

NEWBOURNE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

11 MAY 2015

Village Hall, 7pm

PRESENT:

Kwini Lusher
Councillor Patricia O'Brien
Denise Parkinson
Erica Pattinson
Sue Pollard
Lionel Scott (Vice Chair)
Amie Veerman (Clerk)
Peter Waller (Chair)
Jim Wicks

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Veronica Falconer
Tony Finch
Michael Frost
Peter Smyth
Sarah Wood

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm

1. Apologies received as noted above.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 12 May 2014 were agreed to be a true and accurate record.
3. There were no matters arising from the previous set of minutes.
4. The Chair presented the Annual Report of the Newbourne Parish Council, as appended to these minutes. The Chair thanked retiring Councillors Veronica Falconer and Patricia O'Brien for all of their support and hard work over the past year and advised that Susan Harvey has been elected as the new Councillor representing Kirton Ward. The Chair welcomed the new Parish Councillors, Kwini Lusher, Denise Parkinson and Erica Pattinson, as well as the new clerk Amie Veerman.

The Chair confirmed that the Financial Annual Return had been submitted and that the Parish Council now operated by an agreed set of Standing Orders. Retiring himself, the Chair thanked everyone for their good work and support during his period as Chair.

5. The Finance report, appended, was prepared by the previous Clerk, Colin Moore and it was noted that the current financial position of the Parish Council is stable however an increase in precept was likely for 2016/2017.
6. The Annual Report of the Revelry play space, appended was received in Peter Smyth's absence. The Chair highlighted that the £4k reserve has been earmarked for future significant repairs and it is hoped that the £800 per year maintenance cost will be covered by 50% fundraising and 50% precept. The playground continues to be a valuable asset in attracting bookings for the Village Hall.

7. Annual Report of the Newbourne Village website, appended. It was confirmed that the website is now updated on a weekly basis and contains useful information relating to all parts of the community in addition to all papers relating to the Parish Council. It is hoped that the website will replace the void left by the Newbourne newsletter which unfortunately had to cease printing last year.
8. Annual Reports were received from the Suffolk Constabulary and Councillor Veronica Falconer on behalf of Nacton Ward. Councillor Patricia O'Brien presented the Annual Reports for Suffolk County Council and Suffolk District Council and confirmed that both councils, will, for the 5th consecutive year, be freezing council tax. All four reports have been appended to these minutes.
9. Sue Pollard, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, presented the Village Hall Annual Report, appended, and highlighted that the aim for 2015/2016 is to create a car park on the premises. Within the last year the toilets have been refurbished and the number of bookings received is pleasing. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of using a percentage of the bookings income towards the maintenance of the playground. This would only be applicable however if the booking was for a children's party and included use of the playground. Any suggestions of how this process could be installed should be directed to Sue Pollard for consideration. Sue Pollard verbally updated attendees that there are on-going discussions with an Astronomical Society who would like to use the site to erect an observatory. The Parish Council will be kept up to date accordingly.
10. The Waldringfield Primary School report, appended, was received in Sarah Wood's absence. Angie Carpenter presented the Parochial Church Council report, appended, and highlighted that they are always keen to recruit new volunteers to help maintain the churchyard. Any time that people could spare, no matter how little would be greatly appreciated.

The Chair questioned if it would be possible to erect an aerial on the church tower to assist with mobile phone coverage. Angie Carpenter explained that this had previously been looked into however could be raised again – the limitations of the Church being Grade One listed was recognised.

11. No report was received from the Newbourne Home Grown Quilters.
12. Any other matters. A discussion ensued relating to the recent hiring of the village hall land for campervans and caravans. Unauthorised vehicles not relating to the party parked there one night but did move on the next day. Attendees were asked to look out for future occurrences of unauthorised parking.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

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 Chair
 Dated:

CHAIR'S REPORT 2014 – 2015

I would like to thank our County and District Councillor Patricia O'Brien and District Councillor Veronica Falconer for their advice and support over the past year. Both stood down as district councillors at the recent election, but Patricia will remain as our County Councillor. Our councillors have been extremely helpful in allocating grants (Community Enabling and Locality budgets) for repairs, toilet facilities for the Village Hall and to support the maintenance costs of the Revelry play area. I'd like to welcome our new District Councillor Susan Harvey and three new Parish Councillors Kwini Lusher, Denise Parkinson and Erica Pattinson and wish them all well. The Parish Council will have eight councillors out of nine required.

