

LAVENHAM PARISH NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the The Village Hall, Church Street on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

The meeting will commence at 7.45 pm and will be chaired by the Chairman of Lavenham Parish Council.

AGENDA

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th May 2021.**
- 3. Reports by County Councillor and District Councillors**
- 4. Annual Report of the Parish Council by the Chairman, and a statement on the Parish Council accounts for year ending 31 March 2022**
- 5. Reports by local organisations**
- 6. Invitation to the public to raise any matters of interest**

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for parishioners on the Electoral Roll for Lavenham to raise any matters of concern to them that relate to their local community. It would be helpful to have written notice of any matters to be raised but it is not essential. Matters can be raised at the meeting without prior notice. For any queries, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council (Jane Bellward - Tel. 01787 247041).

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website (lavenham.onesuffolk.net) during the week prior to the meeting and will also be available at the meeting.

**Cllr Irene Mitchell
Chairman, Lavenham Parish Council
.13th May 2022**

Annual Report Lavenham Parish Council from Robert Lindsay, county councillor 25.5.22

Lavenham matters

It was as always a pleasure to work with the very pro-active and forward thinking Lavenham PC during the year. I was delighted to help progress the 20mph limit request in the village. The design work can now progress once funding is in place.

During the year I was also pleased to fund new not suitable for heavy goods warning signs on Bridge Street and liaised with residents affected about its location on Church Street.

Petition to cost bringing Highways maintenance in-house

One of the long running issues with County Highways, not just in the past year but ever since the county outsourced its maintenance contract to Kier, is the eye watering costs Kier have been charging for one off road safety projects. The highways maintenance contract the county council has with Kier expires in October next year and the county is about to re-tender for the contract for at least 10 years, Kier could well be a frontrunner again. The administration appears to have ruled out taking the work back in-house but there has been no public debate or explanation. Our political group has launched a petition to cease the tender so that the county council can prepare and cost an in-house bid to see if it stacks up economically with outside companies.

We need 3,675 signatures to get it debated.

https://www.petitiononline.uk/for_suffolk_county_council_to_develop_an_in-house_bid_for_suffolk_highways_maintenance

Suffolk Biodiversity Recommendations

After Conservatives backed a Green motion for increased biodiversity a year and a half ago, I sat on a cross party policy development panel which drew up recommendations for cabinet. These were approved in February. The headline figure was a goal to enhance the biodiversity value of at least 30% of the county's land by 2030. Other recommendations include planting more hedgerows, improving highway trees, phasing out glyphosate use on verges by 2023 and developing nature-based flood management solutions. For more information, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/councils-commitment-to-further-enhancing-suffolks-natural-environment>

Cycling plan for Suffolk starting to come to fruition.

Nearly four years ago (July 2018) I successfully introduced a motion to draw up a prioritised, costed list of cycle routes across Suffolk. As a result, in June 2020 Suffolk's Cabinet approved a 5-year cycling plan for Suffolk, which identified 148 potential routes to be prioritised.

That list was passed on to Babergh to produce an LCWIP – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan – which has basically improved and refined the list just for Babergh. This list was approved by Babergh cabinet meeting in April 4th. It includes footways and cycle storage, crossings etc and is not just about cycle ways. It is not definitive and is meant to be an evolving document.

An LCWIP is officially recognised by the Dept for Transport, and so can be used to win bids from Government and get money from developers as conditions for planning permission. So any wish list for footway or cycling infrastructure you may have in Lavenham, for example, is worth lobbying to include.

Buses

Unfortunately similar work desperately needed for planning better bus services in the county has not been done.

The council failed to win a single penny of its £77 million bid for the Bus Back Better money from Government. When the £3bn funding pot was advertised the county hastily drew up a plan to improve a few key bus routes in the county. **My political group criticised it for lacking ambition** and, as a recent commentary in the EADT said, it “looked as though it was drawn on the back of a fag packet”. Even if Suffolk had won the bid, it would have merely kept a few services between major towns going, rather than, for example, set a goal for proper regular services for all citizens, including those who live in villages. **The Government cut the total pot from £3bn to £1.2bn and only 31 of the 70 authorities that bid were awarded any money.**

Locality and Local Highways Budget projects

During the year I have contributed to several other projects throughout my division, including the following:

£530 towards the cost of a chevron at Wattisham;

● £300 towards the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's new signage at Bulls Wood nature reserve in Thorpe Morieux;

● £1,500 towards two new “slow” and road bend warning signs on Union Hill at Semer.

● £1,500 towards tables and chairs for a new patio area outside Nedging with Naughton village hall;

● £800 towards a new sand pit and water pump for the pre-schoolers' playground at Cockfield school.

