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MINUTES

of the BRADFIELD COMBUST with STANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2021

This meeting was held by virtue of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

These Regulations came into force 4th April 2020 UK Statutory Instruments 2020 No. 392 PART 2 Regulation 5

Present:

Cllr D Staff Chairman

Cllr A Langan Vice Chairman

Cllr C Mears

Cllr K Bell

Cllr C Walters

Cllr M Grimmer

In attendance:

C/Cllr Soons

Nicola Glading, parish clerk

One member of the public

2021/155	RECORDING OF MEETING	
a.	Clerk will record the meeting for the minutes	
2021/156	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	a) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Veal and D/Cllr S Mildmay-White (attempted attendance but Zoom connection failed, thought to be caused by District Council block) b) The Councillors consented to accept the apologies received	
2021/157	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
b.	None	
2021/158	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
	A resident told the Councillors of the severe flooding that he and his wife have been experiencing at 1 to 6 Bury Road, Stanningfield, IP29 4RS. The ditch outside their property overflows, flooding the garden, it is thought that Highways own the ditch. There is a restriction underground preventing water from draining away. Cllrs Staff and Mears have followed the ditch round, an expert opinion is required: there was a problem in 2015 when the area was sandbagged, A camera survey down the pipe would be useful; additionally, it is not known when the pipe was last jetted, the resident has seen a lot of stones going down.	

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	<p>Does the water go into a pipe that is too small? Need to understand and mitigate.</p> <p>Have SCC Highways included in their calculations and grid references the measurements and observations from the “Our Water Community Survey” that was undertaken by Miles Orupp, Ben Locksmith (SCC Flood & Water Management, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure) and BC&S Councillors in 2019?</p> <p>Cllr Soons asked if there was anything that can be done from a SCC perspective: Clerk to send the Survey results.</p> <p>One theory is that the problem is under the pub car park, but this can only be ascertained by expert advice / action from Suffolk County Council: it is far beyond the skills or budget of the parish Council. Cllr Soons confirmed that five homes need to be internally flooded (including integral garage) before a camera survey is triggered. This is not the case at Stanningfield, but the situation is urgent and Cllr Soons will ask if reactionary jetting can be done: it may be prudent to wait until the water recedes somewhat</p> <p>Cllr Mears and the resident will take photos and send a map/ diagram, clerk to send onto Cllr Soons</p>	<p>Survey summary sent to Cllr Soons 16th February 2021</p> <p>Appendix 1: Photos from resident received by clerk 22nd February and sent to Cllr Soons 23rd February 2021</p>
2021/159	UPDATES FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	
a.	<p><u>Update from C/Cllr K Soons</u> (report previously emailed to all councillors)</p> <p>If anyone has had a letter and needs help with transport, contact Cllr Soons.</p> <p>Cllr Mears confirmed that the Locality budget application for the Village Hall improvements was submitted on 9th February 2021.</p> <p>There was interest in the application for the installation of electric charging points (one in Bradfield Combust, one in Stanningfield) as described in Cllr Soons report. Cllr Soons will email Richard Rout to find out if funds for 2 are permitted.</p>	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Cllr K Soons</p>
b.	<p><u>Update from D/Cllr S Mildmay-White</u> (sent to councillors 15th February 2021)</p> <p><u>D/Cllr S Mildmay-White</u> is happy to receive any queries by phone or email as she cannot attend (Zoom is a problem)</p>	Appendix 3
2021/160	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020	
a.	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 rd November 2020 were unanimously APPROVED . It was further AGREED that the Chair could sign the minutes outside of the meeting.	
b.	Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: none	
2021/161	MATTERS RELATING TO STANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL	

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a.	<p>Cllr Staff gave an update on the progress of the kitchen/ bar area improvement project at Stanningfield Village Hall and confirmation of the appointment of an electrical inspection contractor (requirement of insurers, 5 yearly commitment)</p> <p>The Hall floor is done.</p> <p>The Kitchen is coming along fine.</p> <p>The Bar area has been stripped and redecorated.</p> <p>NOTED: The appointment of an electrical inspection contractor to inspect the premises was confirmed by Cllr Staff (requirement of insurers, 5 yearly commitment); this inspection and certification is imminent</p>	
2021/162	MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS, STANNINGFIELD	
a.	<p>Update on allotment renewals.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Spring inspection of cultivation: it is thought that all plots are under cultivation.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) The clerk asked if a further allotment could be created: there is plenty of space, but it transpires that Mr Allison, having advised of his intention to quit in in September, may be willing to give up his plot earlier. Cllr Grimmer will enquire. Decision deferred.</p>	Cllr Grimmer
2021/163	MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREENS	
a.	<p><u>Unmade road surrounding Stanningfield Green:</u> Cllr Mears and Cllr Staff volunteered to visit the resident who has left heavy tyre tracks to highlight the Councillors concern.</p> <p>At the moment, there do not appear to be any other problems</p>	
2021/164	MATTERS RELATING TO FLOODING	
a.	<p>The clerk reported speaking to Richard Porter, SCC Highways</p> <p>Bury Road flooding: work is schedule but will need to be when dryer, as son as the water level drops. Jet the pipe that goes under the road.</p> <p>Farmers are no longer paid a subsidy to clear gulleys etc, there is now an SCC enforcement team whose responsibility it is to oversee gully clearing.</p> <p>Bury Road/ Old Lane flooding: C/ Cllr Soons had recently (9th February) sent an email from Matthew Fox, SCC , Community Liaison Engineer confirming the work is scheduled for jetting, monitoring and the sending of ditch notices to the relevant landowners.</p>	Appendix 4
2021/165	MATTERS RELATING TO STREET SIGNAGE and FURNITURE	
a.	Update: renovation and usage of the red phone box at Stanningfield (Cllr Veal was not present) Deferred	
b.	Update: Replacement of sign denoting the Stanningfield boundary This sign is missing. Suffolk County Council replaced it 3 years ago. Deferred	

