other matters reserved) - Erection of 3no. dwellings with garages and creation of new access) - Phased development details for Landscaping, Design and Scale for Plot 1 only.	20/250b	Support	
DC/20/03968	Valley Farm, Valley Road - Application for Listed Building Consent - Alteration to existing vehicular access and demolition of front wall, installation of hard surfaced driveways, patio areas and boundary treatments as detailed in the Design and Access Statement and accompanying plans.	20/250c	Support	
DC/20/04179	Hills Barn, Sudbury Road - Erection of a single-storey detached cartlodge.	20/250d	Support	
DC/20/04199	Buckledee Cottage, Assington Road - Erection of single storey rear conservatory extension.	20/250e	Support	

Agenda Item 272 SCC Boundary Review

Draft response to the consultation is as follows:

“The Commission proposes to reduce the number of Councillors in Suffolk from 75 to 70.

However, the predicted growth of the population means that councillors’ workloads will be increasing. In that light, we feel it would have made more sense to increase or maintain the number of councillors in Suffolk rather than decreasing it.

We also have concerns over the quantity of parishes within each division and the workload that will entail. Although the make-up of rural divisions has always differed from urban ones, the difference is now even more marked as divisions have increased in size. The proposed division of Cosford, for example, holds 20 parishes. We question how a councillor can effectively do the workload pertaining to 20 different parishes, including attending 20 meetings, when a councillor in Great Cornard (for example) need only concern themselves with one.

The geographical distance between villages in some divisions is also of concern, for example in the proposed division of Clare the distance between Wixoe in the south west and Bradfield St George in the north east is 21 miles. If we return to the pre-Covid system of face-to-face meetings we pity the poor councillor who has to drive for 40 minutes between the two to attend meetings scheduled on the same evening.

In other proposed divisions the collection of parishes does not always complement each other. The proposed division of Constable is one example: villages such as Wissington in the west are not natural neighbours to villages such as Bentley and others east of the A12; they have little in common geographically or historically.

The draft recommendation for Newton is that it falls within the electoral division of Stour Valley; this is satisfactory to Newton Parish Council as it sits comfortably with other parishes within that division (Assington, Leavenheath, Bures St Mary, Great Waldingfield, Little Cornard, Acton and Chilton).”

(See proposed boundaries at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18495>)

Agenda Item 273 Assets

Tree

Awaiting a response from the Trust on paying for a replacement tree.

Village Sign

As reported, Tony Langley has inspected the Village Sign and due to the rotten wood is unable to refurbish the sign.

Bus Shelter at Links View

Following discussions with SCC's Transport Development Manager for Passenger Transport, Simon Barnett, the following points have been established for the replacement of the bus shelter by Links View:

- There is no funding available from Simon's budget towards the costs of replacing the bus shelter. However, James Finch is prepared to offer £1,000 of his Locality Budget towards the scheme. NPC has also applied for a £500 Locality Awards from Lee Parker's budget.
- The existing bus shelter is 3.25 metres by 1.40 metres with the concrete foundation approximately the same dimensions. Until the existing bus shelter is removed, there is no way in ascertaining the condition of the concrete foundation of the shelter which is probably 40 years old. It is worth noting that the old foundation is raised above the pavement so there will be disabled access considerations in incorporating this into a new bus shelter.



- Simon has suggested that the new shelter could be:
 - located closer to the A134 with a path from the pavement to the new location or
 - providing a path from the existing location to the kerb

Both of these options will stop the practice of passengers walking on the road in Links View to avoid walking over wet grass to access and exit the bus. These options will require the permission of the Newton Green Trust.

- There are a number of wooden bus shelter options from SCC's preferred supplier Littlethorpe (<https://www.bus-shelters.co.uk/>) but as a pricing comparison should you choose the Great Leigh shelter (2.48 metres by 1.28 metres), which is the one installed opposite the Saracens, the price will be £6,980 plus delivery of approximately £650 not including installation. The shelter opposite the Saracens was manufactured by Littlethorpe and has not had any maintenance issues to date. Elsewhere in Suffolk, Simon estimates the longevity of their bus shelters is at least 20 years.



Great Leigh bus shelter

- If SCC are commissioned to undertake the project on NPC's behalf they have indicated for budgetary purposes that £6,000 would cover the removal of the old shelter, making good old base or constructing a new one plus link path to the kerb, and installation of bus shelter.
- Total budgetary costs at this point, without any detailed investigation of the site(s), are:
 - Bus Shelter £7,630
 - Foundations and installation £6,000.
- With £1,500 likely to be received from our county and district councillors Locality Budgets, NPC has an Earmarked Reserve of £12,000 for Asset Replacement.

The next stage of the process will be to firm up on the costs of the project by specifying what option(s) you want considered for the quotation.