Fw: Lavenham 20mph proposed scheme

Robert Lindsay (SCC Councillor) <robert.lindsay@suffolk.gov.uk>

To: Iain Lamont, Lavenham Parish Council

Thu, 12 May at 15:01

Dear Iain and Jane,

I forgot to mention this in my report. I asked if they could give me a ballpark cost for next phase after design, ie actually doing the work.

Below is the reply.

Kind regards, Robert Lindsay

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Cosford division (Green)
Babergh District Councillor
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From: Graham Rankin <Graham.Rankin@suffolkhighways.org>

Sent: 12 May 2022 10:13

To: David Chenery <David.Chenery@suffolkhighways.org>; Robert Lindsay (SCC Councillor) <Robert.Lindsay@suffolk.gov.uk>

Cc: Helen Lightfoot <Helen.Lightfoot@suffolkhighways.org>; John Simpson <John.Simpson@suffolkhighways.org>; Highways LHB <LHB@suffolkhighways.org>

Subject: RE: Lavenham 20mph proposed scheme

Dear all,

Until the design is progressed to a stage where we know how many signs and posts are needed and whether there are any gateway features that may have additional road markings and maybe even buff patches (STA), giving a works cost is very difficult and could be wildly inaccurate. The cost of preliminary items especially traffic management which could involve the use of temporary traffic lights or even a road closure to ensure the works are undertaken in the safest manner, can really mount up.

Having said that I would have thought that a budget IRO £15 - £25k would cover it.

Kind regards

Graham (Graham Rankin)
Senior Engineer Professional Services

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INCOME	Actual 2021/22	Budget Variance against 2021/22 budget	
Precept	78967.00	80051.00	-1084.00
Burials	8030.00	5000.00	3030.00
Grants Local Authority	10813.72	9730.00	1083.72
Car Park donations	3469.00	3500.00	-31.00
Donations	2363.00	0.00	2363.00
Grants other	2862.14	0.00	2862.14
Miscellaneous	1821.29	0.00	1821.29
Interest	21.25	0.00	21.25
Non VAT refunds	9417.64	9850.00	-432.36
sub-total	117765.04	108131.00	9634.04
Non Revenue Income			
CIL 123 receipts	353904.90		
Neighbourhood CIL awards	69901.56		
NP2	26833.00		
Street Fair Earmarked fund	7000.00		
sub-total	457639.46		
Total	575404.50		
REVENUE EXPENDITURE			
PWLB repayment: street lights	7519.58	7520.00	0.42
Office administration	4460.1	10500.00	6039.90
Staff	10604.06	11100.00	495.94
Audit & payroll services	1824.10	3000.00	1175.90
Training	57.44	1000.00	942.56
Public Realm	27239.81	30000.00	2760.19
Play equipment	372.75	0.00	-372.75
Street Lighting energy & maintenance	3682.24	4000.00	317.76
Public toilets & car parks	14663.12	27000.00	12336.88
2 Lady Street Maintenance	275.00	0.00	-275.00
Inclusive cemetery management	1313.87	1500.00	186.13
Misc/Projects	11943.83	4000.00	-7943.83
Public Events & special projects	2197.60	3000.00	802.40
Jubilee	399.94	0.00	-399.94
Small Grants (combined)	4300.00	4000.00	-300.00
NP2 PC Grant	7500.00	7500.00	0.00
sub-total	98353.44	114120.00	15766.56
Surplus/Deficit for 2020/21	19411.60		
Non Revenue Expenditure			
Capital Projects CIL 123	249919.76		
Neighbourhood CIL projects top-up	73869.12		
Neighbourhood CIL 100%	52267.32		
sub-total	376056.20		
NP2 Fund inclusive spending	22995.27		
sub-total	22995.27		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	497404.91		

Balance Sheet at 31.03.22

VAT reclaim	10234.73	
Other debtors	4475.00	
Community Account	19160.00	
Premium Account	209834.00	
Petty Cash	24.12	
Total Current Assets	243727.85	
Creditors	2664.00	
Total current liabilities	2664.00	
Total assets less current liabilities	241063.85	

comprising at 31.03.22

General Funds	63913.38	
Neighbourhood CIL ring-fenced funds	5496.17	
Lavenham Funds in Trust	1500.00	
Neighbourhood Plan fund	10232.73	
Lighting Fund	140000.00	
Street Fair Fund	7000.00	
Total General and Earmarked Funds	228142.28	

Bank Reconciliation at 31.03.2022

Community Account	19160.00	
Less unpresented cheques	875.84	18284.16
Premium Account	209834.00	
		228118.16
Petty Cash	24.12	
Net balance at 31.03.22		228142.28