

Chelmondiston Parish Council

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Annual Meeting of the Parish/Village 2019

**Minutes of CHELMONDISTON'S ANNUAL PARISH/VILLAGE MEETING
held on TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019 at 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL**

Abbreviations: SCCllr- Suffolk County Councillor; DCllr – District Councillor; SNT – Safer Neighbourhood Team; CC – County Council; PC – Parish Council; RFO – Responsible Finance Officer
Present: approximately 25 residents (including Parish Cllrs)

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all. He especially welcomed all the Parishioners and thanked them for attending.
2. **Apologies:** received from Jane Gould (District Councillor) & Patrick Mann (Village Hall and Carpet Bowls).
3. **To agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2018:**
Draft copies of the minutes had been on the website for several weeks. Hard copies are available at the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. **Reports:**

Chairman's Report – Cllr David Cordle

The Chairman gave an overview of the Parish Council's work over the previous 12 months, mentioning the following:

- Thanked the Parish Council for their hard work.
- A Sincere thank you to former councillors: John Hawkins, Ali Fox, John Deacon and Morley Stevens.
- Several new Councillors were introduced– Mike McKinnell, Tony Roberts, Peter Ward, Russell Stanley and Nicola Green.
- Volunteers were requested to help with the trimming and cutting of the footpaths.
- The Chairman also informed everyone that only 3 members of the public helped with the litter pick and hoped that the following year the numbers would increase.
- Mrs Stevens and Mrs Cook were thanked for providing the refreshments.
- Mr Nunn and Mr Hedges were thanked for their constant support and hard work at the Recycling Centre.
- The Chairman informed the parishioners that GDPR has come into force with all the workload that entailed. Several Grants were awarded. The Community Payback Team were working in the Parish. The Parish Council allocated £6,000 to the developing Neighbourhood Plan more details to follow from John Deacon. The sleepers at Jubilee Garden have been replaced
- SCCllr Wood and DCllr Davis were thanked for their work in the Parish AND Jane Gould the new District Councillor was welcomed.

5. **The Chairman then introduced SCCllr Wood**

County Councillor's Report – Dave Wood

- David began by thanking the Chairman for his kind words
- His report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix A**

6. **The Chairman introduced the RFO**

RFO Annual Report

- Jill thanked the Chairman for his kind words and also thanked the Parish Council for their support during the year.
- Jill informed everyone that the Notice of the public Rights was between 02/07/2018 – 10/08/2018 and that the annual report was available to take away. Any questions or queries contact her by email. Also, all detailed information is available to view on the Parish Council's Website.
- Her report is attached to the minutes – **Appendix B**

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7. The Chairman informed the Parishioners of three Reports being received
- The Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign (read out by the Chairman) - Appendix C
 - Jane Gould's DCllr Report (Readout by Andrew Sterling) – Appendix D
 - **Playing Field Management Committee:**
 - A Zip Wire is installed
 - New Roof on the Pavilion – Thank you to the Parish Council for a large donation towards the cost.
 - New members would be very welcome

8. The Chairman introduced John Deacon
Neighbourhood Plan

- Cllr Ward stepped down as Chairman of the Steering Group in January
- The previous Chairman Mrs Kirkup was thanked for her support and leadership of the Steering Group.
- Michael Wellock of Kirkwells was thanked for his support and guidance through the process.
- The N/P has to pass several hurdles
- The N/P will be updated as and when on the Parish Council's Website
- The Informal Consultation in the Parish resulted in 90 responses from 500 houses
- The Steering Group were preparing a draft of the N/P for the end of June and further details will follow

Break for 15 minutes

9. The Chairman introduced Mrs Lakey
Chelpin Players

- We are 46 years old – with the great support of the audiences and the WI Ladies who support the front of house.
- New acting members who have now taken over the roles from those who now suffer from old joints and bad memory but still play an important part in the productions.
- A successful Murder at the Wedding in April was written by Ian and Sam Scrivener, which saved £300.00 in licensing fees and enabled us to cover the costs for that production. Hope you can join us for our 85th production.

