

Item 7. Update on community policing matters as of February 23rd 2021:

1) Incidents reported to police (January 2021):

- Signs of NO2 use/drug use in Village Hall car park
- Littering/signs of NO2 use/drug use on Fynn Lane
- Suspicious vehicle parked overnight at Village Hall
- Intruder in garden recorded on camera on The Street

2) Incidents reported to Parish Council by local residents (Jan-Feb 2021):

- Suspicious individual and car observed on The Street and Fynn Lane - appearing to drop off/pick up backpack from car
- Nuisance behaviour by groups of male youths reported by Main Road, Tuddenham
- Damage to resident's fence in Keightley Way
- Noise and littering in the playing field.

All of these incidents were raised with a member of the Parish Council and residents have been encouraged to file reports with as much detail as possible on the Suffolk Police web site:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

Residents can call also 101, but general feedback is that the web site is more responsive than the telephone helpline. Antisocial behaviour is defined by Suffolk Police as "significant and persistent problems in the neighbourhood" and the continued problems on Fynn Lane/Village Hall with regard to drug use/NO2 canisters falls into this category. However, the police need the reports to be able to support us - the more information residents can provide the more they can do.

The links to Suffolk Police's Report Something web site have been shared via the Facebook community page and the village email. Where individual residents have shared a concern, they have been provided this link and a Nuisance Behaviour Log.

Update on Community Policing Matters as of 3rd March 2021

1) Nuisance vehicles have been reported to Suffolk Police via both the ASB meetings and via individuals' police reports. There have been 6 separate reports by residents to Parish Councillors in the last 2 weeks regarding vehicles driving in a manner which causes alarm, distress and annoyance to the general public, including excessive engine and exhaust noise. All residents have been encouraged to file a Police Report.

2) Parish councillor provided Suffolk Police today with car make/model descriptions, the registration number of one vehicle, description of activity and dates/times. Based on this information the proposed undertaking evening drive-throughs and observations in the village.

3) Police confirmed today that one suspected vehicle is already subject to a Section 59 warning and the information we shared will be forwarded to the relevant police departments.

Item 10 a).

This is a pre application consultation from the Mersea Homes proposal, under the banner of Red House Neighbourhood, and details of the consultation were forwarded to the Parish Council by a representative of Save Our Country Spaces (SOCS). Here is a link to the SOCS website <http://socsnews.blogspot.com/>

Here's a link to the Red House Neighbourhood website <http://www.redhouseneighbourhood.co.uk/>

This is not a consultation from Suffolk County Council or Ipswich Borough Council.

This consultation is from Monday 22nd February 2021 to Friday 12 March 2021 and is an invitation for the public to put forward comments on the proposals before the planning application is submitted in Spring 2021.

Information on the website shows that this planning application will be submitted in outline. This will leave the approval of the access, appearance, final layout, landscape, and scale to be decided at a later date, when further applications (the reserved matters) will be submitted to the Council.

As the scheme is submitted in outline, there are few formal plans. However, the application will be accompanied by a series of Parameter Plans setting out the key principles in relation to Land Use, Landscaping principles, Height, density and Access and Circulation.

This site is a development which will form part of the Ipswich Garden suburb, which is allocated in the Ipswich Borough Council Core Strategy (Adopted 2017) for housing and associated facilities under Policy CS10: Ipswich Northern Fringe to help meet the housing needs of the Borough. Policy CS10 identifies that the whole suburb covers a total area of 195 hectares which will be comprehensively planned as three neighbourhoods (Henley Gate, Fonnereau, and Red House Neighbourhood).

Outline planning permission for 1,915 homes has already been granted under applications: IP/16/00608/OUT (Henley Gate); and IP/14/00638/OUTFL (Fonnereau).

The Red House Neighbourhood is located approximately 2km to the north of Ipswich Town Centre. It is the most eastern part of the Garden Suburb and comprises approximately 53 hectares of agricultural land to the east of Westerfield Road, south of the railway and the most eastern boundary borders Tuddenham Road.

Additional details on the website include the following information:

Two vehicular access routes are proposed to Westerfield Road. Both of these are expected to be priority junctions rather than traffic signalled junctions. Both junctions are to be located to the north of the access to the Fonnereau Village site (this access junction is proposed to be controlled by traffic signals).

