

**THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Community Library, Thurston Community College, Thurston.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Dashper

**Present:** Cllrs. Fawcett, Haley, Hasler, Mrs Morris, Mrs O'Connell, Rainbow, Robinson and Thurlbourn.

**In Attendance:** County Cllr. P Otton; District Cllr. D Haley (in his capacity as District Cllr. for Agenda Item 6); Mrs V Waples, Clerk and 11 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 of absence.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
  - a. The following local non-pecuniary interests for the Agenda under discussion were declared: Cllrs. Fawcett, Haley, 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. Cllrs. Dashper, Mrs O'Connell and Robinson declared receipt of consultation document from Gladman Developments Ltd.
  - 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed by all present as true and accurate records and signed as such by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed by all present as true and accurate records and signed as such by the Chairman.
5. **BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** – none that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
6. **PUBLIC FORUM** –
 

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS OTTON'S REPORT** – Cllr. Otton was invited to submit her report, a copy of which can be seen at Appendix C.

The following items were also mentioned:

  - The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not seen the order for waiting restrictions outside the library / college. Cllr. Otton agreed to send it onto the Clerk who would circulate it onto the Council for comments.
  - When questioned on the board to be set up to look at the Ofsted Report on Suffolk's Service for Children with Special Needs, it was confirmed that the terms of reference were unknown at this stage.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MR HALEY'S REPORTS** – Cllr. Haley was invited to submit his report in which he covered the following items:

  - Council meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March – last one of the current term - matters discussed can be found online – all meetings of the Council including background papers are available to view online.

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- Motion to Council to consider the adoption of End Violence at Work – 1<sup>st</sup> County to adopt such a motion.
- Changes to Leadership Team – available on website.
- Application granted for 6 houses at Popples Farm, Barrells Road.
- Thanks were offered to Cllr. Haley by the Chair for his time as a District Councillor as it was noted that this was his last report as a District Councillor for Thurston.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – *the following comments were made by the members of the public present:*  
Youth Shelter – comments were received from the floor on this matter

- do not agree that the answer to ASB is to remove the shelter. Residents should vent frustration with the Police for not dealing effectively with these issues. Removal of the shelter will deprive those who use it properly of a much-needed facility. Those residents affected should form an organised group who can meet with the PC and the Police to deal with this issue.
- Above was also endorsed – new primary school which potentially means 1000+ new young people of primary and upper school age. Concern that there is nothing for the extra children coming to the village in terms of infrastructure.
- Concern about the corner of Norton Road/Ixworth Road for young people accessing the new primary school.
- Young People of the Village do not have a voice in this forum. There are many young people who sit in the Youth Shelter and use it properly. Irresponsible to remove such a facility without having something in its place. Issue is not the Youth Shelter but anti-social behaviour.
- There were similar complaints when the ½ pipe was installed on the car park at New Green.
- A resident stated that they had not seen any sensible people at the Youth Shelter.
- Community College are backing the removal of the Shelter – why can they not be listened to?
- Issue is that residents of Field View are elderly and cannot remove themselves from the situation.
- Some of the youths are over the age of 18 and drive cars and will not respond to those speaking politely to them.
- Residents of Field View are being affected disproportionately and their quality of life is being impacted adversely.
- Anti-social behaviour – this is the real issue and should be considered in more detail.

## 7. POLICE MATTERS –

- a. Council received the latest Thurston SNT Report detailing the work undertaken over the past month by PCSO Smith which had been produced following reports submitted to the Clerk from PCSO Smith – the report was submitted to full Council and covered in the main issues concerning ASB.
- b. To receive village reports of concern for referral to Police – can PCSO traverse the areas of School Road, School Lane, St Peter’s Close and Birch Road in a more transparent manner.
- c. To consider the next steps with regards to the Youth Shelter located on the New Green bottom car park – the Chair reminded all that PC Allen who attended the APM and had stated that the Parish Council had taken the decision to remove the shelter was a little premature in declaring that such a decision had been taken. It should however be noted that at a previous meeting the Parish Council had stated that it was minded to remove it and this action has been endorsed by Sgt Vaughan. It was noted that effectively this is the last meeting of the current Parish Council and that any such decision will need to be taken by the new Council effective 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Cllr. Haley confirmed that in his capacity as District Cllr. he had been in contact with MSDC Safety Officer and Sgt Vaughan from Stowmarket SNT and the matter has been discussed. It was ascertained that there is the hope that they will have a contact who will be able to look at providing activities for young people. Main issue is finding people to run youth activities / clubs. At some point there will always be anti-social behaviour, but such a facility should not be located in an area where residents feel threatened or do not feel safe.