WI Report

- Chelmondiston WI is 93 years old. It started in 1926 and at the time provided a place for the ladies of Chelmondiston to meet. Old photographs of the members all wearing hats and their best outfits.
- We meet each month and this year we had visits from the following speakers: Muntons Malt who brought a hedgehog friend with her and explained how to encourage them into gardens. Victorian Music boxes visited us with some Faberge Eggs and also, we had the opportunity to hold rock crystal replicas of the Crown Jewels.
- We have also had visits by Karen Kenny to chat about herbs, Morris Men and Chair Exercise sessions. Lots of chat, cuppas, catch-ups and cake as well as supporting the national resolutions which this year are A call against the decline in local bus services and don't fear the smear. We are also supporting SEFWI is celebrating its 100 years.
- Chelmondiston WI is part of the Windmill Trail. 1st of June through to 30th of September. Windmills will be popping up in villages where there is a WI. Our contributions to the trail have been designed by Mr Scrivener.

10. The Chairman introduced Mrs Mann
Village Hall

The Library in the Committee Room is free for all Parishioners

- Have over £22,000.00 in reserves
- Looking for new faces for the committee

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- Lettings are the main source of income. Various groups such as WI, Parish Council, Carpet Bowls, Zumba and many more use the hall every month.

Carpet Bowls

- Mr Mann is the captain of the team and the team has spent 34 years in the top division.
- There are under 30 members playing 16 matches.
- New members are very welcome
- We meet every Monday evening and Friday am in the Village Hall.

**11. The Chairman introduced Mr Rutherford
Over 60's Club**

- Renamed the Chelmondiston Social Club
- Have a varied Programme throughout the year
- Meet every Thursday 2pm -4pm in the Village Hall and welcome new members
- For further information – please contact Mike Rutherford

**12. The Chairman introduced Mr Sterling
Community Speed Watch**

- Ongoing speeding issues
- Just a team of 4, new members are needed. Just 1 hour every fortnight
- A suggestion of Reactive Sign in the Parish
- Very worthwhile even though not all drivers support the speed watch

13. Topics from the Parish- Open Meeting

- Groups would like new members
- Concerns about speeding traffic
- Mr Sterling made a statement. Please see a flavour of the statement: He is concerned about the rampant development that is happening on the Peninsula and in the Parish and the wider communities. Habitats are disappearing and there are concerns about air pollution but developments will still go ahead. Everyone should think seriously about what is happening.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

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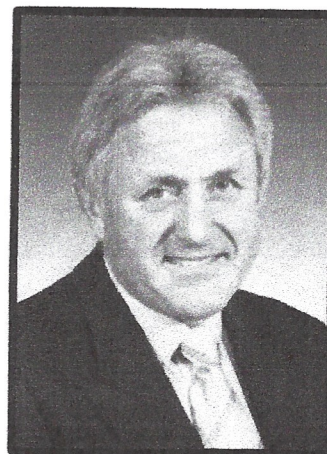
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Annual Report - April 2019

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2019-20 Budget and Cuts

Suffolk County Council's 2019-20 budget was agreed on Thursday 14 February. This will see an increase in council tax of 3.99%, and savings across the council's directorates totalling £10.1m.

A particularly concerning cut was the decision to remove all grant funding from Citizens Advice. This will be phased over two years, with a 50% reduction in the 2019-20 budget (£0.184m). Fortunately, the CCGs stepped in and agreed to provide Citizens Advice with £184,000 in funding this year, to make up for the 50% funding cut from Suffolk County Council. Although this means Citizens Advice will not lose funding in 2019-20, it does not address the longer-term problem of funding in the future. The CCGs have been clear that this funding is only available for the 2019-20 financial year.

The budget also proposes staffing reductions across all directorates, totalling almost £3m. We do not currently have details of how these cuts will be distributed and which staff will be affected, but I am very concerned that this will result in less efficient services and an increase in stress amongst the remaining staff.

New Council Leader and Chief Executive

In May, the Conservative group leadership changed and Cllr Matthew Hicks became the new Leader of Suffolk County Council. Cllr Hicks brought with him a number of new Cabinet members and established cross party "Policy Development Panels" (time-limited groups tasked with looking at a particular issue or policy). There have been a number of these PDPs to date, and it has been a good opportunity for backbench and opposition councillors to be involved in policy decisions.

Towards the beginning of the municipal year Suffolk County Council also appointed a new Chief Executive. Nicola Beach joined the council from Essex County Council, where she was Executive Director of Infrastructure and Environment.

Changes to School Transport Policy



Since September 2017, I and my group have been fighting against changes to the council's School Transport Policy that would see numerous children losing free school transport. Despite two successful call-in attempts by my group and a lengthy delay to the policy change, it was finally agreed by Cabinet in July 2018.

The changes to the policy will be implemented in September 2019, and will see free school transport restricted to children who attend their nearest school only. Currently, children are also able to receive free school transport to their catchment schools, but this will no longer be an option under the new policy.