Colin Moore, our Clerk left at the end of April; he has submitted the 2014-2015 accounts to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) for internal audit and BDO for the external audit. During his time with the Council, Colin has developed, amongst other things, our standing orders and financial regulations along with a comprehensive budgeting and accounting system. Colin worked tirelessly for the Council, being very efficient, conscientious and hardworking - he will be a great loss.

I would like to welcome Amie Veerman who has recently been appointed as the Council's new clerk and am sure she will enjoy working with the new Parish Council and soon get to know its work and councillors.

The Revelry maintenance continues to be a significant cost to the Council; however, a £1,000 grant from the Community Enabling Budget was obtained as the result of a successful application, supported by Patricia O'Brien. This grant will be used to defray costs over the two years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The cable way (zip wire) has been adjusted to reduce its speed following two accidents, and a new seat obtained free from Play Dale as a result of an apparent design failure and a minor accident. Health and Safety checks are carried out annually by RoSPA, as well as monthly checks. Our insurers are happy with these arrangements as well as the action taken after the zip wire accidents.

A number of planning applications have been considered by the Council, the results of which have been posted on our web site. The Council has supported "in fill" developments at various locations; however these have been unsuccessful due to SCDC planners wishing not to deviate from the Area Plan.

Newbourne is not part of the super-fast broadband "roll-out broadband" planned for 85% of the population. However, the Council has been encouraging residents to register interest so that there is a possibility of the Village being included in the second phase of the "roll out" during 2015. The Council will keep residents informed.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) advises that crime continues to remain low in Newbourne. Monthly crime reports are issued which also cover surrounding villages.

The Council now has a website which includes Council agendas, minutes, budget details, planning items, important items of information and news. Our thanks go to Peter Smyth for establishing and maintaining the website. A web site is now required under the Transparency Code.

The Parish Council was advised that, sadly, the Newbourne Newsletter will no longer be published due to lack of contributions and feedback. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to the editors for their sterling work over the past few years. The Parish Council believes that it is important that the Council has the ability to communicate effectively with its residents for example via the web site (newbourne.onesuffolk.net). A Facebook page entitled 'Local to Newbourne' and occasional Parish Council flyers will inform residents of any matters of importance.

The budget review for 2015 – 2016 indicated that a further major increase in the precept will be necessary to cover major areas of expenditure. The Parish Council therefore recommended an increase of approximately 80p per month for the parish precept element of the Council Tax for 2015 - 2016. This was necessary to cover items such as grass cutting and land maintenance charges; maintenance of the Revelry play space, including repairs and inspections; third party and general insurance; support for the Village Hall and general administration. The audited annual accounts, which provide full details of the parish income and expenditure, will be published on the website after the audit of the financial year figures.

Budget projections indicate that a further precept increase may be necessary in 2016 - 2017 to cover costs and to maintain an appropriate level of reserves.

The public are now able to film, video, photograph and make audio recordings of Parish Council meetings; as a result a policy in this regard has been written and adopted by the Council.

The Reef Television Production Company visited and filmed in Newbourne. The film covered the establishment of the Land Settlement Association. A television programme featuring Newbourne was shown in the autumn of 2014 and Lee Belcham launched his book "Newbourne in Short Trousers" at the Village Hall in November 2014.

Councillor Sue Pollard, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, reported that the Astronomical Society (a regular booking for the Village Hall) had requested that the Council consider the provision of an observatory in the Village Hall grounds. The Society would fund the Observatory and make a contribution to improved car park provision. This plan has been agreed by the Council, subject to planning approval.