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The following proposals were agreed by all present:

- ascertain costs and implications of physical removal of the youth shelter;
  - ascertain costs for fencing in the bottom car park;
  - the PIISG to continue to look at alternative provisioning;
  - erection of public notice of intent for the removal of the shelter due to ASB.
- d. to consider the steps that are being proposed / taken to deal with anti-social behaviour in general in Thurston – it was agreed that there was very little that the PC could actually do in dealing with ASB within the village. A request has been submitted to the Response Team to raise the awareness of ASB in Thurston over the Easter Holidays in view of the ASB that occurred during the ½ term week. Noted that the PC is looking at a coordinated plan for recreational facilities within the village and actively talking to developers for such provision. It was also agreed that, following recommendations from Stowmarket SNT, the New Green Trust should be approached to turn the Wi-Fi off in the evening; remove the seats in the vicinity of the New Green Centre of an evening/night; clear the vegetation and undergrowth by the Youth Shelter in order to prevent young people hanging around the area.

#### **8. STATUTORY BUSINESS –**

- a. To consider SCC's proposals for Fishwick Corner, Thurston - Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 40mph Speed Limit – noted that speed limits are only efficient if they can be enforced. Whilst it was agreed that effectively this is what was requested by the PC previously, a request would be sent asking for the speed limit to be pushed back along Mount Road to the brow of the hill. If not willing to extend it out then could there also be warning signs in advance of the speed limit.
- b. MSDC's Housing Land Supply – Position Review 2019 – to receive an update on the position as per March 2019 and the questions posed by the Parish Council – MSDC have confirmed that they do have a 5-year land supply even though there were errors in the published document as outlined by the Parish Clerk to MSDC. Thanks were offered to District Cllr. Haley for his support on this matter.
- c. To receive SCC's details of the grass cutting schedule for Summer 2019 – the schedule was discussed, and it was agreed, that on health and safety grounds, the Council should make the case for more cuts at Fishwick and Pokeridge Corners.
- d. Village Website – to confirm the vacancy for editor for the community pages on the village website – it was agreed that the Clerk be delegated power to appoint the volunteer who has expressed an interest in volunteering for the position. It was noted that training would be offered.
- e. To consider and respond to Babergh/Mid Suffolk's Joint Area Parking Plan consultation which runs until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – it was expected that there would be joint working with other authorities. Cllr. Haley agreed to review the document and provide the Clerk with comments on the document.

#### **9. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO NETWORK RAIL:**

- a. To receive an update on safety works / improvements to Thurston Railway Station - Clerk confirmed that she had heard nothing further as to progress on the discussions 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 – the Clerk confirmed that despite request she had still to receive a copy of the speed data to allow Cllrs. to make an informed comment.

#### **10. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING FOR THURSTON:**

- a. To consider the following Planning Applications: *Cllr. Haley did not take part of the discussion and consideration of the following applications.*
  - DC/19/01417 – erection of a single storey side extension @ 3 Norton Road – tight on boundary. Agreed that a concern should be raised that there was no detailed information on sizes; lack of site information; close to the boundary and that there might be an impact on neighbouring properties