The Red House Neighbourhood site has capacity to provide up to 1,020 homes. The proposal is for a mix of housing to be provided, including family housing as well as smaller homes, but the detail will not be fixed, until individual reserved matters are brought forward. The density will be varied across the site with the site providing 35 dwellings per hectare, which is in accordance with the approved SPD. The application will seek permission for:

- up to 1,020 dwellings;
- a primary school with early years provision;
- a secondary school including sixth form;
- a local centre providing retail and other community uses;
- formal and informal open space including play space; and
- associated infrastructure.
- The proposed development will be low rise, predominantly comprising no more than 2-3 storeys.

Outline permission is sought for both a 2 form of entry primary school (420 pupils) with potential for a nursery together with a secondary school with sixth form (up to 1,200 pupils). The delivery of the schools, will be the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. The layout allows Suffolk County Council the flexibility to operate separate primary and secondary schools or alternatively an 'All-Through' School. The website also states 'It is our understanding that the school/s will open in approximately 2026.'

A summary of previous comments put forward by the Parish Council on the Ipswich Garden Suburb development have included:

- Concerns with the late delivery of school provision due to the current shortfall of available school places within catchment.
- The need for sustainable transport provision within the new development, but also for existing residents in neighbourhoods close to the development.
- Consideration as to the impact of additional traffic upon neighbouring villages, due to the development, especially on single track roads used as cut throughs.
- The importance of the Country Park in that it should maintain a physical separation of villages to the north of the development from Ipswich and be provided in parallel with the onset of the site and residential development.

- Assurance that the treatment of sewage waste from the development would not be routed to the treatment works in Tuddenham St Martin. Concern also at the associated detrimental effect with the surrounding Environmentally Sensitive Area designation of the Fynn Valley, including the further likely increase of flooding in the area.
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Item 11.

Speedwatch has not been operating both due to COVID restrictions but also the winter season. We have no date yet as to when we will be permitted to operate again but we await advice from the Speedwatch Co-ordinator in Suffolk constabulary of this. While traffic through the village is still at a reduced level, I am very concerned as are other residents in The Street about the number of vehicles using the road as a 'race track' (exceeding the speed limit approaching the village along Main road (and coming into the village from the other direction) and then driving at speed downhill from the Old Stores once they see the road is clear). While Speedwatch is one way to address this, I am also writing to David Chenery for advice on whether there are other steps we might take to address this. The absence of a SID post in The Street is an issue I propose we revisit, this was originally proposed by the Parish Council and approved by Highways but then residents in the location concerned refused to allow the technicians to install it. If one was in place it would serve to remind drivers of the speeds being travelled particularly on the downhill section. Please can we discuss this issue as well as any other site and speed signage concerns in the village.

When Speedwatch is operating again we have the opportunity to join a co-ordinated approach with other SAVID member villages, to tackle the continued speeding problem and involving the SNT and Police safety camera team (see SAVID report).

SIDs The main road site continues to be used and may be making some difference to the behaviour of some drivers. The records continue to show high numbers of speeders which is why the Camera enforcement team are in attendance at this site at what I believe is approximately 4 weekly intervals. This has not been confirmed recently. The shared SID is in the Westerfield Lane location aiming to record traffic volume and speed to inform the Quiet Lanes project where Highways have raised a concern that there is too much traffic travelling at speed along this lane. When we have taken a record of this, we can move the SID site to the near the Clopton road junction.

SAVID at its last meeting in February, discussed the continued work to support other villages being able to use the shared SID. We agreed each village would have use of the SID for a 4-week period. We also propose to develop a shared approach to tackling speeding in the member villages. A combined approach could tailor those who need a gentle reminder (SID/VAS) and those who are more deliberate speeders and need to receive a penalty to change behaviour. We will continue to work on this plan and plan to engage with both the SNT and police safety camera team. Our next meeting is on April 16th.

Quiet Lanes Following a survey visit with Jim along Westerfield Lane and Fynn Lane I have submitted a proposed signage plan which gives indicative locations and costing of signage, which will be reviewed in detail by Highways later on in the project - the initial submission suggested the majority of signage costs would be met by the Quiet Lanes allowance which for villages in East Suffolk is £900. (Although yet to be analysed the cost to the Parish Council may be approximately £50) I am drafting the circular to be delivered to each household in the village as part of the consultation process and we need to agree a date for a public meeting as part of the consultation process. If we are able to distribute flyers by mid-March, we could hold the public meeting after Easter and aim to be ready to be part of the 'second wave' on the Project by the beginning of May.