Monthly DC Report for Parish council meetings

February 2021

Good evening and a happy New year to you all. Please find below my DC report for last month : -

1. The West Suffolk Council Leader is Cllr john Griffiths
2. Main portfolio holders are

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1. Deputy Leader & Housing – Cllr Sara Midway-White
2. Resources & Partnership - Cllr Sarah Broughton
3. Governance - Cllr Carol Bull
4. Regulatory - Cllr Andy Drummond
5. Families & Communities - Cllr Robert Everitt
6. Growth - Cllr Susan Glossop
7. Leisure, Culture & Community Hubs - Cllr Jo Rayner
8. Operations - Cllr Peter Stevens
9. West Suffolk council like all Councils is now fully implicating the Governments Coronavirus 19 Policies.
* You can access the latest issue of the “Suffolk Resilience” data .
* Business support via [www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/c19business) or call 01284-763233
* A new focus group has been set up. The telephone number for those in genuine need of help is 0800-876-6926
* Revised Locality budget allocation have been issued to all District Councillors (your Parish Clerk has all the details)
* We are continuing to support the needs of rough sleepers in our area via [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)
* Brown Bin street collections are resuming week commencing 16th June in our area. Actual collection date can be checked online via

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| * <https://westsuffolk-self.achieveservice.com/service/Waste_New_Round_Interim_Postcode_Lookup>

just enter your postcode for your next collection dates |

1. Update on Covid19 centres. A new mass walk-in Covid testing facility is now up and running at the West Suffolk College and The Church Institute 50 London Rd Brandon. open to all for Covid19 tests.

Full details have already been circulated

The new West Suffolk Vaccination Centre has now opened at the Rowley Mile Millennian Centre at Newmarket Race Course.

Once you receive your NHS invitation letter log into the NHS web site and book your Covid 19 vaccination injection.

1. West Suffolk council has now agreed it budget for 2021/2022 for the average Band D property the increase has been kept under the Governments Maximum of 2% or £5.00 overall.

Forest Hearth - £175.59 an increase of £11.61 - 7.1% or 96p per month.

St Edmundsbury - £185.40 an increase of £1.61 - 0.9% or 13.5p per month.

1. Advance notice of the National Census 2021 which will start in March 2021. Full details are available online at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) has already been circulated.

1. Previously I have advised concerning Locality Budget Funding requests and specifically in support and Community Group Schemes set up as a direct result of the COVID 19. I have been able to support several local schemes and would request that any other Community Groups within your Parish Council area would like financial support for them to contact me directly via brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk
2. The Manor Ward District Councillor’s Locality budget funding allocation’s so far are : -

Barton Mill PC -: Good Neighbour Scheme: community support and engagement
Worlington PC -: Community Speed watch Laptop
Freckenham -: COVID19 Community Group Community phone tree
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Joint funding supported by West Suffolk DC -: Family Support Project EPIC Dad Baby Packs and Sharing Parenting Family Resource Packs
Joint funding with SCC Cllr Busuttil - Worlington Cricket Club safety ropes
Joint funding with other West Suffolk DC -: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service purchase of equipment and Meds

Barton Mills – Football Club Refurbishment

Freckenham – Allotments Water Pump

Lightwave Project – Local Food Bank support

All funding 2020/2021 has now been allocated.

Advance requests can now be submitted for the next round of funding April 2021 these must be made directly to myself by email please. brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk

1. The West Suffolk Draft Local Plan “Issues and Options” document for Public Consultation has now been approved by Full Council on the 29th September 2020.

The formal consultation period will commence between Tuesday 13th October through until 22nd December 2020. I will update accordingly.

1. “County Lines” drug issues and the impact upon our rural communities is being actively pursued by Suffolk Constabulary. This is a cross border operation resulting in several arrests and prosecutions being made.

Recent updates and presentations by Suffolk Police concerning the issues are being actively pursued by the Constabulary .

1. Suffolk Police reporting numbers have now been updated to include an additional service for the 101 number for Non-Emergency reports you can now also be reported online via : -

[www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something)

1. The Sunnica Solar farm “Statuary Consultation Period” has now closed on the 18th December 2020.

We now await the Sunnica response to this “Public Consultation” process.

A joint report has been submitted on behalf of : - Suffolk CC, West Suffolk DC, Cambridge CC & East Cambridge DC.

I have sent copies of this report to the Parish Clerks for distribution as required.

We are expecting Sunnica’s response early Spring 2021.

If any additional information comes to hand I will advise accordingly.

The Sunnica web site is available for all information at

[www.sunnica.co.uk](http://www.sunnica.co.uk) /downloads

The Sunnica webinars dates are now available via their web page at <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/#webinars> .

1. West Suffolk Council have started the “Dog Fouling campaign 2021” details have been separately circulated.

If Residents are aware of fly tipping in their villages please contact Dominic Owner by email at dominic.owner@westsuffolk.gov.uk with a copy to myself please.

1. West Suffolk Council has taken active steps to reduce the numbers of people rough sleeping in the West Suffolk Area.

This is a very difficult and challenging situation. We have received additional funding of £450K from the Government to assist in these cases.

If you see or suspect someone is rough sleeping please report this to – [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) or directly to our Team on 01282-7578178

1. The “Parish & Town Forum”

The next meeting will be in 2021 date to be confirmed

1. The process for Planning application reviews has changed slightly . It is now very important if Residents or Parish Councils have any concern’s to ensure that these are raised with their Local Parish Council and the appropriate Planning Case officer with copies to myself please at :-

brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk or on my mobile – 07801-472461

This will ensure that these can then be fully briefed and reviewed at the “Appropriate Delegation Panel meeting”.

I’m happy to take any questions

Thank you

Brian

I’m also on Twitter @Brian4manorward