

Report for Lavenham PC by Robert Lindsay, Suffolk County Councillor 9.5.24

Apologies for not being able to attend tonight. I have 18 other parish councils in my Cosford division, which means their meetings often clash. Tonight, I have been invited to four different parish councils and will attend Thorpe Morieux – since they've gone longest without seeing me!

The "purdah" period because of elections means there is in any case very little to report.

It's been a pleasure working with Irene as chair of Lavenham Parish Council and I'd like to thank her for her sterling work doing a difficult job.

Best wishes, good luck and congratulations to whoever is the new chair.

Water Street and traffic meeting with MP

It is generally fruitful to get different authorities relating to a specific problem together in the same room and I found this meeting was no exception.

I found the information from Trading Standards on Lorry Watch helpful. From what they said, the voluntary scheme, in the few areas where it is in place, does seem to work to deter lorries from breaching weight restrictions.

Some years ago, I was involved in pushing for the extra signage outside the village warning about the weight restriction – particularly on the Cockfield turn off on the A134 from Bury. So I'm pleased that the parish council is now considering going ahead with it.