

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Library, Thurston Community College, Thurston.

In the Chair: Cllr. Dashper

Present: Cllrs. Fawcett, Hasler, Masters, Mrs Morris, Moss, Mrs O'Connell, Rainbow and Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs V Waples, Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1. **OPENING** – The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is available from the Clerk.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –
 - a. There were no applicable apologies for absence.
 - b. Apologies of absence were noted as having been received from County Cllr. Otton and District Cllr. Haley due to prior commitments.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
 - a. There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interests for the Agenda under discussion. The following local non-pecuniary interests for the Agenda under discussion were declared: Cllrs. Fawcett, Mrs O'Connell & Robinson as Friends of Thurston Library.
There were no gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 declared.
 - b. There were no declarations of lobbying by those Councillors present.
 - c. There were no requests for dispensations for the Agenda under discussion.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2018 were agreed as true and accurate records, aif. The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 31st October 2018 were also agreed as true and accurate records, aif. The Chairman duly signed the minutes as such.
5. **BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** – none that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
6. **PUBLIC FORUM** –

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS OTTON'S REPORT – having given her apologies, Cllr. Otton's written report as circulated to the Councillors was taken as read. The following items were brought to the meeting's attention:

 - The £500 that had been offered from Cllr. Otton's Locality Budget to the Parish Council to cover Community Engagement and production of supporting documentation for the Neighbourhood Plan would be drawn down over the coming months.
 - Highways Project – a formal agreement that could have potentially been used to enable Suffolk County Council to delegate authority to parish/town councils to work on certain non-road-based activities – e.g. road sign cleaning, cutting back vegetation, trimming overgrowth on footways etc. had been written up during the Summer which had flagged up a number of issues to be addressed: public liability insurance; personal liability insurance; personal protective equipment; appropriate, safety-checked tools/equipment; accreditation to work within the highway; traffic management requirements (and accreditation) for safe working in the highway; training volunteers so that they can safely work in the highway; the legal mechanism by which delegation

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can take place – this can only be to a ‘legal authority’, which would exclude certain parish councils and all parish meetings from participating. It was claimed by SCC Highways that much of the above was held back from being progressed because of a lack of funding. The funding source would not be existing highway maintenance revenue budgets, however, as the work in question is unaffordable compared with all other maintenance responsibilities. Consideration is being given to potentially using Local Highway Budgets to fund such work but that is wrapped up with the planned Policy Development Panel review of Local Highway Budgets. It was claimed that SCC Highways were now looking towards creating a viable agreement document that would enable a legal authority to be given delegated authority to engage a contractor to work on non-road-based activities and that it was understood that is an option that Thurston Parish Council may be interested in pursuing but all ought to be aware that, as matters currently stand, there wouldn’t be any accompanying delegated budget. The meeting queried why it had taken over 2 years to come to this realisation when these were the matters that had been discussed during the initially discussions over 2 years previously.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR HALEY’S REPORTS – Cllr. Haley had also submitted his apologies as he had a previous engagement to attend.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – the following comments were made by the members of the public present:

- A request was submitted for a timeline over the NP which was provided by the Clerk.
- On 12.09.18 – a letter had been submitted to MSDC regarding the blocked slot drains & vegetation at side of road. Could the PC chase this up for Station Hill as well as other areas.
- Fantastic response from Openreach with regards to litter left around the box. Confirmation given that all operatives would be spoken
- PCSO Smith – Hawthorns – missed out during Street Week in Heath Road – *post meeting note – the Street Week was for Heath Road only. The Hawthorns and Heath Court would be carried out in November 2018.*
- Extension of PCSO working hours – the meeting was made aware that a resident had written to the Police and Crimes Commissioner over the lack of policing beyond certain hours and in a response it was suggested that there was scope for flexibility and that the Constabulary will do “all it can” to accommodate requested changes to shift patterns on either a temporary or permanent basis. The Clerk confirmed that this had been passed onto Suffolk Constabulary who had responded by stating that whilst the response from the PCC initially sounded positive it would require changes in contracts and agreed terms, plus extra costs to the Parish Council as they would have to cover the extra cost of working anti-social hours etc. It was noted that at the meeting to discuss the new Service Level Agreement that was approved at the end of October by the Chief Constable and the Police & Crime Commissioners office, the Chair and Clerk would raise the issue of an extension / amendment to working hours and report back.