Although it is deeply disappointing that this change was made, I am glad that, through our consistent opposition to the policy, we were able to reduce the severity of the final policy change. The final policy that was agreed in July 2018 was much less damaging than the original proposal in September 2017. In particular, we were able to ensure that children who are currently attending a school will continue to receive free school transport until the end of their time at that school – thus reducing the upheaval and ensuring no child is forced to move schools in the middle of their education.

OFSTED rates Suffolk SEND service inadequate after second inspection

Inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) returned to Suffolk in January to see how SEND services had progressed since their inspection in December 2016 and subsequent improvement notice issued in January 2017. Following their visit, they ruled Suffolk had not made sufficient progress to improve the serious weaknesses identified at the initial inspection and was not effectively meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND.

I am very concerned that the council's SEND service needs to be dramatically and quickly improved. Along with the Labour group, we have called for an independent review to determine what needs to be done.

We have received assurances from the Cabinet member for Children's Services that an oversight board will be set up imminently, made up of councillors from all parties, as well as CCG staff and user organisations.

Review into abandoned Upper Orwell Crossings project

The Upper Orwell Crossings project in Ipswich was abandoned in January due to rising costs and fears the project would go well over the original budget. The county council attempted to find additional funding for the project but were unsuccessful.

Despite no building work having started, Suffolk County Council still spent over £8m on the project before it was abandoned, most of which was on consultants' fees.

Nicola Beach (Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council) has confirmed that she will be undertaking a review of the project to determine what went wrong.

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Highways – new Cabinet member and Director appointed

After a long search, Mark Ash was appointed as the new Director of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure in January. He joined Suffolk County Council in February, having previously been the Director of Waste and Environment at Essex County Council.

In addition, Cllr Mary Evans took over as Cabinet member for Highways in May 2018. Response times for pothole repairs do seem to have improved, and a new policy for repairing potholes has been implemented that should improve efficiency.

Motions from the Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group

My political group proposed a number of successful motions to council during the year. These included:

- Developing a strategic, costed five-year cycling plan to improve investment in cycling infrastructure in the county;
- Committing to reducing single-use plastic waste in Suffolk;
- Declaring a climate emergency and pledging to make Suffolk carbon neutral by 2030.

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END OF YEAR REPORT 2018 - 2019

What a year. This has been my first full financial year and in December of this year I have been in post for two years. Before I deliver my report, I would like to thank the Chairman for his undying support. I would also like to thank current and also past Councillors who have been a great support to me.

A summary of the accounts is supplied today. There is a more detailed report on the Parish Council's website.

Any questions that you may have about the accounts that have been supplied could you please put them in writing via post or email whichever you prefer.

The full accounts are still with the Internal Auditors LCPAS and I am waiting for their written report. From there and they will need to be with the external auditors by the 01st July 2019.

The Annual Return for the accounts has been signed by the Chairman and have been approved by the Parish Council at the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th May 2019.

The end of year full accounts dates will be made available to the public via the website and the noticeboards. The dates are from Monday 01/ 07/ 2018 – through Friday 09/08/2018. Days and times will be put onto the notices.

FINANCES

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Year End 2018-2019 in both bank accounts £71,423.21. There is one unpresented cheque to the value of £42.48. That cheque will be cancelled this year and the petty cash of £14.00 is not included in the bank accounts.

Total receipts for the year was £55,808.64 which £24,750.00 was the precept which was an increase of 1.3% from the previous year. The initial budget for the receipts was £32,777.00. This was reset at the parish Council meeting in December 2018 to £55,902.60. We received £20,450.00 in Grants.

£1500.00 for the recycle centre, £100.00 towards the cost of a projector, £8890.00 towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan and £9,960.00 for the cost of the zipwire.

Dinghy Park - £742.00 – remove 5 dinghies.

Recycle Centre (self-funded) – Income £5,269.28 Costs £4,005.14

Profit £1,264.14.

Set a side funds for the year £9337.71.

The recycle centre has had the value of community asset by BDC renewed for several more years.

Bottle banks (recycle centre) -£322.60

Bottle Banks (red lion) - £416.84

Please use the banks at the Red lion and at the Recycle Centre it all goes to providing services for the parish.

Total Payments came in at £50,098.21 against a budget of £32,825.00. Again, the budget was reset at the PC Meeting in December 2018 to £57,258.39. The reason for the reset was NI Contributions £420.00, Subscriptions £405.00 (GDPR), training £502.00 (clerk and councillors training), VAT £1,700.00 (Zipwire), £11,464.00 (Playing Field – own funds), £629.50 (towards the outdoor gym equipment) £2,000 (consultants – neighbourhood plan) Grant of £300.00 towards the centenary event for the 11th of November remembrance concert.