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	<p>Information from SCC Highways on outstanding work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donkey Lane reflective bollards: these are not replaced unless denoting a hazard 2. Chapel Road pothole: Work has been ordered 3. Hoggards Green: Repeater sign being replaced (8 weeks production time pre COVID) 4. Pothole on Main Road opposite the engineering works: Work will be done soon 	
2021/166	MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY	
a.	<p><u>Update on Report of blockage by effluent at Little Saxes Farm</u> and subsequent response from landowner</p> <p>15.02.2021 Environmental Health Team have emailed to confirm that the situation will be followed up.</p> <p>Clerk to follow up the latest issue with Environmental Health and PRoW Teams</p> <p>Cllr Staff will take more photos</p>	<p>Appendix 5 Clerk sent Emails to EH and PRoW 02.03.2021</p> <p>Cllr Staff</p>
2021/166	MATTERS RELATING TO THE PLAY AREA STANNINGFIELD	
a.	The West Suffolk District Council SLA regarding the play inspection regime was discussed. It was AGREED to sign, clerk to progress.	
b.	Confirmation that COVID Restrictions are being adhered to by the public: The notice is in situ because two members of the public demanded that the playground was re-opened. Whilst it would seem that the regulations are being adhered to, it is not within the council's power or budget to monitor the site 24/7 and BC&S councillors can only assume that users are taking heed of the sign.	
c.	The Play Area Inspection report had been circulated and NOTED Next agenda: expenditure on additional items for the play area Given the lack of required regulatory space, it is prudent to discuss cancelling plans for further equipment	
2021/167	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING	
a.	<p>The application No. DC/21/0031/HH was discussed.</p> <p>(Re-Consultation) Consultation Period Expired 9 February 2021 (extension from Planning Officer granted to 19th February)</p> <p>Sent to Councillors 19.01.2021 - two storey side extension to form annexe Location: Stone Cottage , 2 The Street, Bradfield Combust, IP30</p> <p>OLP Applicant: Lois Wallbridge</p> <p>Councillors AGREED on NO OBJECTION (unanimous)</p>	<p>Response sent to WSDC planning officer A Yancy 17.02.2021</p>
b.	<p>NOTED: consensus of opinion on application No. NMA(A)/17/1248</p> <p>Consultation Expiry: 25 January 2021, sent to Councillors 04.01.2021</p> <p>Proposal: Nonmaterial amendment to DC/17/1248/HH -the change/ we wish to apply for is a colour choice of 'Iron Grey' to the</p>	

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	external cladding of the extension Location: Old School House, The Street, Bradfield Combust, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk Councillors AGREED on NO OBJECTION (by email consensus)																													
2021/168	GOVERNANCE: REVIEW OF POLICIES and PROCEDURES	Cllr Bell had left the meeting																												
a.	BC & S Standing Orders were reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
b.	BC & S Financial Regulations were reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
c.	BC & S Data Protection Policy was reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
d.	BC & S Media Policy was reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
e.	BC & S Internal Controls were reviewed and APPROVED Cllr M Grimmer was appointed inspecting councillor at end of year	See website																												
f.	BC & S Code of Conduct was DEFERRED pending NALC review																													
g.	BC & S Complaints procedure was reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
h.	The BC & S Asset Register was reviewed/ add Stanningfield Village sign APPROVED	Appendix 6																												
i.	BC & S Risk Assessment was reviewed and APPROVED	See website																												
2021/169	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS																													
a.	<p>The accounts payable December 2020 and January 2021 were AGREED</p> <p>N Glading Salary January 2021 £254.64 N Glading Office expenses Oct, Nov, Dec 2020 £78.00 Magnet Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment £5,254.27 Ipswich Floor Sanding Village Hall Floor refurbishment £2,295.60 Suffolk Cloud Website hosting £100.00 HMRC Tax payable clerk £195.40 After Agenda sent out N Glading expenses postage £19.72</p> <p>There follows a table of the payments agreed (duplicate of above)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: left;"><u>PAYMENTS</u></th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Item</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>VAT</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>N Glading</td> <td>Salary January 2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£254.64</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Glading</td> <td>Office expenses Oct, Nov, Dec 2020</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£78.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Magnet</td> <td>Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,254.27</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£875.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ipswich Floor Sanding</td> <td>Village Hall Floor refurbishment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,295.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>Website hosting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>				<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	N Glading	Salary January 2021	£254.64		N Glading	Office expenses Oct, Nov, Dec 2020	£78.00		Magnet	Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment	£5,254.27	£875.71	Ipswich Floor Sanding	Village Hall Floor refurbishment	£2,295.60		Suffolk Cloud	Website hosting	£100.00		
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	HMRC	Tax payable clerk	£195.40										
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	N Glading	expenses postage	£19.72										
b.	The Financial Report for Quarter Three (to Dec 2020) was NOTED												
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash book 2. Income 3. Bank reconciliation 4. Budget comparison 5. Bank Statements 												
c.	Online banking provision: Not required at this time, however, it was thought that the provision of a card with pre approved expenditure of up to £200 by the Chairman should be looked into Clerk to ask Lloyds				clerk								
d.	Internal auditors report 2019-2020: Recommendations are being implemented												
e.	The Reserves allocation was discussed Cllr T Langan suggested 3 lines only: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Operational costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Projects</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contingencies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15,000</td> </tr> </table> The revised allocation was APPROVED				Operational costs	£7,000	Projects	£5,000	Contingencies	£3,000	Total	£15,000	
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f.	The Precept Request inclusive LCTSG was discussed, the precept of £13,692 (at 2% increase) was APPROVED				Appendix 7								
2021/170	CHAIRS ITINERARY and REPORTS (on the night)												
a.	Chairs report None												
b.	Councillors reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cllr Langham: update on provision of an electric vehicle charging point at Stanningfield had been covered (ii) Cllr Mears: Additional funding received £500 from District Council and £1,000 from County Council (iii) Ixer Lane is closed / flooding at bottom has gone down 												
2021/171	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION												
	None												