It is hoped that a car park will be constructed subject to successful grant applications and sponsorship. The Village Hall was also successful in obtaining grants for the refurbishment of the toilet facilities and repairs to weather boarding.

This will be my last annual report as I'll be standing down from the Council after the election of the new Chair at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Thanks to everyone for your help and support.

Peter Waller
Chair
May 2015

Finance report 2014/2015

Our reserves were reduced by £600 (now £9721) despite a £1000 increase in precept last year and a grant of £1000 from SCC for maintenance of the play space. Additional, and unplanned costs, included landscaping and play space maintenance with particular reference to the zip wire. Fund raising income was reduced as a consequence of reduced activity and administration costs increased but were offset by a reduced printing commitment. There was also additional capital spend with the provision of a litter bin and additional signs in the play space area.

Overall the finances are in sound order and a further proposed increase in precept of approximately £1000 is anticipated to meet costs with only unplanned costs reducing reserves. The current reserves are earmarked £1000 in the event of a contested election and £4000 for play space maintenance. The £4000 operational reserve accords with a rule of thumb that advises that it should be equal to, or slightly less than the annual precept income (£4170 planned for 2015/16)

Colin Moore

Accounts for Newbourne Parish Council Year Ending 31st March 2015

31/03/2014

31/03/2015

Receipts

£2,069.90 Precept	£3,112.68
£10.62 Treasury bond realisation and interest	
£2.43 Interest (Business Saver Account)	£2.00
£609.57 VAT refund	£362.57
£130.10 SCDC Grant	£1,087.32
£240.00 Fundraising	£30.00
<u>£3,062.62</u>	<u>£4,594.57</u>

Payments

£1,599.69 Salaries	£1,071.36
£117.00 Subscriptions	£120.00
£992.07 Insurance	£876.06
£471.55 Play Area	£851.75
£623.72 Printing	£304.04
£120.00 Legal and Audit	£98.40
£218.39 Administration	£476.44
Capital purchase (Waste bin, signs)	£423.12
£400.00 Landscaping	£972.00
<u>£4,542.42</u>	<u>£5,193.17</u>

Account Summary

£932.29 Community account	£765.56
£4,000.89 Business Saver Account	£4,002.89
£5,386.66 Revelry Account	£5,267.59
Unpresented cheques	£314.30
<u>£10,319.84</u>	<u>£9,721.24</u>

The Rev John's Revelry Playground Annual Report 2015

Our playground is almost 5 years old now and has been a huge success. Many 1000s of children have enjoyed themselves over that period and it still continues to be very popular for children both inside and outside our village. Furthermore, it is also helping to drive up additional bookings for the Village Hall in the form of children's parties. It has helped put Newbourne on the map for the younger generation and in the process we have won various awards.

In 2010, when the playground was built, we were fortunate that we were able to reclaim the VAT on the building costs of over £40K which has covered all the running costs since then. However, with £4K in reserves today we aim to maintain this for any future significant repairs. We have running costs of about £800 per year and we now plan to fund raise to help cover at least 50% of these annual costs while the rest will be part of the annual precept. However, this year we have been successful in being awarded transitional funding of £1k from the Community Enabling Budget (SCDC) with the support of Patricia O'Brien. This has helped greatly. Of course, the more we do as a community to maintain the playground the less we have to do to raise the running costs!

Due to a shortage of volunteers, the Revelry has employed SCL to carry out various works and general maintenance over the past few months.

We had our first two accidents last year where children fell from the zip wire. The Parish Council has been assured that the zip wire meets the British Safety Standards (BSEN) and that our maintenance and inspection reports are all as they should be. Furthermore, we have taken action to reduce the Zip speed even though this already met the safety criteria. The zip wire seat has also been replaced recently. Whilst it is unfortunate, children do have accidents and it is a part of growing up, so please can parents/careers be watchful of their playful children whilst using all the equipment and be sure that users of the zip wire are able to hold on tight!

Peter Smyth, 2015

The Newbourne Village Web site – Annual report 2015.