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- given these concerns, the PC is unable to provide a recommendation and asks for further details to allow it to consider this application further.
- DC/19/01359 – application for consent to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order – MS52 – reduce 1 No Evergreen Oak @ 14 Howes Avenue – this has been presented on several and pruning has been agreed previously. Proposal is to remove lateral branches to remove the issue of pigeons and it was doubted as to whether this would solve that issue. The work was regarded as being extensive and it was agreed that refusal be recommended on the grounds of impact and that the proposal would not solve the problem cited, aif.
- b. To note responses to previous planning comments submitted as statutory consultees – there were no updates to be provided.
- c. To note decisions as determined by the Local Planning Authority – Council noted the planning decisions coming forth as detailed at Appendix A
- d. To note the status of Planning Application DC/18/03547 – reserve matters for the site to the West of Ixworth Road – following the MSDC Planning Development Control B Committee Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Cllr. Haley agreed to ascertain when the application was likely to be brought back to the Development Control Cttee as it was noted that Persimmon had stated that they would be submitting further proposals to the District by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and that it would not be meeting with the PC until 12<sup>th</sup> April. The meeting received the report from Cllr. Fawcett detailing the items that had been raised as concerns by the Cttee and that should be taken into account by Persimmon. It was agreed that all would review the report and ensure that the points raised should be taken forward in the discussion with Persimmon. Comments should be submitted to the Clerk by 5.00pm on Tuesday. The proposals submitted by Persimmon for indicative play equipment were regarded as not being appropriate for the setting in which they should be located, and that further discussion was expected on this matter.
- e. To note that the application for Reserved Matters for land to the North of Norton Road is expected to be submitted by Linden Homes late March / early April 2019 – noted that this had now been submitted and would be discussed at the scheduled planning meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING –**

- a. To confirm that the Thurston NDP is in the process of being examined by the appointed Examiner whose role is to determine whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements – Council were informed that the examiner had submitted a fact checking document to both MSDC and the Parish Council. This was in the process of being checked with a response due back to the examiner by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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

- a. To approve the accounts awaiting payment (see Appendix A) 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 (see Appendix A) - Council noted the items that had been paid since the last meeting as listed at Appendix A, approval of the schedule by all was forthcoming.
- c. To note receipts allocated since the last meeting (see Appendix A) - 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 31.03.2019 - Council noted the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was £48,123.84 with available funds being £35,783.39.
- e. To consider and receive indicative accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019 (Paper B) – noted that detailed accounts would be presented at the meeting scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Overall the year-end position indicated a balance of £35,783.39 being carried forward with total receipts for the year at £109,434.43 and payments at £136,502.35.

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- f. To consider movement from the revenue accounts to earmarked accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (Paper C) – it was agreed that the final position of the earmarked reserves would be finalised at the May meeting but indicatively earmarked funds stood at £31,184.00.
- g. To approve the request to become the lead organisation working with the New Green Trust on the Youth Project to be sited on the New Green Open Space Area (see associated papers) – project conceived by the New Green Trust to provide facilities for 13+ age group. PC take the lead project to enable other source of funds to come forward. The representative from the New Green Trust indicated that he was willing to take an active role on this and assist with grant applications. It was noted that the landlord has agreed that he will consider a variation to the layout. It was agreed that the PC would take the lead organisation and support the project, aif.
- h. To consider the request to employ a person to provide administrative support to the Parish Clerk – Council was in agreement to support the proposal. It was agreed the Clerk would advertise the vacancy for 4 hours per week to be based in the Parish Council Office working as an administrative assistant. Maximum costs envisaged would be under £2,000 per annum.

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

**14. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND GROUPS -**

- a. Recreational Facilities Committee:
  - 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 14a 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 £1,168.00. Noted invoices still to be settled for some of the January to March 2019 hirers.
  - iii. To receive any matters coming forth –
    - Year end accounts for the period ending 31.03.2019 – Council was presented with the final accounts for the year and agreed to their approval. Balances carried forward were £1,168.00.
    - Model aircraft still in the tree at the Recreation Ground – this will be removed once Urban Forestry carry out further tree work.
    - New cradle swings installed at Heath Road with the removal of the larger swings as the bolts were badly worn. The bolts, shackles and bushes would be replaced prior to installation.
    - Accident in the Cavendish Hall Car Park – reported in the accident book at the Cavendish Hall.
- b. Library Account:
  - i. The accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were presented to full Council and accepted by all. Bank balances were confirmed as £11,675.39 with cleared available funds being £11,675.39.
  - ii. 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 A 14b ii) at the end of the minutes for full details. The end of year accounts was presented to all and noted. Final position with carried forward balances stood at £11,675.39.
  - iii. To receive any matters coming forth – revised plans for the Library were noted in the main Library building.
- c. Emergency Plan:
  - i. To note a meeting is to be scheduled for March 2019 to discuss the next steps in updating / implementing the plan – suspend until later in April or possibly May 2019.
- d. Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group:
  - i. to receive an update on the assessments of suitable sites within the parish of Thurston for Multi Facility Recreation Use – noted that this would be sent out later that week to partner agencies.
  - ii. to note the group is looking at how civil parking enforcement might be of benefit to the residents and businesses of Thurston – it was noted this was an ongoing project in its infancy.

