

## **PC meeting Dec 2**

Apologies: Julie Rix

Present: all councillors plus John Nunn. No members of the public. No declarations of interest

Minutes: approved. Proposed Alan Arris, seconded John Holdway

Matters arising: see chairman's notes.

Graham Maskell suggested clearing a patch of ground for the second bottle bank.

Traffic islands – Richard Kemp to ask Highways again for their view

Planning. Reported that Tanglewood approved. Application previously dealt with.

Highways: KW told the meeting that Julie had reported Old Bury Road flooding problems and Highways were expected to carry out work in the next few days.

Maureen Lankester reported work on the river bank at Bridge Street, by one of the residents, appeared to be diverting water into the meadow by her property. R Kemp to check with Environment Agency.

Police. No police presence. KW reported latest crime figures from SNT.

Finance. Budget info still awaited.

One cheque signed for hire of village hall

District and County reports presented by R Kemp. He also gave the PCX a copy of the Fleetwood Caravan site report prepared following a questionnaire in Long Melford.

AOB. Date of elections noted. Date for annual parish meeting and annual pc meeting will need to be arranged.

Trevor Rix reported on broadband work in the village. It appears that Alpheton and Bridge Street will be enjoying high speeds once BT has completed all its work. Both Trevor and Nic Willcocks seem unlikely to benefit because of the distance needed to run fibre to their respective dwellings.

Date of next meeting. February 3, April 7. Bookings confirmed by Steve Larnier

## **December 2014 meeting**

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Bottle bank. Success. The village hall committee have agreed that we can put a second bottle bank there. They raised concerns about heavy lorries damaging the car park, so one may have gone up and turned round. Normally they reverse in to empty the paper or bottle bank. Do we feel any work will be needed to prepare the ground before a second bottle bank is installed? I would suggest the parish council pays for it.

Traffic islands. The village Speedwatch team asked about these on the approach to Old Bury Road from both directions, Richard passing on the request to County. Any response?

## PLANNING

## HIGHWAYS

Flooding. Old Bury Road's problems were reported to Highways last week. They have made a preliminary inspection and will be checking the drains from White Gables to 1 The Glebe for obstructions in the next few days.

## POLICE

The latest report from the SNT team showed Alpheton as having no crimes between Oct 1 and Nov 3. Both Great and Little Waldingfield had a cluster of offences in a 48-hour period – damage to and theft from vehicles in Great Waldingfield, outbuildings being the target at Little Waldingfield. Most of the smaller villages had no crimes reported

## FINANCE

Budget. I still can't finalise this as Babergh have yet to provide us with the tax base figure. Babergh's grant for 2015-16 is £58.67, and I had budgeted for nothing from them, so that's a bonus. We have heard from NALC, so Julie's salary will be increased by 2 per cent from January 1, 2015. That's an extra £41.19

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Elections. These are on Thursday, May 7, and we are obliged to hold the annual parish council meeting within 14 days. So instead of having a meeting the first week in June, we will have to have the annual parish meeting and annual pc meeting on a date that avoids Film Night, WI etc, probably 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.