Last year saw the re-launch of the Newbourne Village web site on the OneSuffolk platform also used for other parish councils. This site is now maintained on a weekly base to make people aware of what is happening in our Village and to provide valuable information such as the Community heating oil scheme. It also provides a place to find records of the parish council such as future agenda, minutes and details of planning applications. There are also pages on the village hall and the playground.

Looking forward we would love to provide a Village newsletter online to replace the previous newsletter that was unable to continue last year.

Peter Smyth
May 2015.

6 Parish Council report

Annual Report – April 2014 – March 2015

Parish	No. of crimes recorded
Brightwell	5
Bucklesham	17
Foxhall	18
Levington	12
Nacton	60
Newbourne	12
Purdis Farm	162
Waldringfield	16
Total Crime for period Apr 14 – Mar 15	302

Brightwell – 5 recorded crimes

Driving whilst Disqualified - 1
Theft Other – 1
Driving with excess alcohol - 1
Poss. Class B drugs - 1
Dangerous dog causing injury – 1

Bucklesham – 17 recorded crimes

Theft Other – 1
Burglary other building – 2
Theft of motor vehicle – 1
Theft from motor vehicle – 2
Possession of Class B Drug - 4
Criminal Damage Other – 4
Make off without payment - 1
Assault – 1
Burglary dwelling with intent - 1

Foxhall – 18 recorded crimes

Criminal damage vehicle - 1
Burglary Dwelling – 2
Theft Other – 2
Driving with excess alcohol - 4
Possession of class b drugs - 2
Found on an enclosed premises - 1
Criminal Damage Other – 2
Aggravated taking of a motor vehicle – 1
Take a conveyance – motor vehicle - 1
Fraud – 1
Assault - 1

Levington – 12 recorded crimes

Take a conveyance - motor vehicle - 1
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2
Burglary Other Building – 6
Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1
Theft Other – 1
Drink Driving - 1

Nacton – 60 recorded crimes

Theft Other – 8
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 15
Burglary Other Building with Intent – 2
Burglary Other Building – 7
Assault – 5
Interfere with Motor Vehicle – 1
Criminal Damage Vehicle – 4
Drink Driving – 1
Criminal damage other - 1
Criminal damage dwelling - 2
Burglary dwelling - 4
Possession of Class B drug - 4
Theft from person - 1
Theft of pedal cycle – 1
Arson – 1
Fear of provocation of violence – 1
Threat with a blade – 1
Possession of an offensive weapon - 1

Newbourne – 12 recorded crimes

Criminal damage other - 2
Arson - 1
Drink Driving - 1
Theft Other – 3
Assault – 4
Poss. Class B drugs – 1

Purdis Farm - 162 recorded crimes.

99 - Sainsbury's / Homebase crimes

5 – Suffolk Showground / Trinity Park crimes

Assault – 8
Interference with a motor vehicle - 6
Criminal Damage Vehicle – 2
Theft Other – 13
Theft from Vehicle – 12
Criminal Damage Other – 5
Cause Alarm/Distress - 3
Theft of Pedal Cycle – 1
Burglary dwelling – 1
Fear of provocation of violence - 1
Burglary other building - 4
Driving with excess alcohol – 1
Take a conveyance – motor vehicle - 1

Waldrinfield – 16 recorded crimes

Theft Other – 4
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2
Burglary Other Building - 3
Assault - 2
Driving with excess alcohol - 1
Poss. Class B Drugs – 1
Theft – from conveyance not a motor vehicle - 3

SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

I have been a district councillor for 16 years and, as I am standing down at the May election, I thought it would be interesting to look back, to reflect, briefly, on my time as a district councillor.

I was elected for Kirton Ward in May 1999, (later to become a 2 member ward in 2003 including Nacton & Purdis Farm) part of a completely new administration that was to prepare for the new Cabinet system. I was appointed as Cabinet member for Health & Well-Being and my prime responsibility was Port Health, visiting schools and advocating a healthy life style plus attending Cabinet meetings, Full Council and giving reports. I did this for 5 years.