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Date of next meeting: (re-arranged to May 3rd 2021 AGM and first ordinary meeting)

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Appendix 1

Photographs have been forwarded to C/Cllr Soons

Dear Nicola,

Please see below pictures of the flooding at numbers 1 to 6 Bury Road, Stanningfield, IP29 4RS. Numbers 1, 2 & 3 with the view from the road as the ditch broke its banks flooding the driveways and gardens, water flows from left to right:



Numbers 5 & 6 looking towards The Red House pub where the ditch then goes underground at the end of number 6 (water flows towards the pub):

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The worst flooding was on 24th December when the water rose to the front door of numbers 2 and 3:



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The drive and garden are now frequently flooding as the ditch that runs in front of the bungalows breaks its banks:



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This has occurred 4 times now already this winter on the 4th and 24th December, plus the 14th and 28th January.

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This is our 4th winter here and the driveway has only ever flooded a few times before and the garden had not flooded at all. So to have this 4 times in 6 weeks suggests that something has definitely changed. We believe that the pipe must now be restricted when it goes underground at the pub.

We also know that the drains have been overflowing on the road outside The Red House Pub, which could be linked to the ditch pipe underground? However, nobody in the village seems to know where this underground pipe goes to. This is what we would really like to know so that we can try to establish a solution, as discussed at the meeting.

We really appreciate your help in getting this investigated and hopefully obtaining a resolution for all residents at numbers 1 to 6.

Appendix 2



Feb 2021 Parish Newsletter
Cllr Karen Soons 07864 601 887
karen.soons@suffolk.gov.uk

Visit suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus for health advice, service changes, business support and schools'

guidance.

Keep up to date on the latest guidance on Covid-19 from central government here: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Newmarket Mass Vaccination Centre opens Rowley Mile Racecourse

It is anticipated that thousands of people a week will be vaccinated in Newmarket. (Those who live within a 45mile radius). People over 70 or those eligible for a covid vaccination will be sent a letter, text or email with information on how to book. No one should turn up without an appointment. All vaccinations will be administered by a qualified Health Care professional. Patients will be required to return for their follow up injection.

On Saturday AstraZeneca jabs were administered to hundreds of people.

Have your say on the Post-16 Travel policy for 2021/2022

On 7 January, the council announced it is seeking views on its proposed Post-16 Travel Policy for the 2021/2022 school year.

The consultation will be open until the 15 February 2021 for people to have their say on the proposed changes. The amendments are designed to ensure that the policy is clearer for parents/carers and students to understand what travel options there are for travelling to sixth form, college or Post-16 education.

The council's proposals for the policy are currently:

1. Make the annual increase to the charge of Post-16 travel and the cost of a spare seat as previously agreed by Suffolk County Council's (SCC) Cabinet on 19 June 2018.
2. Consider how we might align the Post-16 policy to the School Travel (5-16) policy to support students to attend their nearest Suffolk school sixth form even when they live nearer to a school sixth form outside of the county.

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3. Enable a student to continue to attend their Transport Priority Area School when transport had been protected under the School Travel Policy for 5-16 year olds in September 2019 assuming that they meet the necessary criteria.
4. Clarify Suffolk County Council's Independent Travel Training scheme.

Councillor Mary Evans, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills said:

"I would like to encourage parents, carers and students themselves to take part in the consultation and have their say on the proposed Post-16 Travel Policy. The consultation will be open until the 15 February and we want to hear from as many people as possible during this time."

Coronavirus rapid testing centre opens at University of Suffolk

On the 13 January A new Covid-19 rapid testing centre has opened at University of Suffolk for people without symptoms in Suffolk.

The centre, based at the former Profiles gym at the University of Suffolk in Ipswich, provides lateral flow testing, with results delivered in under an hour.

The tests (LFTs) are most useful at identifying people who are infectious on the day of the test but not showing symptoms.

The centre has been opened by Suffolk County Council (SCC) in partnership with the University of Suffolk. Testing is for anyone working in the town who cannot work from home.

Also targeted are employers and organisations in Ipswich whose staff cannot work from home. They are being urged to block-book their workforce in for tests.

However, people showing symptoms of Covid-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has, should not visit the centre – instead they should ring 119 or go to the NHS website to book a test at one of the 12 symptomatic testing sites in Suffolk.

The centre began operating on January 4 testing teachers, university students, school pupils and support staff.

The test involves taking a swab from the throat and nose to see whether coronavirus is present in the body. The person tested will then receive a text message giving the result within an hour.

Anyone giving a:

- **positive test** will be told to self-isolate and advised on what to do next, including the need for further testing.
- **negative result** is invited back to carry out a further test after a few days. This is in case levels of the virus in a person at the earlier test were too low to be detected at that time.

The testing is being run by contractors Commisceo on behalf of SCC through government funding.

Councillor Matthew Hicks, chair of the Local Outbreak Board said:

"The test is another important tool in tackling the virus whilst the vaccine is being rolled out as it can help prevent the spread from people who are infected but do not have symptoms.

