

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM
St GEORGE'S CHURCH, THE STREET**

Present: Cllrs Cassidy (Vice Chair), Catchpole, Cuff, Suggett and White. A Osman (clerk) was also in attendance along with Suffolk Police CEO and 2 members of the public.

39 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr D'Lima sent his apologies which were accepted by the meeting.

40 **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.

41 **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2022.** Cllr Cuff proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July be approved. Cllr Catchpole seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The August planning meeting was cancelled due to no planning applications being received.

42 **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

Minute 23: 18 July 2022: Cllr Orlopp. The Chair had clarified Cllr Orlopp's intentions to step down from the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that a Notice of Vacancy had already been posted with a date of 6 October for any request for an election. If no request for an election is made by at least 10 electors from the Parish, then the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Minute 31: 18 July 2022: Church Clock Repair. The Clerk had contacted the Churches Conservation Trust and had subsequently requested Clockwise Restorations visit the Church to provide a quote for repair to the clock.

Minute 32: 18 July 2022: Savings Account. The Clerk confirmed that a Savings Account for the Parish Council had been set up; this would be managed online as per the current account. A decision to transfer the Parish Council's reserve into this account would be made at the end of the financial year.

Minute 34: 18 July 2022: 'The Street' Slow Signs. The Clerk confirmed that any posts for 'Slow' signs to supplement the planned white line markings already funded by Cllr Mellen could be adapted for VAS or speed repeater signs; however, these would need to be funded by the Parish Council

Minute 34: 18 July 2022: Note on A1088 Restrictions. The meeting agreed a note to be sent by the Chair to Suffolk County Council highlighting concerns about the impact of the A1088 bridge restrictions.

Minute 35: 18 July 2022: Wildflowers Scheme 2022. Cllr Cassidy confirmed that he had completed the application for the Mid Suffolk District Council Wildflowers scheme 2022 and had met with officers to discuss locations (by Jubilee tree/bench and orchard at top of St Georges Rd).

Minute 36: 18 July 2022: Defibrillator. Cllr Suggett confirmed completion of an application to the Benenden Charitable trust for a defibrillator but not to date received a reply. The meeting also noted other potential sources of funding for a defibrillator, the Community Fund and the Ridley Godfrey Foundation. It was **agreed that Cllr Suggett would clarify the process of applying for funding** from the Ridley Godfrey Foundation

pending further consideration of a location for the equipment (electricity supply was identified as a key requirement).

Minute 36: 18 July 2022: Phone Box. Cllr Cassidy confirmed that the phone box is still required by BT due to indifferent mobile signal in the village. BT will inspect the phone box and carry out any required refurbishment.

43. **Police Community Engagement Officer.** The Vice Chair welcomed PC Stefan Henriksen to the meeting. He updated the meeting on local Policing matters:

- Stowlangtoft would be shortly visited by the Police mobile speed camera team and once per month thereafter.
- The Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team would provide support to the Stowlangtoft SpeedWatch team when it started operation.
- A Police community engagement event with the Suffolk PCC and Acting Chief Constable was planned to take place at 6.30pm on 6 October at Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket.

44. **County Councillors Report.** The Parish Council noted the contents of the report previously circulated.

45. **District Councillors Report.** The meeting noted the contents of the District Councillors reports that had been previously circulated.

46. **Clerk's report.** Nothing to report.

47 **St George's Church:**

Cllr Cuff reported a recent meeting with Church hierarchy in relation to provision of a community space. It was noted that there was strong support for such an initiative, but a detailed case would need to be developed and funding secured. The Church was prepared to support such work.

Cllr Catchpole suggested a mobile phone mast on the Church might resolve mobile phone coverage and provide an income stream. **Cllr Cuff agreed to explore this further with the Church Conservation Trust.**

Cllr Cuff indicated that the survey on the community newsletter had been completed and that the village website would be updated with future events. (Clerks Note: <https://stowlangtoft.onesuffolk.net/> shows recent updates)

48 **Finance.** Cllrs noted the financial report (current bank balance of £5249.90 and projected outturn at the end of the FY of £3,500) and approved the request for payment. **Cllr Suggett agreed to authorise the payment.**

49 **Planning matters:**

No new planning applications.