Councillors had no computers, ipads, blackberrys; I didn't have a mobile phone! But strange to say, we managed!

In 2001 I was elected to SCC for The Trimleys & Kirton Division for 4 years and, with the boundary changes in 2003, I moved across to Martlesham Division, where I have remained. In 2005 I was appointed Cabinet member for Children, Schools and Young People's Services, a post I filled until 2009. As a result, I stood down from my SCDC Cabinet position and concentrated on my parishes and one or two committees at SCDC.

I have to say that I have been fortunate to have had an excellent working relationship with all my parish councils and, indeed, with parishioners. I thank you all for your support.

However, the application to build, first 1000 houses at Adastral Park, which was rapidly increased to 2000, shocked and motivated me, and many others, to object in the strongest, most forceful terms. I have written numerous letters, made representations and spoken at Council meetings over the years. The opposition and fight has lasted 7 years and is still being fought by NANT. I remain a committed objector. My stance did not endear me to the administration at SCDC. Nonetheless, I have continued to represent the views of my constituents, particularly in relation to planning.

For the last couple of years I have been a member of the Audit & Governance Committee and, despite the dryness of many of the issues, I have appreciated the strength of the committee in its determination to investigate and highlight the governance of the council.

The district council that will be elected in May will be very different from the one it replaces. The numbers of councillors is being reduced from 54 to 42.

SCDC is moving premises. The Melton Hill site is to be sold for housing and new offices are to be built on the Girdleston site at Melton.

SCDC has not increased council tax for the 5th year.

I have spent all my Community Enabling Fund on projects such as: renovation projects for church and village hall; flood protection, play areas, kitchen equipment for village hall.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

For the 5th year Suffolk County Council's council tax share is to be frozen. Suffolk residents will not pay more than they did in 2010/11. The council has managed, successfully, to deliver savings in excess of £130m over the last four years. However, as the government's deficit reduction programme is set to continue until 2018/19, there is a forecast of a further £120m budget shortfall that will need to be addressed over the next three years. The Council tax freeze was agreed as part of the budget proposals for 2015/16, which include savings of £38.2million, to be made across services during the financial year. The bulk of these savings (£24.6m) will be delivered through wide-ranging transformation programmes which will result in the council becoming a leaner and more focused organisation. The remaining savings will be made by: reducing previous contingency budgets, set aside for major projects; change management; budgetary savings from within service areas. Meanwhile, over the last five years, there has been a reduction of approx. 47% in the workforce.

I am stating the obvious when I say that our children are our future. It is therefore, with a measure of some satisfaction, that I note there is an improvement in education attainment in Suffolk. Suffolk has risen 12 places in the national league table for GCSE results since 2013; from 137th to 125th out of 151 local authorities. Whilst this does not generate flag waving it shows an upward trend. In 2012, Suffolk had fallen 8.9% behind the national average at GCSE. This prompted the Raising the Bar programme. Although improvement has been slow the gap between Suffolk and the national average has narrowed. The 2014 results now show the margin to be 1.7%.

There have been improvements for Early Years and Key Stage 1 in literacy, writing, maths and reading. All risen in the national ranking.

As a former Cabinet Member for Children's Services I take particular interest in Suffolk education and wish for greater, speedier progress.

An Initiative to drive employment opportunities was launched by SCC and New Anglia LEP in February. Employers across Suffolk are being urged to create new apprenticeships. £1.5million has been put into the campaign to double the number of apprentices to 5,000 by 2019. Increasing the number of apprenticeships will play a vital part in tackling the skills shortage in Suffolk.

As I mentioned in my annual report last year, the aim, indeed the necessity of organisations, such as county, district, health, police, fire and ambulance, to work in partnership is essential for services to be delivered. I will identify much of the good work that is taking place and the continued efforts to strive for closer/integrated working.

One of the most successful partnerships is between the 'blue light services'. Four fire stations across Suffolk in Ixworth, Elmswell, Debenham and Framlingham are shared with the police service; ambulance crews in Lowestoft and Brandon are now based at fire stations.

