

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2024 in Lindsey Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey which commenced at 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllrs. C Arthey (in Chair), R Corcoran, B Howe, R Howe, J Moore and A Sturgeon, Mrs V Waples, Parish Clerk, County Cllr. Finch (in part) and District Cllr. Jamieson (in part).

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair, Cllr. Arthey, opened the meeting and thanked all for attending. The statement on reporting at meetings of the parish council was taken as read.

2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:

- i. To receive apologies of absence – verified apologies of absence were received from Cllr. Hainsworth.
- ii. Council consented to accept the apologies so submitted, aif.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST:

- i. To receive declarations of registrable, other and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct Model Code of Conduct 2020 – there were no declarations of interests.
- ii. There were no declarations of gifts of hospitality received exceeding £50.
- iii. There were no requests for dispensations for the agenda under discussion.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- i. To approve the minutes of the following Council Meetings:
 - 17th July 2024 - the meeting agreed that the circulated minutes, were a true and accurate record of the meeting that took place, and agreement was forthcoming for the Chair to sign the minutes, aif.
 - 8th August 2024 - the meeting agreed that the circulated minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting that took place, and agreement was forthcoming for the Chair to sign the minutes, aif.

5. PUBLIC FORUM: (maximum 10 minutes)

- i. To receive a report from County Councillor James Finch – Cllr. Finch was invited to submit his report in which he commented on the following: *a copy of the written report submitted can be seen at Appendix A*
 - Bramford to Twinstead project – pleased to read that highway authorities needed to sign off the detailed operational plan for highways within their area.
 - Children’s services report – pleased to note that the inspectors concluded that children’s safeguarding is strong and that the experiences and progress of children in care were good.
 - Scrapyard bin – it was presumed that this was a lithium ion battery.
 - Cardio vascular health check for 40-74 year-olds. Government has funded SCC as a large employer to partake in this health check.
 - Devolution deal – original proposal has been shelved but SCC were due to discuss this further later this week.

Questions / issues raised by Councillors:

It was confirmed that all reported potholes have now been undertaken and thanks were offered to Cllr. Finch for his intervention. A further one to the south of White Rose crossroads was noted.

Thanks were also offered to SCC Highways for the further cut at the Kersey crossroads.

Car fire near Cob Cottage – whilst the damage to the highway was reported, SCC have closed the file without any further work being undertaken. Cllr. Finch agreed to look into this matter.

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- ii. To receive a report from District Councillor Leigh Jamieson – Cllr. Jamieson was invited to submit his report in which he commented on the following: *a copy of the written report submitted can be seen at Appendix B*
 - Changes to waste collections – weeks 1st and 2nd will be for recycling, 3rd week being general waste with food waste being collected weekly.
 - Car parking charges agreed in August - £1 per hour in short stay at Hadleigh and Sudbury and £2 per hour in long stay - introduction was expected in January 2025.
 - Community Energy seminar.
 - Activities during October half-term.

Questions / issued raised by Councillors:

- Call for sites – how did it address the growing of crops for food? It was explained that this was for landowners with the aim of ascertaining ways of working alongside landowners to improve the land and use all available land to grow crops.
- iii. To receive comments from the public on the agenda as published – there were no members of the public present.
 - iv. To receive comments from the public as submitted – there were no matters raised.

6. PARISH MATTERS

i. Climate Awareness / climate emergency –

- to receive an update / information on climate related issues coming forth to include a summary of the results of the Community Energy Survey conducted September 2024 and to discuss the way forward – the overall conclusion of the survey had been that those who had responded had shown that they were keen for a project that would support renewables within the local area. It was agreed that overall there was a need to educate people as to what such a parish system would look like. Conclusions were that a system that would be the right size for the village would be supported as opposed to one that would degenerate the overall visual aspect of the village. It was acknowledged that rural communities can be part of their own generation as long as parishioners were able to invest in the source and take profits out if it.

It was repeated that the website <https://wewantwind.org/> had identified a site in Lindsey and the MofD have been asked for a comment as to the siting of a wind turbine within its operational jurisdiction. It was again acknowledged that with community energy, the community would be in control as long as the community buy into it and are able to benefit from the technology.

