

Village Update September/October 2021

The telephone box lending library on Livermere Road is now open! It is being run on a 1 book in and 1 book out basis, with books being quarantined and cleaned before being re-lent. The Parish Council has a full stock of books at present and so is not taking further stocks at the present time. Only books will be available, no magazines or games/toys.

A small memorial presentation took place on Conyers Green on Friday 24th September to mark the planting of a tree with a plaque for Ronnie Whiting. Ronnie volunteered to cut the grass and keep the greens tidy, at Conyers Green and sadly passed away.

It is hoped that the first edition of the village newsletter since the pandemic, will be published in November 2021. There is still a vacancy for a voluntary editor. For further information please contact Linda Harley infoqbpc@gmail.com

Parking for the children's playground on the Village Hall Playing Field, is in the Village Hall carpark and not on the verge on Cox Lane, which is easily damaged.

Update from County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger:

A date will be arranged for the work to repair the cracked water/drainage pipe on Livermere Road.

The work on the trees along Mill Road is due to be carried out in September/October. The appropriate traffic management and road space is being arranged.

A request has been made to replace the existing broken white gates on East Barton Road, with taller gates.

Councillor Hopfensperger will check whether the bus shelter on Livermere Road will be replaced by Suffolk County Council.

Update from Borough Councillor Sarah Broughton:

Councillor Sarah Broughton will liaise with Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger regarding the drainage situation outside the Post Office, which has been flooded. The camber of the road will also be discussed.

West Suffolk Council is unable to disclose the purchase price of the development land at The Triangle, in Gt Barton, as it is commercially sensitive.

The Christmas lunch for elderly/vulnerable residents will be held at the Bunbury Arms on Monday 13th December. For further information or to nominate a resident please contact Linda Harley.

The following planning applications were approved by West Suffolk Council:

Property	Reference number	Details
Land adjacent to Primary School, School Road	DC/21/0971/RM	Reserved matters application - a. submission of details under DC/20/1719/OUT - means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for plot one b. discharge of conditions 5 (access condition), 7 (written scheme of investigation), 8 (site investigation), 9 (tree protection) and 11 (boundary treatments)
19 Anglesey Place	DC/21/1490/HH	a. single storey front extension b. first floor extension over existing garage c. raising of roof to create increased first floor space and second floor attic d. cladding to external elevations

The following applications had been refused by West Suffolk Council:

Property	Reference number	Details
Land at Winslade, The Park	DC/21/0916/OUT	Outline planning application (means of access to be considered) - two dwellings (following demolition of existing dwelling)
Dwelling adjacent to Flint House, The Park	DC/21/1241/FUL	(a) 1 dwelling with attached garage (b) vehicular access

The external auditors review of the Parish Council's annual return for 2020/21 did not raise any matters. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations, this has now been published on the Council's website.

The war memorial at the Holy Innocents Church will be professionally cleaned and repaired.

Work to the School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath has now been completed and thanks were given to Councillor Matthew Parker who managed the project.

The Parish Council are working with West Suffolk Council and the land owners on the possible re-routing of the Green Lane footpath.

The edging around the basket ball surface is due to be repaired and Councillors are looking at repairs to the playground surface.

Gt Barton has joined the pilot for Suffolk County Council's mobile Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) which have Automatic Numberplate Recognition (ANPR) cameras attached to them. These devices will be circulated around several sites across Suffolk upon request of Parish and County Councillors. The devices will act as a form of automatic Community Speedwatch where speeding drivers will be sent educational letters through the post. Suffolk County Council will also be working with the police to help them target areas more effectively with speed enforcement and sending details of repeat offenders for police to investigate.

Following a request for a bench by the allotments on Green Lane, the land owner, County Farms, have been contacted for permission.

Gt Barton Parish Council is liaising with West Suffolk Council on their new Local Plan which is due out in Spring 2022, providing a cross-reference to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following a resident raising the issue of the step into the bus shelter on the A143, Suffolk County Council confirmed that the shelter does not have to be made accessible. The Parish Council will however look at a rough design to estimate the cost of installing a ramp.

A memorial for Kate Trevitt, who was a Councillor and involved in many aspects of village life, is being discussed.

Concerns were raised about the width of the footpath along the School walking route from the Village Hall to the crossing – Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger will be advised and asked to arrange a cut back.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th October 2021. It was agreed that, in line with planning meetings, Council meetings will now start at 7.30pm.