Earmarked Reserves Year ending £31,826.71

Recycling Centre £9337.71

Tennis Courts £5,000

Community Path £10,000

Neighbourhood Plan £7,489.00

General Reserves

£39,568.02

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2019 – 2018

**We start the year (April 2019) with a bank balance of £71,423.21.
Actual is £71,394.73 (-£42.48 +£14.00 petty cash).**

In April 2019 we paid out over £20,000.00 in cheques.

£8,000.00 Pavilion Roof

£5,292.00 Consultant Neighbourhood Plan

£3,470.00 Grants

Sub total £51,000

Reserves £31,826.00

02/04/2019 total £20,000.00

In April we received a payment of £11,413.00 which is a CIL Payment the three houses to be built at Foresters' Arms. This is for the parish it cannot be used for balancing the books and has to be spent within 5 years.

So, if you have any suggestions can you please let me know.

Thank you

Any questions or queries, please contact me on

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Jill Davis



The Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Report for Chelmondiston Annual Village Meeting, 21st May 2019

The SPCC has continued to work on our plans to enable there to be safe community paths on the Shotley Peninsula. What we mean by "community paths" is that they should be safe, wherever possible off-road, and shared between pedestrians, cyclists and those with wheelchairs or baby buggies. The community paths are aimed at encouraging those less courageous about tangling with motor traffic to get out on their bikes along with children and wheelchair users to enjoy this lovely area and to take the healthy transport option. Our principle route is one following the B1456 from Shotley gate to Bourne Bridge on the edge of Ipswich. From this we hope to go on to enable safe links between peninsula villages.

So far, we have secured funding from the Ganges development for the section of the route from Shotley Gate to Shotley Street. Currently we are working on proposals for Freston Hill, and have been discussing these plans with local residents, landowners, the parish council and representatives from Suffolk Highways and the AONB.

There is a secondary plan for a "quiet" roads route, which we have called the "Southern Route" which would link Wherstead with Shotley via Holbrook, Harkstead and Erwarton. A funding bid for this route made with the AONB team last year was sadly unsuccessful, but we are hopeful that with minor modifications this may still prove to be a viable route. Before we can proceed with a further bid for funding we have been discussing with various bodies how to make the link between Wherstead village and Bourne Hill, where the A137 crosses over the A14, into a safer crossing point, and have been looking into improving bridleways through Wherstead and Freston into Holbrook.

Membership of our group is free as we need only to have your support as local residents and potential users of the routes. Our website contains all details of our aims, who we are and how to support us.

Rosie Kirkup, Chairman, SPCC

**Report from Jane Gould, Babergh District Councillor for Chelmondiston Parish
Council for meeting on 21 May 2019.**

I am delighted to have won the Babergh District Council elections in Orwell Ward and I look forward to working with Chelmondiston Parish Council and village community for the next four years.

I have lived in the area since 1977, in Woolverstone since 1984 and I understand the issues that are area specific. My four children went to school in Chelmondiston and Stutton primary schools and they all went to Holbrook Academy where I was the chair of the governing body who steered the school out of special measures. Two of my seven grandchildren live in Woolverstone and go to school in Chelmondiston. I taught music in local primary schools for 25 years and am currently the resident organist in Woolverstone church. I had the pleasure of being the organist here in Chelmondiston for 25 years before my move to Woolverstone. I am also one of the church wardens in Woolverstone.

The turnout in Orwell ward was 44.81% which shows that there is still an interest in local democracy here. I would like to thank all who voted for me giving me a large majority and an undisputed mandate to work on your behalf on Babergh District Council for the next four years. The final figures were 654 votes to 249.

The results across Babergh could be transformational. The Conservatives now have 15 councillors and other political groups have 17, which means the Conservatives no longer have a majority. The second largest group is the Independents with 8 councillors, the Greens including myself with four councillors, LibDems with 3 and Labour with 2.

Babergh council used to run with a committee system of governance which involved councillors from all parties by proportion to the size of their groups in decision making. When the conservatives won their first majority in 2015, they moved to a cabinet system with the leader choosing his, or her, own cabinet. By law this cannot be changed for five years. So however the administration is eventually made up, and negotiations are ongoing, we will have to have a cabinet system for at least the next three years.

The leader and his or her cabinet will be voted on by the whole council at its first annual meeting on May 22.