Cllr. Sturgeon confirmed that digital distribution of the survey had been via email using the details of those who had registered for the thermal energy project with postal deliveries to those who were not registered and notices placed on the noticeboard advertising the survey. It was noted that the survey had been produced by the expertise by Heating Bildeston with funding of £500 from grant funding obtained from external sources and the meeting agreed that the council's thanks should be submitted to Heating Bildeston for the use of their expert in compiling and collating the information.

It was agreed that if a scheme could be explored that was of benefit to the parishioners of Lindsey and small scale, the parish council would be supportive of such a project. Cllr. Sturgeon agreed to explore the project further and report back at the next meeting.

7. STATUTORY MATTERS: there were none for consideration.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. BMSDC – Town and Parish Updates – all confirmed that the monthly updates were emailed to Councillors for their perusal.
- ii. SCC – [Launch of 2024 rural transport survey](#) – all noted the launch of the survey and the request for completion to feed into SCC's understanding of rural transport including need.
- iii. EP Passenger Interest Group – all confirmed that the minutes from the meeting of 11th September 2024 had been circulated to all councillors.

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- iv. Monks Eleigh PC – Brett Valley Digibus Project – the council received an update in which it was stated that there appeared to be a clear prospect that some kind of on demand bus service linking villages with the key local centres may be workable. The ‘on demand’ will not be an Uber style thing and as such further details needed to be worked out as to the understanding of the service being offered. Further detailed information needed to be captured to finalise the ‘plan’. All parishes were asked to disseminate information of the Rural Transport Survey being undertaken by SCC to allow them to fully understand what is needed in terms of rural transport across the county.
- v. SALC – all confirmed that the weekly news bulletins were emailed to Councillors for their perusal. Councillors to contact the Clerk if there are any items of interest / training courses they wish to attend.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- i. To consider schedule of receipts received and payments made since the last meeting – *Paper A* – all confirmed receipt of Paper A (*details can be seen at Appendix C*) and noted receipt of the 2nd tranche of the precept along with the sum of £1,500 from County Cllr. Finch’s Locality Budget for the stone setts in Lindsey. The payment of the ICO Data protection fee and insurance premium in between meetings was duly noted. The Clerk confirmed that she had undertaken a review of the insurance schedule prior to payment and had determined that the cover being provided was commensurate with the risks facing the council. It was further noted that the premiums had been held at the same rate as the previous year and that the “all risks” cover included cover for all of the council’s assets as specified on its asset register.
 - ii. To consider and approve the verified items awaiting authorization as per the schedule submitted – *Paper B* - all confirmed receipt of Paper B (*details can be seen at Appendix C*) - having reviewed the paper submitted, all approved the payments awaiting authorisation for settlement via online transfer, aif.
 - iii. To consider the Council’s financial position to date – *Paper C* – Council noted the reconciled position of £12,927.58 once the accounts awaiting payment had been settled, aif. Cllrs. Corcoran and Howe confirmed that they had verified the position against the bank statements and cashbook. (*Details can be found at Appendix C*).
 - iv. To consider the actual versus budget for the period ending October 2024 - *Paper D* – all noted the slight underspend as at the end of October 2024 and the allocation of CIL monies for the street licence for the corner setts and contribution to the community defibrillator located at The Rose.
10. YEAR-END PROCESS: to note the following as part of the Council’s Year-End Process:
- i. That the council has received confirmation of the council’s exemption status – council noted receipt of the confirmation with notification that no review will be performed and as such no auditor certificate and report will be issued.

11. CLERK’S REPORT

- i. To receive an update on the improvements to the two triangles near the Rose Pub – it was noted that this matter was ongoing and that the funds had been received from SCC Locality Fund as a contribution towards the costs. Cllr. Sturgeon agreed to speak to the contractor and remind them that a start date was now required.
- ii. To discuss further remedial works to the village sign including its re-siting – it was noted that this matter was ongoing but work had been promised by the end of the financial year.
- iii. To discuss churchyard maintenance and whether the parish council should provide further financial assistance – Cllr. Moore advised that he had spoken to a contractor who had stated that they potentially would be prepared to do some evening work between April – September 2025 as a fallback if the current contract ceased. It was agreed that the PCC needed to set the contract with some certainty and ensure the work quoted was carried out. In the meantime, Cllr. Sturgeon agreed to liaise with the Church Warden to ascertain the position with the current contract. It was also agreed that the PCC would be asked whether it would prefer that the contract was taken over by the parish council. All noted that the parish council had the power to receive donations towards the costs of running such a contract. Cllr. Moore anticipated that the costs for the next season to keep on top of the works would be around £1,400.00 and agreed to ascertain availability of the contractor to undertake the work. It was agreed that this matter would be brought back for formal debate at the next meeting.