The government has awarded a grant of £4.94million to help increase the number of shared bases for fire, police and ambulance. Not only does this cement partnership working, but it will deliver financial savings for all the parties.

Suffolk's energy-from-waste site at Great Blakenham is now open and a recent agreement between Suffolk and Norfolk will see 40,000 tonnes of Norfolk's residual household waste used to generate electricity. Both councils will benefit with savings of £1 million over the period of the deal. During construction, over 100 Suffolk firms won contracts to supply goods and services to the site. It has created 47 new jobs on site and a further 200 could be produced if the proposed greenhouse project goes ahead.

Suffolk's Hate Crime Service and partnership organisations have launched Stay Safe badges to support vulnerable adults. The Stay Safe Scheme was developed to enable vulnerable people to

feel safer by providing them with places they can go, should they need help or support. Businesses involved include libraries, leisure centres, shops, restaurants, banks and pubs. Suffolk Police have supported Stay Safe by producing Stay Safe cards, stickers and in funding the Stay Safe badge.

Engaging with partners is often slow but I hope that I have shown, with the above, that collaboration is gaining momentum. SCC departments are finding new initiatives and more efficient ways of working across organisations.

The Suffolk Police and Crime Panel, that I chair, meet quarterly with Tim Passmore, The Police & Crime Commissioner. We scrutinise and debate issues such as: finance, responding to emergencies; solving crime; preventing and reducing crime and caring for the victims of crime. There are particular areas that have recently gained public recognition and momentum. Domestic violence and child exploitation have come under considerable scrutiny and the PCC has made those his top priorities. I have frank and open informal discussion with the Commissioner on a regular basis and he is extremely keen to further partnership working as he regards it as vital to the future delivery of service. I chaired the First National Conference of Police & Crime Panels in Nottingham, earlier in the year.

I have been continually interested in developments to deal with problems on the Orwell Bridge. I recently wrote a letter to MP Therese Coffey stating I believed that the speed limit on the Orwell Bridge should be 50mph and, indeed, that lorries should be confined to the inside lane of the A14 (and other major roads) and restricted to 50mph.

Finally, I have spent my locality money on projects such as: parish newsletters; road cones; replacement of fencing; picnic benches; village hall repairs.

PATRICIA O'BRIEN April 2015

NACTON WARD'S DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Cllr Veronica Falconer

The last year 2014/15 district Council wise has been a tidying up year with finalising, the Deben Estuary Plan, raising money for the Defence Flood Wall at Waldringfield and the coastal path in Levington, deciding on the number of Councillors and thus Wards for the future in Suffolk Coastal, should SCDC Head Office move and where to, and the new local Plan (LDF) has been finalised but still has problems.

I can hardly believe it is 12 years since I became your District Councillor – the years have flown. The Nacton Ward has 10 Parishes with 6 Parish Council Meetings per month and in some case every other month – Parish Chairmen have come and gone as have some Parish Clerks and Councillors and the subjects each Parish has had to deal with over this time have varied enormously. I have had the wonderful opportunity to learn about things I would never have probably known about and these problems have opened my eyes to the grass root problems of so many constituents who love the Nacton Ward. I have had to research many subjects to give you as much information as possible. Some Parishes have needed a helping hand others cope brilliantly with the problems besetting their village. The backbone to my work has been Suffolk Coastal, the Committees I have sat on, the workshops attended, visits to Sizewell, Bentwaters, A Solar Farm in Ely along with numerous site visits re contentious Planning Applications in the Ward. Networking has been a key part of the job not only with Suffolk Coastal but with the Police, Suffolk County Council and many many constituents.