7. POLICE MATTERS –

- a. Council received the latest Thurston SNT Report detailing the work undertaken over the past month by PCSO Matt Smith which had been produced following reports submitted to the Clerk from PCSO Matt Smith – it was noted that the majority of work covered by PCSO Smith would not be responded to by the SNT in general and that the report was for information only with no discussion over the contents merely the pattern of crimes, if applicable.
 - b. To receive village reports of concern for referral to Police – there were no further issues raised.
 - c. to discuss the use of the New Green Car Park in the Youth Shelter area and speeding issues on New Green Avenue / access road to Field View – it was noted that the concerns mentioned had been particularly evident over the ½ term week. The meeting was pleased to see that PCSO Smith’s report had shown that intervention in such matters was key in dealing with a small group
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of young persons and that it would continue to provide encouragement to PCSO Smith to deal with inappropriate issues in such a positive manner.

8. STATUTORY BUSINESS –

- a. To receive nominations for the posts of Councillor following the remaining casual vacancy as advertised in accordance with section 232 of the 1972 Act – it was noted that 2 nominations has been received to date and that the Parish Council would look at co-opting at the December meeting.
- b. To consider the request for support from Thurston Community College for a safe crossing on Mount Road from the cycle path on one side to continue to the cycle path on the other to aid safe cycling from Bury St Edmunds to Thurston (Paper A) – it was agreed that there was a need for the question to be answered as to who has responsibility for this route and that the Clerk should contact representatives from Sustrans 51 as to who should be approached for such a project and whether guidance can be sort on this matter. It was further agreed that the parish that has a geographical problem with this crossing should take the lead on this project. The meeting agreed that formally it should decline to take the lead on this matter but indicate that it would be willing to support such a proposal.
- c. To consider whether the Parish Council should respond to Suffolk County Council’s Consultation on Admission Arrangements to Schools in Suffolk for the 2020/2021 School Year (Paper B) – Cllr. Moss confirmed that he had already completed the consultation and felt that it was aimed at specific circumstances of individuals in parts. It was agreed that as a statutory body the Parish Council did not feel that it was able to respond to the consultation, aif.
- d. To consider and agree amendments to / additions to the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plans (PIIPs); to agree the prioritisation of infrastructure projects and to agree for the document to be formally submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council (Paper C) – the meeting noted that the paper took the form of detailed elements of the infrastructure plans with rankings by colour coding as to what the priorities might be for the Parish Council moving forward with CiL bids. It was agreed that the Barrow Crossing should be added to the list under Community Infrastructure needs and aspirations and added to the Appendix to rail-related other projects. Subject to these amendments the Parish Council agreed to support the paper and for it to be submitted to MSDC, aif.

9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO NETWORK RAIL:

- a. To receive an update on safety works / improvements to Thurston Railway Station – the Clerk reported that she had nothing further to add from any of the parties involved. It was agreed that a letter from a resident covering suggested improvements would be passed onto NR for a comment. Clerk confirmed that she was still chasing for a response by SCC as to progress on the discussions with Network Rail over satisfactory mitigation measures that might be agreed upon.
- b. To receive an update on the measures to mitigate the Thurston Area Noise Complaints with particular reference to freight trains – there was nothing further to report at this stage. It was noted that the speed restriction was still in place.

10. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING FOR THURSTON:

- a. To consider the following Planning Applications: none had been received for consideration by the meeting.
- b. To note decisions as determined by the Local Planning Authority – none had been received that had not been dealt with at previous meetings.
- c. To note responses to previous planning comments submitted as statutory consultees – there were no new comments for the meeting to consider.