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12. PLANNING MATTERS: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/application-search-and-comment/>
- i. To consider the following planning applications:
 - DC/24/03994 - Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of DC/21/02911 dated 22/07/2022. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling. Creation of new vehicular access. - To vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) as per revised drawings. Location: Church Farm Meadow, Church Road – discussion followed regarding the proposal which is summarised as follows: original followed contours of existing building as it was a conversion; scale and mass of existing building was sympathetic. Current proposal is a lean-to, biggest issue is scale and mass which affects the setting of the church; conversions should be sympathetic to host; allowance should be made for personal circumstances; use of multiple windows is of a concern.

The following proposal was put to the council and lost by a majority decision: “the previously approved application had a simple purity and honesty that was not a significant deviation from the form and mass of the existing building. Accordingly it did not have a significant impact on the setting of St. Peter’s Church. Of particular concern is the introduction of multiple additional rooflights to the south-west elevation and windows to the north-west elevation. The parish council objects to the proposal submitted”.

After further discussion, the following proposal was placed before the meeting and it was resolved, by the Chair’s casting vote, that the parish council’s response would be: “the council does not object to the proposed lean-to extension but does not support the introduction of multiple roof windows in the southwest elevation and windows to the northwest elevation”.
 - ii. To note the following planning applications determined by the local planning authority: *late submission*:
 - DC/24/03276 – planning permission for the removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission DC/23/00309 dated 17.05.2024 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – to vary condition 2 (approved plans and documents); condition 4 (provision of obscure glass) and condition 1 (floor levels) @ Rose Barn, Rose Green Road.
 - iii. Planning Webinare slides – all confirmed the receipt of the Planning Webinar slides as organised by SALC and delivered by Birketts LLP and as attended by Cllr. Sturgeon.
13. PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS: the following reports on village issues were received from Councillors present:
- i. Cllr. R. Howe raised the accessibility of the council’s minute books (archive pre 2003) and requested access to the books. It was noted that the cabinet containing the books was currently housed elsewhere and not accessible to the public. It was agreed that arrangements should be made for them to be moved and temporarily housed in the village hall. Once they had been reviewed, the council would discuss further whether they should be sent to the Suffolk Archives or digitalised.
 - ii. Remembrance Sunday - lighting of beacon it was agreed that the beacon would be lit on Sunday 10th November at 6.00pm and that Cllr. Corcoran would read the epitaph – 6.00pm. Councillors would liaise with regards to the loading of the brazier. Cllr. Corcoran would review the extant risk assessment and ensure that it was signed and updated with any relevant matters.
 - iii. Cllr. Corcoran raised an issue in relation to the passing place beyond the Oak tree when driving out of the village in the northeast direction. The clerk agreed to submit a request to SCC Highways to visit the site and assess the situation.
 - iv. Cllr. Sturgeon reminded all that there was a need to excite the village about climate awareness via community engagement. He confirmed that he had registered to have the thermal camera once again. Both Cllr. Sturgeon and Moore confirmed that they would be attending the event facilitated by Community Energy South at the end of the month and would report back at the next meeting.
14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: all meetings will take place in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.
- i. To note the dates of meetings for 2024 – 13th November – 7.30pm.
 - ii. To receive the list of meeting dates for 2025 – deferred until the next meeting.
15. CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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APPENDIX A – COUNTY COUNCILLOR JAMES FINCH REPORT:

Council's actions bring hope to local communities despite Bramford to Twinstead project approval - Suffolk County Council (SCC) is confident that details, announced on 12th September for approval of National Grid's Bramford to Twinstead pylon project by the Secretary of State for Energy, will have significant implications on other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) across the country. Despite objecting to the Bramford to Twinstead pylon application, the county council's influence throughout the process has led to the Secretary of State acknowledging the importance of the role of local authorities - by requiring their approval of National Grid's detailed construction and environmental management plans as part of the process prior to work starting. Following points made by the county council during the examination process, the Secretary of State has agreed that National Grid should not wield so much control over the delivery of the project, recognising instead that local authorities are integral to the proper and fair delivery of NSIPs. My thoughts are whilst this is not a perfect proposal, and one which the council did feel the need to object, I'm pleased with this council's influence in setting some precedents for future infrastructure projects. The recognition of the role of SCC and others like us, sends a strong message to National Grid and other project promoters, that they cannot just do as they wish. My hope is that other projects sit up and take note – protecting local communities is of paramount importance, something we continually fight for. SCC had formally objected to the application, concluding that National Grid had failed to adequately safeguard Suffolk's environment and communities affected by the scheme. It felt that proposals did not go far enough to mitigate the impact of the scheme, and that supervision of construction would be inadequate. There were disappointments in the approval decision, such as working hours to include weekends and bank holidays. However, certain locations will be exempt from these hours, which is encouraging for other communities where NSIPs are yet to be approved.

Small improvements still needed as children's services' Ofsted report published - Ofsted has published its report into Suffolk County Council's children's services. The report rated the service as 'requires improvement to be good'. The ILACS (Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services) report conveys a mixed picture across Suffolk. Importantly, inspectors concluded that children's safeguarding is strong and that the experiences and progress of children in care were good. They also reported that 'children in care thrive'. However, they highlighted weakness in some of the processes and systems in place. These included inconsistencies with the way first contact with children and young people is processed, and the quality and support to children aged 16 and 17 who present as homeless. It also found inconsistencies in the level of understanding that care leavers have about the range of support available to them. The report outlined seven points for improvement, which have either been implemented already through small amends to systems or processes or are in progress.

Major scrapyards fire most likely sparked by discarded battery, fire investigators conclude - The fire at Sackers in Gipping Road, Great Blakenham, on Thursday, August 8, resulted in a major response by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service. The fire at Sackers saw 14 appliances and more than 80 firefighters deployed to deal with it. It was brought under control late on Thursday and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service subsequently launched an investigation into the cause. This has established that the most likely cause was a battery which had made its way into a pile of scrap metal. If batteries, or electricals containing batteries, are not properly separated they can end up being crushed in the waste and recycling process. When punctured they can self-combust, setting fire to any surrounding dry and flammable waste and recycling. The conclusion is that waste batteries and electrical items should never be thrown into household waste. Instead, they can be recycled at any of Suffolk's 11 Recycling Centres, as well as other local recycling banks. Many supermarkets also accept them. Electricals containing batteries that tend to be discarded the most are smaller, frequently used and often cheaper electricals like toothbrushes, shavers, chargers, and toys.

Suffolk adults urged to take up potential life-saving opportunity - People across Suffolk aged between 40 and 74, who don't have a pre-existing health condition, are being encouraged to take-up a potentially life-saving opportunity. The call to action comes after Suffolk GP Federation were awarded a contract to deliver over 23,000 NHS Health Checks in the county annually. Suffolk County Council have also become one of 45 local authorities in England to receive funding from the government as part of the national Workplace Cardiovascular Disease Health Check Pilot. Working with Suffolk GP Federation 2,000 additional NHS Health Checks will be delivered in workplaces in the county by March 2025. NHS Health Checks play a really important role in preventing disease and helping people live healthier lives for longer. They can be lifesaving as they help spot increased risk of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and dementia early, before the conditions develop. They also give people an opportunity to talk to a health care professional about how to reduce their risk.

Window now open to apply for primary and secondary school places - Parents and carers can now apply for a place in the normal year of entry at a primary (including infant and junior) school and secondary school for September

2025. The deadline for applications to secure a place at a secondary school is Thursday 31 October 2024 and for primary school places, including infant and junior schools, the deadline is Wednesday 15 January 2025. All applications received by the relevant closing date are processed at the same time using the schools' oversubscription criteria to prioritise applications when necessary. Late applications are processed after all of those received on time. Last year, Suffolk County Council received just under 15,000 on time applications for pupils wishing to start at a primary or infant school, or to transfer to a junior school, or into Year 7 at a secondary school from September 2024. 95% of applicants received offers for their first preference school and 98% of applicants received an offer for one of their top three preferred schools. I would strongly advise that parents and carers think about how their child will travel to school before they apply for a school place. It is important that parents and carers check which is their child's nearest suitable school on our Nearest School Checker because this might not be their catchment area school. This can be found at <http://nearestschool.suffolk.gov.uk/> Further information on SCC's School Travel Policy can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