"This is important as up to 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus never show any symptoms but may still be infectious."

New vehicle banners encourage Suffolk to be food and freezer savvy

On January 18, it was announced that Waste and recycling vehicles in Suffolk will help to deliver the food savvy message and cut food waste across the county.

Over 50,000 tonnes of food is thrown away in Suffolk every year, and an estimated average of £730 of edible food goes to waste per household each year.

The fleet of 24 vehicles display the new banners, which have three simple messages with easy advice for people to follow.

- Bananas – one of the most commonly wasted food items across the UK. You can bake with them or blend them rather than throw them in the bin.
- Bread – another of the most commonly wasted food items. You can freeze or toast bread to prevent it from being wasted.
- Freezing - food storage is key to preventing food waste. Check the dates on your food and remember to freeze it when it is nearly out of date. Bread, bananas, cheese and even milk can all be frozen!

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Councillor James Mallinder, Chair of the Suffolk Waste Partnership, said:

“Bananas and bread are two of the most commonly wasted foods, and this is a great way to show simple methods of putting them to use instead of throwing them away. Freezing is also a great way to store food for longer and save it from the bin.

“During the current lockdown we are all spending much more time at home, so it is a good time to keep an eye on the food in your kitchen and take some simple steps to reduce food waste and save money.

“Wasted food is a waste of natural resources so by cooking better we will be helping the planet and tackling our climate concerns. The smallest of changes can make a big difference over time.”

New home-schooling resource ‘a godsend’

On the January 19, A new digital resource was launched to help parents and carers build exercise into the daily routines of children being home schooled during lockdown.

Providing information about, and access to, a host of curriculum-based and other popular resources, the resource brings together, in one place, everything parents could need to bring exercise into the home in a fun and engaging way. Produced as part of the popular Keep Moving Suffolk campaign, it responds to data showing that activity levels of children and young people have fallen significantly during lockdown prompting fears of a long-term impact on their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Councillor James Reeder, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Prevention at Suffolk County Council urged parents not to under-estimate the power of exercise on children’s education, saying:

“Besides the obvious health benefits from being active, exercise has a wonderful ability to help and support a child’s educational attainment. Not only does it improve their concentration and make them more focused it is proven to improve their readiness to learn. So, by building in regular exercise breaks throughout the day children will be happier, healthier and better equipped to study.”

Suffolk 2020 fund project embraces love of the great outdoors – Discovering Suffolk

On January 20, as part of the Suffolk 2020 fund, the Discovering Suffolk project was launched.

The aim of the project is to raise further awareness of the range of great walking routes, areas of interest and variety of landscapes that form Suffolk’s beautiful countryside through public rights of way and points of access.

Given the experiences many people have faced over the last year living through the pandemic, it is recognised that exercise and wellbeing is a fundamental element in maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and whilst we continue to live within Government guidelines at present, Suffolk’s countryside offers a freely accessible means for many of us to experience nature and stay healthy.

The key element of the Discovering Suffolk project is the development of a smartphone app alongside a range of supporting QR codes fixed to rights of way signposts located along different routes to promote walking, cycling and exploring Suffolk’s countryside.

Discovering Suffolk builds on our changing behaviours when visiting the countryside, as people become ever more interested in local exploration and taking short walks and cycling exercises during the pandemic. The project will continue to promote the Discover Suffolk website as new content, information and advice continues to be added to the current offer, promoting walking routes and cycle rides through local communities. The project seeks to actively engage new audiences who are not aware of the options available on their doorstep or have perhaps only begun to explore the local countryside beyond their neighbourhood.

Work will shortly start on developing the Discovering Suffolk App and setting the sites for the QR code points around the county. After development, the new, free App will provide access to the full range of Discover Suffolk outdoor guides with over 100 walks across the county. The App and QR codes will include audio, video, imagery and fun activities to further enhance people’s enjoyment, appreciation and understanding of Suffolk’s natural and built environment.

Cllr Andrew Reid, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, said:

“As part of our investment this year through the Suffolk 2020 fund, we wanted to find new ways to support and encourage access to our beautiful Suffolk countryside, particularly amongst residents and communities who may have not considered local walks, cycling or exploring public rights of way, close to where they live. I believe this new smartphone App will provide an accessible platform for people to find out what’s available and where they can begin to enjoy healthy walks, peaceful spaces and explore nature.

“During these challenging times, we all need to continue to abide by the Government’s latest guidance relating to exercising safely within our local communities, keeping to social distancing rules and protecting families and friends. As

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part of this we can all find ways to enjoy the natural environment and countryside that surrounds us by considering the impact we have on the environment and considering others. At the moment this means staying local to where we live, but in time as the situation improves, there will be greater opportunity to explore further, as long as we continue to adhere to the guidelines in the short term.”

Strong interest shown by Suffolk’s communities to engage with 2020 fund project creating electric vehicle charging points

On January 21, it was announced the council had received 50 expressions of interest from local communities across the county which want to host new electric vehicle charging points.

This follows the launch of the Suffolk 2020 funded project in September.

Suffolk has long held ambitions to Create the Greenest County and as part of the Suffolk 2020 fund, which is all about investing in community projects to support the council’s climate emergency declaration and improve Suffolk for all residents in years to come, this year £300,000 has been invested into creating 100 fast charging points in rural areas of the county. Reaching 50 expressions of interest so quickly demonstrates great progress for the project and suggests that many communities can see the real benefits in being part of the Plug In Suffolk scheme.