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- d. To note the date of the next meeting with SCC and other stakeholders on the new school for Thurston Church of England Primary Academy – to be held in the Parish Council Offices on 21st November 2018 at 13.30.
- e. To consider setting a date for a Community Housing Enabling Officer to attend a future Parish Council Meeting to discuss Community-Led Housing and the way that it can be connected to Neighbourhood Planning – Clerk to gain confirmation as to the items that would be covered and if appropriate a date in February 2019 to be arranged.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING –

- a. to receive a summary of the comments received during the consultation of the Thurston Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) Version Document (Paper D) – the Clerk and Cllr. Fawcett provided a brief update on the summary document as circulated. It was confirmed that in the main positive comments had been received with some statutory bodies providing guidance or clarity on how to strengthen a number of policies. It was confirmed that the Clerk had uploaded all responses in the forms of tables to the website and that the Council's Professional Partner was working on the Basic Conditions Statement and she was working on the Engagement Statement both of which would need to be submitted along with the Submission Document (containing all the amendments) to the Local Planning Authority for the next stage in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- b. to confirm the Parish Council's intention to submit the document, as amended, to Mid Suffolk District Council in accordance with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, 2012 (as amended) for formal consultation on the content of the Thurston NDP to see if it fulfils the Basic Conditions as required by Paragraph 8(1)(a)(2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011) – the meeting received a letter from the Co-Chairs of Thurston NP Steering Group commending the NP as amended to the Parish Council. It was agreed that, subject to the amendments being made the document would be formally accepted by the Parish Council and would be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council as soon as possible. It was agreed that the minutes would offer the PC's thanks to the NP Steering Group and Chairs (past and present) for their work on this project as well as to the Clerk for her work on the production of the document, aif.

12. FINANCE (for financial details see Appendix A at the end of the minutes)

- a. To approve the accounts awaiting payment including those coming forth – Council approved the items for payments as listed at Appendix A., aif.
- b. To note the accounts paid since the last meeting – Council noted the items that had been paid since the last meeting as listed at Appendix A.
- c. To note receipts allocated since the last meeting – Council noted the monies received since the last meeting as listed at Appendix A.
- d. To consider and receive the Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31.10.18 – Council noted the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st October 2018 with cleared funds being £90,133.83.
- e. To receive the Budget to Actual Statement for the period ending 30th September 2018 – Council received the paper detailing the actual position as at 30th September 2018. Council noted the Clerk's reference to the one-off donation to the Recreation Ground to cover unforeseen expenses and that this should be allocated against donations but come from general reserves and that whilst maximum funding had been obtained from Locality for the NP project, requests had been submitted against C Cllr Locality Budget (£500) and against the District Cllrs. Locality Budgets (£1365, both of which have been approved).

13. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED – none had been received.

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14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GROUPS -