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- iii. to note the group in conjunction with the Recreational Facilities Committee is continuing work on a strategy for provision of facilities for current and future residents of the village – noted that this work was ongoing and that the group would be approaching a number of external organisations for assistance / guidance.
- e. Village Guide 2019:
  - i. to receive a report from the working group on the production of the Thurston Village Guide 2019 – there was a meeting planned for 26<sup>th</sup> April to look at the draft outline of the booklet.
- f. Councillors Reports –
  - i. to note Councillors’ activities/ meetings attended since the last meeting
    - Library Meetings – Cllrs. Fawcett, Mrs O’Connell & Fawcett
    - VAS – Cllrs. Hasler & Robinson
    - Community Engagement Surgery – Cllr. Mrs Morris and Rainbow.
    - Recreation Ground Inspections – Cllrs. Hasler, Mrs Morris & Rainbow.
    - Planning Meeting – Cllrs. Dashper, Fawcett, Mrs O’Connell; Rainbow, Robinson and Thurlbourn.
    - Stowmarket SNT Meeting – Cllrs. Haley, Mrs Morris, Rainbow and Thurlbourn.
    - APM – Cllrs. Dashper; Fawcett; Haley; Mrs Morris; Mrs O’Connell; Rainbow, Robinson and Thurlbourn.
    - Youth Project – RF, BR, PR
    - MSDC Planning Referrals Meeting – Cllrs. Fawcett and Robinson
    - SALC Meeting – Cllr. Robinson
    - Kompan Meeting – Cllr. Rainbow and Mrs Morris
    - Repairs to swings at Heath Road – Cllr. Rainbow
  - ii. to receive reports from Councillors’ on issues relating to the village:
    - Furze Close - surfacing
    - Hedge at Rylands Close – encroaching
    - Path from School down Recreation Field to Church – covered in leaves
    - Drainage at Pokeriage Corner
    - Missing sign indicating Barrells Road from Church Road
    - Bins on paths at New Green have not been emptied.

## 15. CLERKS REPORT

- a. Delegated powers – the Clerk confirmed that she had dealt with a number of matters under delegated powers: discussion over installation of bus shelters covered by the recent CIL bid – the meeting agreed that the bus shelters should be a standard design similar to that in School Road and that if the land in question belonged to SCC land and the money was bid for a bus shelter, the community benefit should be fully funded within the limits for all to enjoy.
- b. To receive an update on the deployment of the VAS – it was noted that the unit located on Beyton Road had been returned to the manufacturer to be fitted with the ability to capture data via Bluetooth. It was confirmed that there appeared to be little change in the data collected from the unit on Barton Road and that the average speed appeared to be around 37mph.
- c. To note general correspondence received as follows – all has been previously circulated.

## 16. TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – none other than standing items.

## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS–

- a. to confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting which is the Annual (Parish) Council Meeting scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 commencing in the Community Library, Norton Road.