At present, the majority of EV charging points are concentrated in our larger towns such as Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft, but given the new expressions of interest, it is hoped that new fast charging points can begin to be installed across a range of more rural locations including Beccles, Wilby, Horringer, Orford, Long Melford and Tuddenham St Martin.

The strong interest comes from local Parish Councils and communities who can see the potential benefit in hosting charging points at rural village halls, community buildings, sports clubs and even places of worship besides commercial buildings and shops elsewhere. The council has begun to undertake site surveys and plan for the initial installations that will take place in the coming weeks. Once installed, each host community takes a share of the income generated by drivers who pay to charge their cars in the locality.

Ultra-low emission vehicle ownership has nearly trebled in the last three years within Suffolk and this is set to continue to grow even faster with Government vehicle initiatives. In total, there are around 422,000 cars licensed in Suffolk, but currently just under 2,500 of these are ultra-low emission cars. With an improved charging network across the county, the council believes this will encourage greater electric vehicle ownership in Suffolk in years to come.

Councillor Richard Rout, Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection at Suffolk County Council, said:

“This project is a key part of the council’s commitment to addressing the climate emergency that was declared in 2019, getting accessible electric vehicle charging points located across Suffolk to support residents and communities as they make informed choices in the use of greener transport options.

“Encouraging electric vehicle use is one way we can contribute to better air quality, the reduction of carbon emissions and cutting down our reliance on fossil fuels, all of which support the council’s climate emergency declaration and ambition to create the Greenest County.

“By putting the infrastructure in place, I hope we enable more people to choose electric vehicles. With fewer petrol/diesel vehicles on our roads, Suffolk’s air quality improves and we contribute fewer carbon emissions.

“I am very pleased with these initial expressions of interest. It gives me great confidence that we have made the right investment to begin breaking down some of the anxieties and barriers residents may have about owning an electric vehicle.”

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service praised for its work throughout the pandemic

On January 22nd, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service was recognised nationally for its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) was praised for its positive contributions to the local community and commitment to the welfare of its staff.

In August 2020, Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) was commissioned by the Home Secretary to examine how fire and rescue services are responding to the pandemic.

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In her report, Zoë Billingham, HM Inspector of Fire & Rescue Services, said of Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service:

“We were impressed with how the service adapted and responded to the pandemic effectively. The efficient use of its staff was notable, utilising extra capacity and providing support and resource for remote and home working. It provided support to Suffolk County Council (SCC) and the LRF, including advice, resources and effective command and control frameworks to co-ordinate its response.

“The service communicated well with its staff throughout the pandemic, including issues relating to staff wellbeing. It also made sure all staff had the resources they needed to do their jobs effectively, including extra information and technology, and it put in place additional flexible working arrangements. Staff wellbeing was a clear priority for the service.”

SFRS has continued to respond to emergency calls since the beginning of the pandemic, with over 4,500 emergency calls since the first lockdown was announced in March 2020.

In addition to this, staff across SFRS have been redeployed to support other departments in Suffolk County Council, in response to the pandemic.

These include:

- Providing additional resource to colleagues in the Coroner’s Office
- Setting up and administering the first booking system and phonenumber for testing key workers
- In April 2020, around 30 firefighters volunteered and trained to work alongside paramedics to drive frontline emergency NHS ambulances, in turn freeing up paramedics to care for patients
- Teams have also helped deliver food, essential items and medicine as part of the Home But Not Alone scheme

Dan Fearn, Temporary Chief Fire Officer, said:

“I am extremely proud of everyone who works for Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service and I would like to thank each and every colleague for their professionalism and commitment to keep the communities of Suffolk safe.

“Fires, road traffic collisions, rescues and flooding have not stopped because there is a global pandemic. All our teams have stepped up by continuing to respond to emergency incidents, whilst supporting our partners and colleagues across Suffolk.

“Like many organisations, we have had to adapt our ways of working so we can continue to operate safely. We continued to safely recruit new members of our fire service team, train and develop our operational crews and, of course, ensure that we are there to help the most vulnerable in the county.

“Over Christmas and the New Year period, our operational crews and officers remained busy. On Christmas Eve and Day, a number of personnel assisted with a major flooding incident in Bungay, some of the worst flooding in the area in 50 years.

“It has been, and continues to be, a very challenging time due to COVID-19. But our teams across Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service are ready to respond to emergency calls and support their communities to overcome the virus. In the coming weeks, personnel will continue to assist the ambulance service and be ready to support our health colleagues where needed.”

Councillor Richard Rout, Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection at Suffolk County Council, said:

I’m delighted for every member of Suffolk’s Fire and Rescue Service. To be commended by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate is what they deserve for going above and beyond their responsibilities, during such professionally and personally testing times.

“It echoes the ‘good’ rating which the Inspectorate awarded the Service just over a year ago. That report did highlight some areas for us to work on, which I’m pleased to say colleagues have been focusing on ever since, to make our Service even stronger.

“That is why the council’s Cabinet unanimously backed my proposal last year, to increase the service’s budget by £500,000 plus inflation. That increase totals close to £1m and is helping to deliver the improvements identified in the report, alongside our existing plans for further investment, to keep Suffolk safe.”

New recycling campaign aims to get Suffolk’s recycling right

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On the 25th January, a new campaign was launched in Suffolk to help people get their recycling right. Each year more than 10,000 tonnes (about 20%) of recycling from Suffolk homes is rejected due to the wrong items being placed in Suffolk's recycling bins. This is the same as 1 in 5 lorries full of recycling going to waste. The cost of sorting and disposing this spoiled recycling is more than £1million.

The new awareness campaign, launched by the Suffolk Waste Partnership is called Together We Can Get Our Recycling Right. It includes a [leaflet to all households](#) with the do's and don'ts of what can easily be recycled at home, plus tips on how to recycle other items not accepted in home recycling bins. The campaign will be supported on the Suffolk Recycling website and social media channels.