- a. Recreation Ground Trust:
 - i. The schedule of the accounts detailing income received, accounts paid since the last meeting and accounts awaiting payment, was presented to the Council and agreed by all present – see Appendix 14c ii) at the end of the minutes for full details.
 - ii. The Council received the bank reconciliation to date and noted that bank balances stood at £474.91.
 - iii. To receive any matters coming forth – still considering the quotations for tree works and for additional identified tree work. Awaiting the Annual Playground Inspection reports from MSDC which would be reviewed by the Recreation Ground Committee once received.
- b. Library Account:
 - i. The accounts for the period ending 31st October 2018 were presented to full Council and accepted by all. Bank balances were confirmed as £8,095.65 with cleared available funds being the £8,064.65.
 - ii. It was noted that there were no further accounts for payment nor had there been any accounts paid since the last meeting or monies received.
 - iii. To receive any matters coming forth – tickets for visit to London still available. 6th December – AGM and AMADA will be coming to sing at the AGM. Christmas Tree Festival in December. Currently the group were consulting on the revamp of the children’s section of the library and were also participating in the Suffolk Library Arts council sponsored programme.
- c. Emergency Plan – the Clerk was awaiting clarification on the extent of personal data to be retained within the emergency plan master copy with regards to GDPR. Once this had been confirmed the updated document was ready for release. Confirmed that the summary would be uplifted to the website over the coming weeks and that copies would be left at various locations within the village.
- d. Skatepark Steering Group –
 - i. To receive an update from Cllr. Dashper on the Skate Park Steering Group Meetings held – noted that the last meeting had been cancelled. Cllr. Dashper made the group aware that he had stepped down from this group and that it had in fact been disbanded as there was a concern that its only function had been to progress a site for a skatepark. As such it was agreed that the PIISG was better placed to discuss this further and that the Ben Wragge Skatepark Group would continue as was and would approach the PC, and vice-versa, should there be pertinent items to be discussed which needed input from either side. In the meantime, the Clerk confirmed that she had received a detailed report on the use of the temporary skatepark sited at the New Green car park which would be circulated to the PIIS group for consideration within its site assessment work on sites to be considered for a recreational facility in the village. Once the site assessments were completed it was confirmed that there would be a round of pre-consultation discussions with MSDC’s Strategic Leisure Advisor; MSDC’s Open Space & Public Realm Officer; Ben Wragge Skatepark Group and relevant stakeholders for initial comments.
- e. Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group
 - i. to receive an update on the bids submitted against the CIL Bid Round 2 fund – it was noted that a bid for 2 bus shelters on Norton Road had been submitted in the current bid round which expired on 31st October 2018. Discussions were still ongoing regarding the uncontrolled crossing point on Sandpit Lane and further bus shelters with further input needed from SCC prior to the submission of further bids. If the information was submitted in time, it was agreed that these bids could be considered for the next bid round.
 - ii. to receive an update on the assessments of suitable sites within the parish of Thurston for Multi Facility Recreation Use – it was confirmed that to date 4 sites had been assessed with a further 6 to be undertaken. The group had held its 2nd meeting with a 3rd meeting scheduled for 14th November (*post meeting noted – amended to 21st November*). It was noted that So signed by the Chairman at the meeting of 5th December 2018

MSDC's Strategic Leisure Advisor and Open Space & Public Realm Officers were keen to be involved in talks for future leisure provision in Thurston and offered assistance where necessary.

f. Councillors Reports –

i. to note Councillors' activities/ meetings attended since the last meeting

- Library Meetings – Cllrs. Robinson & Fawcett
- PIISG Meeting – Cllrs. Dashper, Rainbow & Robinson
- SALC AGM – Cllr. Robinson
- Christmas Tree Festival Meeting – Cllrs. Robinson & Fawcett
- VAS – Cllrs. Hasler & Masters
- Engagement Surgery – Cllrs. Dashper & Masters
- Meeting with Pigeon Investment Ltd to introduce their build partner Linden Homes – Cllrs. Hasler; Masters; Moss & Rainbow
- Landscape Training Course – Cllrs. Masters; Mrs Morris and Mrs O'Connell
- Parish Council Liaison Meeting – Cllrs. Masters and Rainbow
- Ixworth Patients Association – Cllr. Masters
- NP Steering Meetings – Cllrs. Fawcett; Mrs Morris and Robinson
- Planning Committee Meeting – Cllrs. Dashper; Fawcett; Masters; Moss; Mrs O'Connell; Rainbow and Robinson
- Library External Meetings – Cllr. Fawcett

ii. to receive reports from Councillors' on issues relating to the village:

- Cllr. Mrs Morris confirmed that she had ordered 100 trees (whips) for Thurston as part of the Suffolk Tree Warden Network and the Woodland Trust project to make available to Tree wardens packs of 50 sapling trees, different types, plus stakes and guards. It had been confirmed that these could be planted on private gardens, community land, parish land and farm land.
- Road at bottom of Mill Road – ground sinking even though filled in previously.
- State of road at the junction of Norton Road/Ixworth Road/Station Hill – Cllr. Dashper to review this in daylight and advise the Clerk as to the severity of the issue.