DC/22/01884 Full Application - Change of Use to Vehicle Servicing, Maintenance and Repair Garage (Use Class B2) including external alterations at The Pine House Company, Ixworth Road, Stowlangtoft, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JS. This application was awaiting a decision by Mid Suffolk District Council

50 **Highways matters.** None

51 **Correspondence.** Correspondence on A1088 bridge repair timelines and white line marking has been previously circulated.

52 **Councillors' Forum.**

Locality Fund. Cllr Cuff highlighted a recent conversation with Cllr Mellen and availability of locality funding. **It was agreed that:**

- Bin Stickers. The clerk would gather quotes on 30mph rubbish bin stickers for potential locality funding.
- Repeater Signs. The Clerk would confirm costs for additional 30mph repeater signs for potential locality funding.

White Gates. It was **agreed that the Clerk would ask the village Cleansing Operative to look at the condition of the white gates** at either end of The Street and repaint where needed.

Highways Defects. **Cllr Cassidy agreed to report carriageway edge defects** on Kiln Lane and faded white line markings at the A1088 crossroads using the Suffolk Highways Reporting tool.

Stowlangtoft Village Sign. It was **agreed that the clerk would obtain a costing to replace the village name sign** at the western end of The Street from Suffolk Highways for consideration of locality funding.

53 **Public Forum.** A member of the public highlighted issues with dog fouling on certain public footpaths around the village. **Cllr Suggett agreed to provide the clerk with a map of the locations to enable appropriate dog fouling warning signage to be sought. Cllr Cuff agreed to place a reminder about dog fouling in the newsletter.**

54 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 November 2022 at 7.30pm in The Common Room, St Georges Street.

If any planning applications are received after 26 September, these will be considered at a specific planning meeting on Monday 17 October 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Cllr Cuff requested that meeting frequency be discussed at the next meeting which was agreed.

The meeting concluded at 8.44pm.

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Chair

Parish Report – September 2022

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For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolk-advice-and-support-service/>

Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email: refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk or ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Update on Ukrainian Refugees in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council has provided an update with how many Ukrainian refugees are currently in Suffolk and awaiting to be granted entry to our county. Below is a table showing how many arrivals also currently have sponsors (as of 23rd August 2022):

Lower Tier Local Authority	Number of Visa applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Babergh	204	192	156
East Suffolk	418	400	327
Ipswich	142	115	90
Mid Suffolk	265	254	204
West Suffolk	375	348	282

The second table below shows how Suffolk compares to our neighbouring counties:

Upper Tier Local Authority	Number of Visas applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Suffolk	1,404	1,309	1,059
Cambridgeshire	2,017	1,885	1,500
Essex	2,171	2,000	1,567
Norfolk	1,511	1,371	1,080

Solar Together Suffolk – This year's registration now open

Solar Together is a project endorsed by SCC for residents and small/medium businesses to group-buy solar panels and battery storage – this provides buyers with the security of an approved installer, at a discount on normal rates. Registration has just opened, and applicants can apply up until the 26th September.

For more information, please visit: <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/home>

EV Charging – Expressions of Interest

SCC have been successful in a bid for funding towards new EV charging infrastructure. The £2.75m funding will focus on community-owned carparks, where charging can be accessed 24/7.

If you wish to express interest and make the Council aware of your area, please contact Peter Frost, Environment Strategy Officer - peter.frost2@suffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk Says Thank You to our Fire Service

Community leaders, as well as our Group, recognise the stellar work done by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service during the heatwave and very dry weather. Crews have been called to more than 1,300 incidents since the start of July, making it one of the busiest years on record for the service. With such heavy demand, our Group wish to extend our thanks to all involved.

Suffolk GLI has a Facebook Page!

Our Group want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to connect with us and learn about what we're doing as the elected opposition.