There are three simple steps that householders can take to improve the quality of their recycling. These include:

- Put glass in a bottle bank, not in your wheelie bin
- No bagged items. Keep your recycling empty, clean and dry
- Keep all food out of your recycling bin. Put any food you cannot eat or compost in your rubbish bin.

You can recycle the following items in your recycling bin at home: plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, metal cans, aerosols and foil and paper, card and books. The worst offending items incorrectly found in recycling bins include glass, black sacks, food waste, cartons and nappies.

Help us shape ambitious new Dementia therapy initiative using virtual reality experiences

On the 28 January it was announced that as part of its work in supporting local care home providers and the ongoing care of residents with Dementia, Suffolk County Council is launching an exciting new initiative to develop virtual reality content, helping people recall and access positive memories that they hold dearly. Such experiences help to complement the support offered on a day to day basis, providing a variety of positive stimulus to those using the equipment and valuable respite for their carers.

In recent years, a number of international academic studies have demonstrated proven successes in using such technology as a reminiscence and therapeutic aid to help people access memories and positive emotions, despite facing the effects of experiencing Dementia. Some care providers already use theme rooms in their settings and show archive films to residents with positive effect. Developing the use of virtual reality will support and complement the great experiences that local care providers use.

The intention is to produce a range of local, Suffolk-based films and interactive materials that people can enjoy and experience whilst sat in comfort in their usual care setting, with the support and input of their carers or family members. A set of equipment, each consisting of a headset and connecting equipment will be made available to support different areas of the county, supported by the Council's Adult Social Work Teams. A budget of £80,000 has been granted for this project through Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 Fund, which is all about developing a range of community-focussed initiatives to support residents across the county. This money covers the cost of developing the films and materials, carrying out supporting academic research, the purchase of the equipment and the management and resourcing required to deliver the project in coming months.

As part of getting the ball rolling, the council would like to hear from people who have ideas about what kinds of films and experiences they may like to see produced.

The project team would also love to hear from care providers, service users and their family carers across Suffolk that may be potentially interested in helping to trial and take part in using the technology in months to come and take part in a service user group to drive the success of this project.

Those who are interested in taking part and/or sharing the ideas for possible content should contact the team in the first instance by emailing: suffolk2020vr@suffolk.gov.uk

Beccy Hopfensperger, Cabinet Member for Adult Care at Suffolk County Council, said:

"This initiative is part of the digital revolution that is happening across the care sector at the moment. Given the extremely challenging period everyone has experienced through Covid-19, it has been essential to find ways to

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innovate and adapt to the changing circumstances and make the most of technology and supportive aids where possible to continue supporting our most vulnerable residents alongside the amazing work of our committed care providers and their staff.

“The virtual reality experience may seem a strange choice to some, but there is a great deal of evidence to support the research demonstrating that residents with Dementia who use the technology are able to often access memories and experiences, triggered by particular places, colours and sounds. Where it has been used elsewhere, the technology has offered positive outcomes including improving wellbeing, behaviour, and even cognition in some cases. This type of therapy also supports inter-generational shared experiences between older and younger family members.

“We really want to work with our partners in the local care sector to think about what sorts of experiences may work best, such as films of trips to the seaside, archive film footage of historic moments or particular landscapes and Suffolk landmarks.”

Appendix 3



1. **Latest Business Grants:** 3 new grants have been made available.

Local Restrictions Support Grant is available for all rate-paying businesses required to close as a result of the Tier 4/national lockdown restrictions. Payments are now available for the period covering 26th December 2020 onwards. Although we don't know our funding allocation yet, we are still inviting businesses to make an application.

Additional Restrictions Grant January and February 2021 this is for many businesses who were not eligible for other grants but who have been required to close, as well as business who are part of supply chain for closed businesses. These grants will be paid out of the £3.6m ARG money previously allocated to West Suffolk in November to pay out during lockdown. So far about a third of that money has already been paid out under the first phase and although we have also heard from Government that this grant is to be topped up further. The ARG grant is open to:

Market trader selling non-essential goods

Small B and B businesses

Businesses that occupy shared spaces that are required to close

Home based businesses that are required to close

Mobile businesses that are required to close

Businesses in the supply chain for the retail, hospitality, leisure and tourism sectors

Community centres attached to places of worship

The closing date for ARG applications is 15th February 2021

Closed Business Lockdown Payment: this scheme is linked to the national lockdown from 5th January 2021 for retail, hospitality and leisure that have been forced to close. This is subject to government criteria with grants of £4,000, £6,000 or £9,000 available based on the rateable value of business premises. Again, although we don't know our funding allocation yet, we are still inviting businesses to make an application

As with all of the above grants businesses can check their eligibility and apply at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business

2. **West Suffolk Park Cafes.** Our parks are remaining open but the WS cafes will be closed.
3. **Banksy Art Exhibition.** The dates for this exhibition due to open in February at Moyses Hall have been put back until Sunday 2nd May and will run for an extended time of five months.
4. **Home but not Alone.** Help for vulnerable residents is available through this service during lockdown. Call 0800 876 6926