Solar Together launches in Suffolk - Residents of Suffolk can come together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Solar Together Suffolk helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers. Suffolk residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate. The scheme allows homeowners to increase their independence from the national grid. It's free to register, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation. Suffolk's councils are working in partnership with iChoosr, experts in sustainable energy transition, to make the transition to clean energy as cost-effective and hassle-free as possible. To date, Solar Together has installed 13,750 solar panels in Suffolk, reducing carbon emissions by 27,100 tonnes over 25 years – equivalent to 15,000 cars off the road in that time! iChoosr's schemes have been delivered in partnership with local authorities in five countries. More than 180 schemes have led to 178,000 residents installing solar PV systems. Councillor Gerald Kelly, chairman of Suffolk's Environment Portfolio Holders Group, said: "Solar Together Suffolk has been successfully running for six years now, seeing hundreds of solar and battery installations across the county. "A recent survey of Suffolk customers showed that the main reason for their installation was to do good for the climate and environment, followed by saving money on bills and reducing their reliance on the grid. "Homes account for nearly a quarter of all Suffolk's CO2 emissions. Through the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan, we are helping homeowners and landlords make their homes and lifestyles as sustainable and energy efficient as possible. This can be through improving insulation, how homes are heated, electric vehicle infrastructure, or solar panels and batteries." Richard from Bures, near Sudbury, recently shared his experience with Solar Together Suffolk and said: "Excellent! Solar Together Suffolk took all the hassle of finding a provider, and the group-buying secured me a better discount than trying to do this on my own. It was a no-brainer." How does it work? Householders can register online to become part of the group for free and without obligation at solartogether.co.uk/Suffolk

Two Suffolk flood investigation reports published in latest response to Storm Babet - The investigations into the flooding which occurred in Needham Market and Wickham Market during October 2023 have analysed what caused these events and recommend what could be done to alleviate flooding there in the future. In Needham Market, over 45 residential and commercial properties were internally flooded. In Wickham Market, it was 40 properties. In both communities, infrastructure and services were disrupted. The investigations found that the areas were severely impacted by flooding due to the intensity of rainfall that overwhelmed the natural flow routes and the capacity of watercourses and drainage infrastructure. This situation was compounded when overland flow paths converged with the water from rivers that had burst their banks. Key recommendations for both areas, which include short, medium and long term proposals aimed at individual homeowners, community groups, landowners and Risk Management Authorities, include: • Implementing community flood plans • Maximising use of grants available to make properties more resilient to flooding • Removing blockages in watercourses and drains (private and publicly owned) • Investigating potential improvements to drainage infrastructure (private and publicly owned) • Creating new natural flood management features (e.g.: storage ponds and planting that 'slows the flow' of flood water) • Further modelling to better understand flooding within the location (Wickham Market only). These actions should help mitigate local flood risk going forward.

Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions for the Stour Valley - Fostering is a flexible role with options for short term care from a weekend a month to longer term opportunities, all providing life-changing support for local children. Suffolk will continue with Foster Carer Recruitment Event on the 1st Wednesday of every month, and an Adoption

Event is on the 1st Thursday all 7:00pm in the home of the applicant. To book a place please email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

APPENDIX B – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR LEIGH JAMIESON REPORT:

New Waste Collection Plans - The number of waste bins and collections were discussed at full council this month. The changes that had already been agreed by cabinet will mean that residents in Babergh will not only see the introduction of new weekly food waste collections from 2026 but could also enjoy a ‘recycling revolution’ under new plans. Under the plans residents will have two recycle bins, a food waste bin, and a general waste bin (Black Bin). This will enable the council to meet new government legislation where glass and cartons such as Tetra Pak will be included. The second recycle bin, box or bag would be provided for paper and cardboard.

Car Parking Charges - A review of the affordability of making the first hour of parking free, in Hadleigh and Sudbury was considered by cabinet in August. Additional information was included in the new report, but it recommended that the one-hour free option was not implemented because it is unaffordable. This means the council will proceed with the charges originally agreed in April – which at £1 for short stay parking for the first hour, or £1 for two hours in long stay, are below those of neighbouring authorities. There are no plans to introduce charges for parking on Sundays or Bank Holidays, and Blue Badge holders would continue to be allowed to park for free for up to three hours in all council car parks.