15. CLERKS REPORT

- a) Delegated powers – the Clerk confirmed that she had dealt with the following matters under delegated powers: blocked slot drains; hedgerow along Sandpit Lane; various locations for potholes; surfacing in Furze Close and had answered questions over parking enforcement in residential areas.
- b) To receive an update on the deployment of the VAS – there had been a temporary issue with the downloading of the data from Barton Road which would be sorted in the coming weeks. The data showed that the excessive high speeds along Beyton Road were dropping overall and that generally this area was showing a slight decline in those exceeding 35mph+ when entering the village. There was still a significant number exceeding 40mph on entering the village along Beyton Road.
- c) BMSDC – Proposal : New Development at Land at Norton Road Thurston Suffolk – request for the suggestion of 12 new road name(s) for the above development. It was noted that the developer had not suggested any names and agreed that the Clerk should ascertain if there was a character limit and if the roads to be considered are closes; roads or spinneys. It was discussed as to whether the PC should suggest themes for each development coming forth such as Hopkins Homes – Butterfly names; Laurence Homes – production names e.g. raspberries; Old Thurston family names perhaps place names. It was agreed that this should be considered further at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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16. TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – themes for road names for the other four significant development areas with planning permission.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING – There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

- a) Next Parish Council Meetings - the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5th December 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in Thurston Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston; Parish Infrastructure and Investment Steering Group Meeting on 14th November in the Parish Council Office and Planning Meetings (if necessary) on 21st November 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Thurston Community Library, Norton Road.
- b) To receive the dates for Parish Council and Planning Meetings for 2019 – Council received the list of full Parish Council and Planning Committee Meeting dates.

19. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that disclosure of sensitive commercial interests of the council and the persons that have tendered is not in the public interest:

- a) To consider further the quotations received to ‘fence off’ the New Green bottom car park from the Youth Green Shelter and access to Station Hill – **Confidential** – *to be discussed at next Parish Council Meeting.*
- b) To consider further the quotations for works to the trees on Church Road following the arboriculturalist report produced by Urban Forestry following further information received – **Confidential** – *to be reported back at next Parish Council Meeting*
- c) To consider further the request for financial assistance from the New Green Trust with regards to the costs involved with its conversion to Community Incorporated Organisations – **Confidential**

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Appendix A

10. Planning:

b) To note the following decisions coming forth: none

12. Financial Matters

a) Accounts agreed for payment

	Voucher DD/SO	CHQ/	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
Broxap – Litter Bin	587	3247	668.95	133.79	802.74
M&TJs – Groundwork Maintenance	588	3248	246.00	49.20	295.20

b) Accounts paid since the last meeting –

Salaries – October 2018	582-584	3244- 3246	2939.34		2939.34
New Green Rent – October 2018	585	SO	360.00	0.00	360.00
Plusnet – business account	586	DD	38.13	7.63	45.76
Eurooffice - Stationary	589	CC	138.27	27.66	165.93
Amazon – Laptop Bag	590	CC	22.49	4.50	26.99
British Royal Legion	591	CC	34.00	0.00	34.00
British Royal Legion	592	CC	37.00	0.00	37.00

c) Receipts received since the last meeting –

Lloyds – Interest – October	Interest		2.16	0.00	2.69
MSDC – Locality Budget	BACS		1365.00	0.00	1365.00

14a) Rec Ground Accounts

i) Accounts paid since the last meeting:

British Gas – Elec	DD		160.31	8.01	168.32
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Monies received since the last meeting:

SCC – TUFS Rent	BACS		625.00	0.00	625.00
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ii) Accounts awaiting payment:

Caretaker Contract	595		110.77	0.00	110.77
Caretaker Expenses	596		2.65	0.53	3.18
M&TJ's – Grounds Maintenance	597		55.00	11.00	66.00

16b) Library Accounts

ii) Monies received since the last meeting: None

iii) Accounts awaiting payment: None

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Appendix B

Glossary of Common Abbreviations used

aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BUAB	Built Up Area Boundary
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
CC	Credit Card
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
Chq.	Cheque
Cllr.	Councillor
Cttee.	Committee
DC	District Council
DD	Direct Debit
FOI	Freedom of Information
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
LAIS (from SALC)	Local Association's Information Services
LGBCE	Local Government Boundary Commission for England
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MSDC	Mid Suffolk District Council
NHS	National Health Service
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NR	Network Rail
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
pdf	Portable Document Format
PIISG	Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group
Rec.	Recreation
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SNT	SaferNeighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
SPS	Suffolk Preservation Society
TBC	To be confirmed
TCC	Thurston Community College
TNPSG	Thurston Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TRO	Traffic Regulation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign

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Appendix C – County Cllr. Otton’s November Report to Full Council

- Highways Improvement and Innovation Board – new approach to pothole repairs, coordinating road closures and working with parish councils: A Highways Improvement and Innovations Board was established in June and has met three times. The Board recently announced that Suffolk Highways will be piloting a new approach to prioritising pothole repairs over the winter, specifically for services coming out of the Ipswich Phoenix House depot. If successful, the new approach will be rolled out to other depots. The new approach will mean more potholes in a single area will be repaired together, and potholes of 200mm width will also be included. The pilot aims to tackle more potholes at once, rather than later returning to the same area to repair nearby potholes. It will also aim to reduce the number of temporary repairs, which also have to be returned to at a later date. This should reduce the travelling time of maintenance crews, and result in more potholes being filled.

The Board has also been looking into improving the coordination of road closures, reducing the number of roadworks which overrun, and exploring ways for Suffolk Highways to work closer with town and parish councils. A progress report from the Board is expected at Scrutiny later in the year.
- Memorandum of Understanding: I have now had a response from Mark Stevens which I have sent to the clerk.
- Second Suffolk children’s home judged “inadequate”: A children’s home run by Suffolk County Council has been judged “inadequate” by Ofsted, following an inspection on 3 October 2018. This is the second council-run children’s home to receive an inadequate rating in the past 2 months.
- Council signs up to 100% nuclear energy deal: At the Council meeting on 18 October, members of my political group put forward a motion calling on the Council to recognise the benefits of renewable energy, commission a report into smart grids, and commit to ensuring at least 50% of the Council’s energy comes from renewable sources by 2025. Unfortunately, the Conservative administration amended the motion to remove any clear actions or targets.

It was also revealed that the Council have recently signed off on a 100% nuclear energy deal for the next three years, to commence in March 2019. This represents a major step backwards for Suffolk County Council, whose current energy contract includes 18.7% renewables.
- Home to School Transport: following the decision to change the rule I have been asked to sit on one of the working groups looking into any improvements/changes that could be made; I have been in touch with Helen Wilson to find out what ideas she is looking at to help her school.
- CIL BIDS: I have asked why the promised public website is not yet up and running; apparently this is delayed for another 4/6 weeks. I did forward name to the Clerk for advice on public transport - Simon Barnett.
- Meeting regarding the New Primary School: I will attend this on 21st November
- New Home Care operating model: At Cabinet on 9 October a new Home Care operating model was agreed. It was acknowledged that the previous model had not been a success and had caused unnecessary stress to both care providers and residents receiving home care. We were assured that “lessons had been learned” from this previous experience, and that greater care had been taken to develop the operating model in partnership with stakeholders.
- Budget consultation and reduction in overspend: Suffolk County Council is currently consulting on the 2019/20 budget and is asking the public to share their ideas for potential savings. The consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 16 November and can be found at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and->

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[democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/a-tough-call-to-make-budget-20192020/](#)
We will get our first look at the 2019/20 budget proposals on Thursday 22 November, when they are presented to the Scrutiny Committee.

At the end of Quarter 1 the council was predicting an overspend on the 2018/19 net budget of £8.6m. This prediction has now reduced, at the end of Quarter 2, to a £7.5m overspend. Although an improvement, it is unlikely that the overspend will be reduced completely by the end of the financial year, and the council will still need to make use of reserves to cover the funding gap.

I have looked at the papers to see there is a £33million contingency reserve.

- School admissions consultation: Suffolk County Council is consulting on its school admissions policy for 2020/21, available at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/consultation-on-admissions-to-schools-in-suffolk-for-the-20202021-school-year/>.
The consultation is open until 12 November 2018.
- No significant changes are proposed for 2020/21. However, the council are also seeking views on potential future changes to the oversubscription criteria, in terms of the removal of catchment area priority. If they decide to progress with this change, there would be another consultation October 2019 and any changes would then apply from 2021/22.

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