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5. **Census 2021.** Households across West Suffolk will soon be asked to take part in the National 2021 Census. Census Day is 21st March and will be run predominately online. All households will receive a letter with a unique access code allowing them to complete the questionnaire on computers, phones or tablets, paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them. For more information and jobs available go to www.census.gov.uk
6. **Public sector decarbonisation projects.** West Suffolk has secured £1.4 million from the Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. The overall value of the work will be £1.8 million with the council providing 20.2 per cent match funding to secure the grant. When fully operational this will deliver energy savings cost savings and income estimated at £80,000 per year across six council owned properties.
7. **Community Grant funding.** £466,733 of grant funding has been awarded to a variety of community groups, charities and voluntary organisations to deliver schemes that benefit the lives of West Suffolk residents. In addition to these grants £61,250 of funding has been granted to help the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds.
8. **Cornhill Walk.** The Planning Inspectorate is holding a virtual hearing of an appeal by Knightspur Homes relating to the demolition and redevelopment of the Cornhill Walk Shopping Centre. West Suffolk Development Control Committee refused the application on the grounds of size, height and massing being out of scale with the surrounding street scene.
9. **Recycling campaign.** A new campaign has been launched in Suffolk to help people get their recycling right. Every year more than 10,000 (about 20%) is rejected from Suffolk homes due to the wrong items being placed in Suffolk's recycling bins. The cost of sorting and disposing of this spoiled recycling is more than £1 million.
10. **Covid vaccination centres.** Please keep up to date with the closure or not of various vaccine centres across Suffolk for the latest information to sneevaccine.org.uk
11. **Rapid Testing centres.** Two new rapid lateral flow testing centres have been opened at the Arts Centre in Haverhill and the parish church in Exeter Road, Newmarket.
12. **Criminal damage at Sports Field Rougham.** Intruders cut the lock and accessed the playing field on Sunday afternoon 8th Feb. considerable damage was caused to the ground by off road driving and the vehicle became stuck. It was rescued by two other vehicles. Thick ground posts were sawn through to access the field again and the perpetrators were seen as they were driving away. The vehicles appeared to be a small white audi, blue four-wheel drive with a crew cab and rear luggage area cover a blue ford transit and a white transit van. If anyone could help with any information or recognises the vehicles, please contact Suffolk Police quoting crime ref 37/6549/21
13. **Planning.** Just some facts and figures for interest. Some of the planning support team have assisted with West Suffolk's Covid-19 response, helping to administer grants for local businesses, but the majority of planning officers have continued their work within the service, all be it working from home mostly. Since April last year we have registered 2526 planning applications and issued 17782 decisions. We have dealt with 404 pre-application enquiries and held 12 virtual Development Control committees. We have also received 278 new planning enforcement cases and resolved 316. Application site notices have been given a make over and now carry a QR code containing the relevant link to the planning pages of the website which can be scanned by any phone that has a QR reader. The notice itself has also been made clearer and more concise.

Sara Mildmay-White

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Appendix 4

From: Karen Soons (SCC Councillor) <Karen.Soons@suffolk.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 February 2021

Subject: FW: Flooding Stanningfield - CR 299186

Please see below the response that went into my spam folder hence I have only just seen it and am sending it on to you.

Sent: 19 January 2021 13:06

To: Karen Soons (SCC Councillor) <Karen.Soons@suffolk.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Flooding Stanningfield - CR 299186

Dear Councillor Soons.

I have received your report of flooding around Bury Road/Old Lane in Stanningfield. I can well remember the issues here from early last year. Since we attended (27/01/20) and cleared the road crossing pipe between the pond near the Old Lane junction and the ditch opposite we received no further calls for any type of drainage issue here until the periods of exceptionally heavy rain around 3rd and 4th December and again 22nd-23rd December of 2020.

Our Highways Assessment officer visited site and again, ordered the road crossing pipes here jetted on LA:218807. Due to the category of road this is on an 8 week order. Once the jetting has been completed, I am relatively certain this will relieve most of the issues here – as borne out by the lack of reported issues for the majority of last year.

I must mention that the periods of exceptional rainfall mentioned above caused flooding and burst ditches across the bulk of East Anglia on those dates. The sheer volume of water over a very short space of time easily overwhelms ponds and ditches – it is unreasonable to expect them to cope under these circumstances. We will monitor the area in periods of more normal rainfall as this gives a much better representation of the condition both Highways and privately owned ditches. If it appears the ditches are causing problems with 'normal' levels of surface water we can then consider sending ditch notices to the relevant land owners.

Kind regards.

Matthew Fox,

Community Liaison Engineer.

APPENDIX 5

From: davidjstaff@gmail.com

Date: 15 February 2021 at 23:11:14 GMT

To: GEORGE ROTH <roth4rq@btinternet.com>

Subject: Re: Stanningfield

Thanks for this George, we had a PC meeting tonight and will complain again to both E H & Bridleway Dept. Will let you have an update when I hear more.

Stay well

David.

On 15 Feb 2021, at 19:16, GEORGE ROTH <roth4rq@btinternet.com> wrote:

From: Ely Land & Water Team Sent: Feb 15, 2021 at 2:49 PM

To: GEORGE ROTH Subject: RE: Stanningfield

Dear Mr Roth,

Thank you for the photographs you sent through. Only your latest message on 14 February had any attachments but the photos you included were helpful.

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I have spoken with Mr Clements again today when he called me to report his findings from a visit he made on Saturday. He reported that the bund he had formed around the heap had been damaged by, he assumed, a vehicle, which had driven up the bridleway, turned around and damaged the bund in doing so. He is going to take steps to reform the bund and direct any run-off from the heap into the field away from the ditches. Drier, warmer weather is forecast which will help improve the situation.

Thank you for reporting the issue. I am content that Mr Clements is taking it in hand and will follow up with him later this week.