AS a reminder some of the events and highlights in the last 12 years that have occupied a great deal of my time both in the ten Parishes as well as at Suffolk Coastal have been:

Pubs Opening and Closing – The Shannon in Bucklesham and The Ship in Levington

The three Murders at Levington/Nacton

Caravan Sites, Bus Routes and Timetables, Loss of Nacton Post Office, Sizewell C, Log Cabins

Biomass Boilers, Wind Turbines in Bucklesham (3), Purdis Farm (2), Solar Panel Farms at Newbourne and Levington, Telephone Masts – scattered throughout the Ward

Recycling, Wheelie Bins, Composting and Waste Disposal, Affordable Housing, Doggie Bins, Food Hygiene,

The Pontoon at Waldringfield, Beach and Village Litter Picks, Waldringfield Quarry

Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, Council Tax changes, Partnership working, The Local Development Framework (LDF) – which has dominated the last eight years, BT Application – still undetermined. The Deben Estuary Partnership and Boundary changes,

Reduction in District Councillors from 55 down to 42 at the election next month. SCDC accommodation move to Melton and the sale of Melton Offices

Tidal Surge in December 2013 affecting both Waldringfield and Levington

Public Rights of Way (PROW), Alcohol Licencing, Taxi Licencing, Numerous Planning applications, Amberfield and recently the Hollies

Car Parking fares, introduction of Philis IT, Tourism, Community Enabling Fund, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL),

Levington winning the Calor Village of the Year competition, being Vice Chair and Chairman of Suffolk Coastal covering two years, Charing the Quality Place Awards

The list goes on!!!

Stepping down is going to leave a huge void in my life as all the villages over the last twelve years have been my back bone with all their ups and downs. My sincere thanks go the Chairman and Parish Clerks for all the wonderful work that they have achieved. Thank you for letting me share and input to the best of my ability.

Cllr. Veronica Falconer

Nacton Ward - 2015

THE NEWBOURNE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

MAY 2015

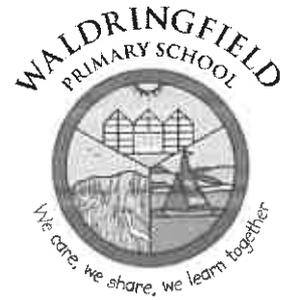
1. COMMUNITY ACCOUNT 30TH APR 2015. £3189.38
2. BUSINESS SAVER ACC. " £5000.00
3. MONEY SPENT ON IMPROVEMENTS SINCE OCT 2014 £2149.86
4. WE HAVE UPDATED THE TOILETS WITH A NEW WATER HEATER, NEW BASINS, TILES AND ITS BEEN DECORATED - THE NEXT THING IS NEW FLOOR COVERING. ALSO WE HAVE HAD THE OUTSIDE WOOD REPAIRED AND PAINTED.
5. OUR AIM FOR THIS YEAR IS TO HAVE A CAR PARK CREATED AT A COST OF AROUND £9000.00
6. THE V/H COMMITTEE COMPRISES OF MYSELF AS TREASURER AND CHAIRMAN WITH CHRIS COUSINS AS SECRETARY, PAT FROST AS BOOKING CLERK, CARE-TAKER AND SUE WALLER AS A MEMBER
7. WE HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN £1000.00 FROM THE SUFFOLK COASTAL COUNCIL
8. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE BOOKINGS AND HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

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Headteacher Mrs S Wood BAed (Hons) MAed NPQH

Annual Report to the Parish Council April 2015

In September we welcomed two new teachers to our team. Mrs Kennedy is a Newly Qualified Teacher and Miss King is in her second year of teaching. Both have brought new ideas, enthusiasm and a keenness to work in a village primary school. Along with the rest of my staff we have a very happy, committed staff team. We pride ourselves on being a small, family school where individual needs are met and all involved in our school are listened to and respected. On a daily basis this ethos is seen through a calm learning atmosphere that gives all children the opportunities to succeed. The children are fundamental to our school and throughout the year the school council continues to meet weekly, the children facilitate and clerk the meeting very effectively whilst the rest of the school listen attentively. We enjoy celebrating achievement and the weekly Sharing Assemblies are very popular and the children chosen to represent their class are very proud to show and display their work.

Our school roll is currently at 102. This is the biggest our school has been since anyone connected with our school can remember! Looking through old school log books, our school has grown considerably since 1989 when the school roll was 58.