Suffolk GLI are on many platforms (see list at the bottom of the page) but have decided to create a Facebook page to ensure all users have access to our content.

Search on Facebook for 'Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group', and connect with us!

Great British Beach Clean: September!

Every September, thousands of people across the UK head to the coast to take part in this week-long campaign. This year's is taking place between 16th-25th September. If you would like to be take part, contact the Council's AONB Countryside Projects Officer, Neil Lister - neil.lister@suffolk.gov.uk.

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Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/suffolkgli_group/

Facebook (New!) - Search 'Suffolk GLI - Green, Liberal Democrat & Independent Group'

Website - [Suffolk Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group – The GLI Group at Suffolk County Council \(suffolkgli.wordpress.com\)](#)



September 2022

How your council can help you with the cost of living

Support packages to combat the cost of living, energy bills and council tax are all available through Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with residents urged to check they are receiving the support they are entitled to. [More information](#)

Councils set to lead the way in transforming tree planting for generations Tree coverage across Babergh and Mid Suffolk is set to increase to help tackle biodiversity loss and climate change, after a pioneering council-commissioned tree canopy survey identified key planting locations and significant benefits. [More information](#)

New parents again invited to apply for a free tree

Babergh and Mid Suffolk's popular Tree for Life scheme, which offers a free tree for new parents, is open once again for 2022 applications. [More information](#)

Don't lose your vote – residents across the districts urged to check their voter registration details

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have started the Annual Canvass of Electors and are asking residents to check the electoral registration details for everyone eligible to vote at their address. [More information](#)

Find out 'What's Next for Stowmarket' at public exhibition

A new pop-up exhibition coming to Stowmarket from Thursday 22 September to Saturday 24 September at the town's John Peel Centre will showcase a range of projects and proposals that will shape the future of the town. [More information](#)

...including Stowmarket wellbeing and leisure hub

Residents, community groups and sports clubs are being invited to have their say on the development of plans for new leisure, health and wellbeing facilities in Stowmarket. [More information](#)

Switch onto the Digital Skills Programme for businesses

Business owners in Babergh and Mid Suffolk can take advantage of free workshops to help boost their confidence online by accessing the Councils' Digital Skills Programme. [More information](#)

Simple scheme to buy solar panels returns for Suffolk residents

Solar Together Suffolk, a group-buying scheme which has helped over 1,500 homes in Suffolk to install solar panels and batteries, is now open for new registrations. [More information](#)

Suffolk Waste Partnership backs national campaign to raise awareness of safe battery disposal

Suffolk Waste Partnership is backing a nationwide campaign urging people to safely dispose of old batteries in a bid to avoid starting fires in refuse vehicles and waste processing facilities. [More information](#)

Putting Suffolk on the big screen

Babergh and Mid Suffolk leaders have joined colleagues from across the county to agree steps to continue to attract filmmakers to the region – putting Suffolk on the big screen and bringing in millions to the local economy. [More information](#)

Councils awarded £60k for gum busting clean up

West Suffolk Council and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are among the first of 40 council areas to receive cash from chewing gum manufacturers to help remove gum from the street. [More information](#)

Event to explore NHS career opportunities

A careers event in Stowmarket last month helped showcase the vast range of career paths available within the NHS for local youngsters. [More information](#)

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

August 2022

There was no MSDC Meeting in August.

Our innovations awards competition entries closing date has been extended to the 14th September.

Planning

Continuing to push for enforcement clarification on Barrell Road development.

Participated in the DC/22/ 00398 discussions and confirmed the need to have this applications called – in. Follow up meeting on the 16th September.

Electoral services

Residents across the districts urged to check their voter registration details. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have started the Annual Canvass of Electors and are asking residents to check the electoral registration details for everyone eligible to vote at their address.

Our Mid Suffolk Electoral Officer has started to investigate how to move the Thurston Parish boundary to include the proposed new recreational area. Attended the 33 acres community consultation day. Identified the s106 monies which are available for Suffolk County Council to improve the linkage to cycle route 51

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