Community Energy Revolution - Residents are invited to join the council at Sudbury Arts Centre on 30 October from 6-8pm for an event facilitated by Community Energy South. The meeting will provide an opportunity for communities to find out how they can generate clean energy, cut bills, and help the planet. With the councils able to gauge interest in setting up a new local community energy scheme for the area.

Attendees will be able to:

- hear from existing successful community energy groups in Suffolk.
- ask questions and get free advice from community energy experts.
- learn more about community energy and how it fits within the council's carbon reduction management plan.
- understand more about the development of community led renewable energy projects.
- and find out more about how they can get involved.

Half term activities - The council are running everything from multi-activity holiday clubs to dance and football camps during the holiday. There are also sessions for the whole family to get involved with, such as cooking in the park classes and family swim sessions. Activities are running from Monday, 28 October to Friday, 1 November as part of a programme funded and coordinated by the district councils. Free places are reserved for those who receive free school meals or those otherwise in need, but most sessions are available to be booked for a small fee.

Kingfisher Leisure centre repairs - The pool in Sudbury was initially closed in August to allow for work to be carried out after damage to a glass panel above the pool. It was hoped that the work would be quickly, and the pool would quickly re-open. Unfortunately, it soon became apparent that the complexity of the repair and time would mean a longer closure. Now further investigations have revealed additional work to the roof is needed – meaning the pool will be closed for at least a further 12 weeks. All other facilities at Kingfisher, including the gym and sauna, remain open as usual. While the pool is closed, the council will also take the opportunity to carry out additional surveys and maintenance work. We are asking questions concerning this work considering £2.3m was spent on the leisure centre in 2019.

New electric vehicle scheme - Babergh, and Mid Suffolk, district councils along with other public sector organisations in Suffolk are funding a trial of electric community vehicles, which is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the tender process beginning this autumn. Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing sixteen electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk, which local residents can book by the minute, hour, or day. Planned locations include Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Newmarket, Sudbury, Needham Market, Stowmarket, Lowestoft, and Woodbridge. Members of the public interested in this project are urged to sign up to the Plug in Suffolk mailing list to receive updates as the project progresses.

Call for Land Summit - The Council hosted a free event in September for local landowners in the districts to help put them in touch with organisations that can support them in managing their land better for wildlife. Attendees at the event included environmental organisations such as the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Woodland Trust, and Forestry Commission, among others.

Advice was offered to landowners regarding support, funding, and resources to help ensure their land best supports our native wildlife. This could be tree planting, hedge planting, meadow creation or allowing land to develop naturally.

APPENDIX C – FINANCIAL REPORT:**Items received since the last meeting:**

Income	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref
15.08.24	SCC – Locality Award – Stone setts	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	Bacs
16.09.24	Babergh Mid Suffolk – Precept 2 of 2	2891.00	0.00	2891.00	Bacs
	Total Income			£4391.00	

Items Paid out since the last meeting:

Income	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref
17.07.24	ICO – Date Protection Fee	35.00	0.00	35.00	DD
30.09.24	Zurich Municipal – insurance premium	241.00	0.00	241.00	Bacs
	Total Expenditure			£276.00	

Items Authorized for Payment:

Expenditure	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref
Clerk	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	723.90	0.00	723.90	BACS
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE due – 2 nd Quarter	110.60	0.00	110.60	BACS
B Hurren Furniture	Repairs to Church and Parish Noticeboards	237.00	0.00	237.00	BACS
Suffolk cloud	Registration of .gov.uk domain name	90.00	0.00	90.00	BACS
	Total Expenditure			£1161.50	

Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	17.07.24	9974.08
Add Income Received	July – September	4391.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	July – September	276.00
Less Verified Expenditure	16.10.24	1161.50
Closing Balance	16.10.24	12927.58

Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement at 11.10.24	14089.08
Less uncleared payments	At 11.10.24	1161.50
Plus unaccredited income	At 11.10.24	0.00
Reconciled Total	At 11.10.24	12927.58

Within the balance above are the following reserves:

(Restricted) CIL reserve -	£7,185.18
Earmarked Stone setts -	£1,500.00
Earmarked General reserve -	£1,000.00
Election reserve -	£ 836.59
Current year reserve -	£2,405.81

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