The school remains a committed team of individual staff and other stakeholders working hard to do the very best for all pupils, so that we can all care and share and learn together.

I am always seeking new ways with which we can involve ourselves in the community of Waldringfield. This academic year we have delivered our annual Christmas gifts to the residents of Waldringfield, Newbourne and Hemley. The children have designed posters to encourage visitors to take their crabbing lines home with them, rather than leaving a hazard on the beach and the older children have begun to assist with the development of John Waller's nature reserve along the river wall. I am always willing to seek new ideas to involve ourselves in the local community and if anyone has any suggestions than please do contact me.

The introduction of our "Walking Bus" has been a huge success. Initially this was to ease the parking congestion problem at the end of the school day, but it has gone beyond that and is now a regular feature of our school week. On a Thursday afternoon a group of about 20 children leave the school to follow the footpath to the Baptist Church. Their parents then collect them from the Baptist Church car park at 3.20pm. After Easter we would like to introduce a second walking bus on a Tuesday afternoon. I would like to extend thank you to Neil Winship for his support with this venture and to Betsy Reid for her commitment to our school's Eco agenda and her support in our journey to gain an Eco School's Green Flag.

Thank you all for your continued support, in a very successful year for our school.



Suffolk County Council

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment



Healthy Schools

Church Report St Mary the Virgin, Newbourne

Although the Parish is still in Interregnum and will be the for foreseeable future, much is being done at deanery level to re-organise the whole deanery. At the moment it very much looks as though Newbourne will become part of a nine church Parish, although this is still very much at the debate stage.

A meeting of all nine church PCCs was held in February at Kirton church hall to discuss the re-organisation and to give their views on how they would like to see the future of their own churches. A further meeting, once the hierarchy have had time to formulate different strategies, will be held. Newbourne PCC will keep the village advised of what the outcome will finally be. At present it will probably end up with a team ministry with one or possibly two vicars at the helm.

Currently, our services are conducted by Rev Dan Harrison, who comes in to take our communion services twice a month and is really helping fill the void in this interregnum period. The other services: Evensong is taken by Simon Pattinson and Maxine Green takes the Family service. Both these services are very popular and attract parishioners from other churches as well as our own.

Much work has been done to the church building over the past year as many of you will have noted if you have been into or around the church. Window architraves, new stonework to the windows, removal of vegetation and repointing of the brickwork has been carried out together with the redecoration of the porch. The funds for this were raised through various grants and of course, fund raising in the village over the past few years.

Simon Pattinson organises the rota for the maintenance of the churchyard and is always keen to recruit new volunteers. This is normally on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours and involves strimming or mowing. We really are in need of more volunteers from the village if only for a short time, even if you can only manage once a month are not a churchgoer. It will help to keep this wonderful feature of our village in tip top condition. In addition, twice yearly there is a working party – Spring and Autumn to tackle the larger jobs. Always hard work but always good fun with refreshments at regular intervals.

Fund raising over the past year consisted of the Open Gardens weekend in early Summer, Harvest Supper in the Church in the Autumn and the Annual Historic Churches Bike Ride. All of these were very successful and thanks must go to all those who supported these events or took part in them. The Auction of Promises did not go ahead in the Autumn as the PCC felt that one year without this annual event may rekindle enthusiasm for it in 2015 when it will be held once again in the Autumn on 21st November. Hopefully, this will attract a larger attendance than the previous couple of years.

In addition the Harvest Supper will be held after the service in the Church on 4th October. The Annual Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, 12th September. A Bring and Buy

Stall will be held in the church from 10 am to Noon on 2nd May, with Coffee/Tea and cakes on sale. It is planned to hold this bi-monthly on 1st Saturday of the month if the first one proves to be successful. It will give villagers a chance to pop in for coffee and chat whilst rummaging through the items on sale. Also give people a chance to donate unwanted items/gifts etc.

The PCC wish to thank the Parish Council and all the residents of Newbourne for their continued support and hope this will continue for the coming years. Even non-church goers will appreciate what a gem our ancient church is and what an asset to the village.

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