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b. to note that there will be a Planning Committee Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7.30pm in the Community Library, Norton Road, Thurston

**18. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that disclosure of ongoing discussions relating to the lease of New Green Trust and are not in the public interest:**

- a) Employment matters relating to members of staff - Council agreed to adopt the new pay scales for the Clerk and Litter Picker both of whom are employed under National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) Contracts effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.
- b) Review of Litter Picker's contract – agreement was forthcoming to move the Litter Picker's salary to the next spinal column point effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**20. CLOSE OF MEETING** – there being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.25pm

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## Appendix A

### 10. Planning:

b) To note the following decisions coming forth:

DC/19/00611 – Planning Permission for the erection of a two-storey side extension @ 7 School Lane

DC/18/01503 – Refusal of Planning Permission for the creation of new access from Beyton Road and closure of the original farm access. Stationing of portacabin for sales and storage of farm produce @ land at Beyton Road.

### 12. Financial Matters

#### a) Accounts submitted for payment

	Voucher	METHOD	NETT	VAT	TOTAL
New Green – balance of increased rent	655	3473	117.00	0.00	117.00
Suffolkbiz – website hosting	656	3474	100.00	0.00	100.00
MSDC – return of monies paid – their error	657	3475	867.43	0.00	867.43

#### b) Accounts paid since the last meeting

Salaries – March 2019	645-649	3466-3470	5355.69	0.00	5355.69
Thurston Village Hall – APM Meeting	650	3471	31.00	0.00	31.00
SCC – Street Lighting & Maintenance	651	3472	5669.80	1133.96	6803.76
Plusnet – Telephone & Internet – March 2019	652	DD	37.85	7.57	45.42
Eurooffice – Stationary	653	CC	163.05	32.62	195.67
New Green Rent – March 2019	654	SO	360.00	0.00	360.00
TRF to Recreation Ground Acct – VAT refund	TRF	TRF	48.70	0.00	48.70
TRF to Library Account – VAT refund	TRF	TRF	18.72	0.00	18.72

#### c) Receipts received since the last meeting

Lloyds – Interest – March	Interest	2.01	0.00	2.01
HMRC – Refund of VAT	BACS	4258.91	0.00	4258.91
MSDC – ERROR – NOT REQUESTED – to be repaid	Bacs	867.43	0.00	867.43

#### 14a) Rec Ground Accounts

##### i) Accounts paid since the last meeting:

N Hayward Roofing – repairs to pavilion	606	195.00	39.00	234.00
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##### Monies received since the last meeting:

Thurston Football Club Jan to Mar 2019	Chq	272.00	0.00	272.00
VAT reclaim for period to January 2019	TRF	48.70	0.00	48.70
U3A Mah-Jong - hire of pavilion	Cash	72.00	0.00	72.00

##### ii) Accounts awaiting payment:

Caretaker Contract	607	117.26	0.00	117.26
CAS – Insurance Premium – annual renewal	608	421.78	0.00	421.78
Newflame – Annual Maintenance Inspection	609	101.50	20.30	121.80

#### 14b) Library Accounts

##### i) Monies paid since the last meeting: None

##### ii) Monies received since the last meeting:

VAT reclaim for period to January 2019	TRF	18.72	0.00	18.72
Wine Tasting Event	Cash	20.00	0.00	20.00

##### iii) Accounts awaiting payment:

Suffolk Libraries – monies for refurbishment	131	3500.00	0.00	3500.00
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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
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
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 April Report to Full Council**

OFSTED REPORT ON SUFFOLKS SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS; a shocking report has highlighted the failures in Suffolk to support children with special needs. The council will have to make major changes if it does not want the government to come in and take over the service. Having asked what the cabinet member is doing about it, I was told a Board would be set up. However it seems this will comprise of himself, plus 2 other councillors. I believe it should involve users, parents, carers and teachers.

Review of Children’s Centres: a policy development panel has been set up to review the cost and location of children’s centres.

Review of County Council Boundaries: the boundary commission is looking into a possible review of Suffolk county council divisions.

Motions to Council 20<sup>th</sup> March: my group put a motion calling on climate change and for SCC to do all it can to reduce carbon emissions. This was supported overwhelmingly. A motion to reduce the gender pay gap. This was not!

Traffic Regulation Order: the order for waiting restriction a outside the library/ college has been approved.

Suffolk Foundation Grants: I have circulated to the clerk details of new round of grants on offer.

Extension to 40mph on Mount Road: I am more than happy to support the parish council request for this to extend to the junction at Pokeriage Corner.

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