Please call or email if you need any further information. Best regards, Simon Short

From: GEORGE ROTH [<mailto:roth4rq@btinternet.com>]
Sent: 14 February 2021 08:58
To: Ely Land & Water Team <Ely_Land_and_Water_Team@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Subject: Stanningfield

Good morning Simmon
Here are some more photos
Kind regards George

Follow ups sent by BC&S clerk 02.03.2021 Ely_Land_and_Water_Team@environment-agency.gov.uk

EH: Dear Mr Short

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Councillors have asked me to follow up on your email to Mr Roth, which was discussed at a recent parish council meeting: this is of course a matter of much concern and many complaints from residents.

Could we ask you if the follow up meeting that you mention in your email dated 15th February has taken place and the conclusion reached, please?

Regards Nicola Glading Clerk to Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

PROW: Morning Claire and James

Footpath/ Bridleway blocked by seepage from manure heap near Saxes Farm, Stanningfield

I write to let you know that, sadly, the issue on the bridleway/ footpath has worsened again.

Simon Short at Environmental Health, Ely Team, writes:

"I have spoken with Mr Clements again today when he called me to report his findings from a visit he made on Saturday.

He reported that the bund he had formed around the heap had been damaged by, he assumed, a vehicle, which had driven up the bridleway, turned around and damaged the bund in doing so.

He is going to take steps to reform the bund and direct any run-off from the heap into the field away from the ditches.

Drier, warmer weather is forecast which will help improve the situation.

Thank you for reporting the issue. I am content that Mr Clements is taking it in hand and will follow up with him later this week."

Perhaps it would be prudent for James to go and have another look so that the parish council can re-assure residents that the PROW Team is doing what they can to alleviate the situation and is supportive of the effort to clear this awful mess.

Regards Nicky

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Appendix 6

BC&S ASSET REGISTER JANUARY 2021

Item	Valuation basis	Year	Amount	Disposal	Additions	Total	
Village Hall	Insurers valuation 2020		£548,833			£548,833	Insured separately
CCTV at Village hall	2020 purchase	2020	£1,171			£1,171	
Seat x 1	2010 Proxy value		£564			£564	
Sports surface	2010 Proxy value	Feb-10	£10,134			£10,134	
Playground equipment	2010 Proxy value	Feb-10	£11,004			£11,004	
Playground fencing**	2019 Purchase cost	Installed May 2019	£3,909			£3,909	
Norse Avenue fencing	Purchase Cost	Nov-10	£3,639			£3,639	
Allotments	Nominal		£1			£1	*
Village Green - Stanningfield	Nominal		£1			£1	*
Village Sign - Stanningfield	Purchase Cost	Mar-11	£3,500			£3,500	
Seat x 1	Purchase Cost	Mar-11	£536			£536	
Memorial seat x 1	Purchase Cost	Jun-11	£1,000			£1,000	
Village sign - Bradfield Combust	Purchase Cost	Nov-11	£3,500			£3,500	
Grit bins x 3	Purchase Cost	Mar-12	£450			£450	
Football posts	Purchase Cost	Jul-12	£500			£500	
Overhead projector, stand & acc	Purchase Cost	Oct-12	£588			£588	
Lifebouy rings, housing etc	Purchase Cost	Jan-13	£390			£390	
Grit bins x2	Purchase Cost	Feb-13	£158			£158	
Teen shelter	Purchase Cost	Feb-13	£3,436			£3,436	
Bus shelter	Purchase Cost	Feb-13	£2,608			£2,608	
War memorial - Stanningfield	Nominal		£1			£1	*
War memorial - Bradfield Combust	Purchase Cost	Jul-14	£1,790			£1,790	
2 x Marquee gazebo (9m x 4m)	Purchase cost	May-14	£648			£648	
BBQ equipment	Purchase Cost	May-14	£550			£550	
Laptop		Dec-15	£333			£333	
Printer/scanner		Dec-15	£96			£96	
Village Hall -gazebo		Feb-16	£1,892			£1,892	
Village Hall Car Park Lighting	Purchase Cost	Apr-17			£1,269	£1,269	
Car Park Barrier	Purchase Cost	Nov-17			£576	£576	
Cigarette Bins	Purchase Cost	Jan-18			£25	£25	
Laminator	Purchase Cost	Mar-18			£22	£22	
Filing Cabinet	Purchase Cost	Mar-18			£110	£110	
			£52,399	£0	£2,002	£54,400	TOTAL ASSETS

* The asset is given a nominal value to ensure that the Council's ownership and responsibility is recognised and not lost or forgotten

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Appendix 7

Supplier ID:
500431



Application for Parish/Town Council Precept 2021/22

Please complete the following & return to the Chief Financial Officer by 25 January 2021

PARISH COUNCIL OF:

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

Please select your Parish Council from drop down list

Date of Parish/Town Council Meeting, approving the precept

23/11/2020

Contact details of the Parish/Town Clerk

Name: Nicola Glading

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Bank Details:

Sort Code: 30 91 49

Account Number: 00334613

The amount requested by the above mentioned Parish/Town Council by way of precept from West Suffolk Council for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 is as follows:

The 2020/21 figures below are those submitted by Parishes in January 2020 and are included for information purposes only.

		2020/21	2021/22
Expenditure <small>(excluding contributions to reserves)</small>		£ 13,370	£ 13,692
Contribution to (+ve)/from(-ve) Reserves		£ -	
Net Expenditure	A	£ 13,370	£ 13,692
Less			
Local Council Tax Support Grant	B	-	164.00
Parish Precept	C	£ 13,370	£ 13,528
Tax Base (see explanatory note)	D	223.06	221.27
Parish Band D Council Tax	C÷D	£ 59.94	£ 61.14
Increase/-Decrease			£ 1.20
Percentage Increase/-Decrease			2.00%

Signed by:-

Chairman of Parish Council:

D. Staff

Date: 20/01/2021