# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

# Item Councillor Maggie Dunn chaired the meeting along with Councillors Matthew Parker, Peter Fisk, Philip Reeve and Diana Boys.

20 members of the public were present.

# 1.0 Chairman's welcome, reminder about the filming of meetings and to receive apologies for absence

Councillor Maggie Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2.0** To receive members declarations of interest and/or requests for dispensation.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

## 3.0 Council to consider co-opting Mr S Todd and Mr D Gallagher onto the Council

Mr Gallagher had sent his apologies and will attend the Council meeting in March.

Councillor Maggie Dunn proposed co-opting Mr S Todd onto the Council. Seconded by Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision.

# 4.0 West Suffolk Council – plans for The Triangle of land bordered by A143, Mill Road and School Road

West Suffolk Council (WSC) Housing Development Company, Barley Homes, have purchased part of the 12.4 hectares of land at School Road site from Suffolk County Council, for 40 houses with an option for the remainder of the land. Barley Homes (which is owned 100% by West Suffolk Council) will be the developer and will deliver the development. The development will provide 30% affordable housing through: affordable private rent, shared ownership, social rent and intermediate rent. The housing needs will be evaluated bearing in mind: wider health and wellbeing; aging population; providing lifetime homes, assuring the right types of housing including self-build and custom building plots. West Suffolk Council went on to explain their comprehensive vision of the site, which according to their calculations would need to contain 250 units to make the whole site deliverable. This does not accord with the draft Neighbourhood Plan, which after consultation with the residents recommends up to 150 dwellings including 15% bungalows and 30% affordable housing. It was acknowledged that detailed transport assessments would be needed.

The Parish Council have actively tried to engage with Suffolk County Council regarding this site since 2015.

The top priorities were listed as: School Road congestion and visibility; transport assessment of Mill Road and Bunbury junctions; cycle/footpath links; multi-generational homes; retaining countryside views and other ecological needs; understanding the impact on the woodland; potential school extension and community facilities with a green area.

The next phase by West Suffolk Council (Barley Homes) is to complete detailed work to test deliverability; appoint a planning consultant to manage the project; the housing types mix; in-depth discussions with Suffolk County Council on how the S106 funds will be allocated; further engagement with the Parish Council.

A further working session is planned with the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. This will look at the cumulative impact of the other developments around Gt Barton and the infrastructure requirements.

The meeting was then closed for public participation:

The following items were raised:

Details requested of the community engagement strategy for the Haverhill Development; The lack of consultation before tonight by Suffolk County Council on development of The

The background of Barley Homes, is it a shell company and how many employees does it have?

West Suffolk Council were advised that the pre-school currently has a waiting list;

The Chair of the pre-school will provide a list of the pre-school's wishes for the next 10 years. The representative from Suffolk County Council stated that they have a legal responsibility to get best value for the land. They were unable to divulge any contractual details.

West Suffolk Council were invited to amend their plans to make them deliverable against the Neighbourhood Plan. They were asked to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April to present their updated plans.

Suffolk County Council were strongly requested to work with the community of Gt Barton. West Suffolk Council were asked to study the pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan, the Housing Needs Survey results and the Design Codes undertaken by AECOM for Gt Barton.

#### 5.0 To receive County Councillor's report from Rebecca Hopfensperger

Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger reported that Suffolk County Council are undertaking 2 consultations: taxi licencing policy and the Tollgate junction.

Suffolk County Council's budget for 2020-21 will rise by 2% with 2% also being allocated to adult social care.

Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger has raised the Parish Council's questions to County Farms, on the piece of land adjacent to Icepits Wood, to the cabinet member, Nick Gowrley as a response had not been received for 6 months.

Councillor Philip Reeve requested a meeting with Nick Gowrley regarding 'the triangle' development in Gt Barton. Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger will facilitate this.

A meeting to discuss the cumulative impact on traffic and transport infrastructure from the developments around Gt Barton is being arranged. This will be chaired by Andrew Reid, cabinet member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs.

The Mill Road tree belt will be inspected by Suffolk County Council. The clerk has asked to be present.

# 6.0 To receive Borough Councillors reports from Sarah Broughton and Rebecca Hopfensperger

Councillor Sarah Broughton had nothing further to report.

#### 7.0 Open public session

No further items were raised.

#### 8.0 Grant request from the Freedom Church

The Freedom Church has a programme to engage with the community, including opening a coffee shop and some internal work on the church building, making the environment more accessible. They would like to apply for funds from the Parish Council towards the play equipment/climbing frame, picnic benches, a shed to store equipment and a muddy kitchen for the outside area. A grant application form will be completed.

## 9.0 Grant request from Primary Academy

The primary academy requested a grant to help to extend and re-model their library area to a larger more versatile open plan room with storage and charging points for lap tops. A grant application form will be provided. A site visit will be arranged.

# 10.0 To sign the minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 20th January 2020 to stand as an accurate record of the meeting

The minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Peter Fisk, unanimous decision.

# 11.0 Planning – (i) To sign planning meeting minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting (ii) to consider the completed planning applications from West Suffolk Council

(i) The planning meeting minutes from 10/2/2020 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Peter Fisk, unanimous decision.

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11.2 (ii) The following planning applications had been approved by West Suffolk Council:

3 Livermere Close DC/19/2424/HH Single storey front extension

# <u>12.0</u> a) The Council resolved to pay t

a) The Council resolved to pay the following accounts: Proposed Councillor Matthew Parker, seconded Councillor Maggie Dunn, unanimous decision.

PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ	INVOICE	VAT	POWER TO PAY
	\cu	NO.			1011072 111
5.7	Village Hall	5 /5	£		LGA 1972 s.111
ВТ	Line	D/D	59.97	£9.99	10110
			£		LGA 1972 s.112
NEST	Pension	D/D	33.63		
_			£		LGA 1972 s.112
L J Harley	Clerk salary	S/O	950.54		
	PAYE and		£		LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	NICS	D/D	118.97		
					Localism Act 2011,
					Sch9; Town & Country
					Planning Act 1990
	Neighbour-				s.61f(1) & and Planning
	hood Plan		£		& Compulsory Purchase
S Deare	Clerk	2144	184.18		Act 2004 s.38C(2)
	Maintenance				
	to notice		£		
J Ranson	boards	2145	186.22		LGA 1972 S. 111
	Newsletter		£		
Kallkwik	printing	2146	432.00		LGA 1972 s.142
Gt Barton					
Thanksgiving			£		
Fund	Hall Hire	2147	107.00		LGA 1972 S. 111
	Donation to				
Gt Barton	'Tommy'		£		
Church	statue appeal	2148	100.00		LGA 1972 s.137
Vertas Group			£	£	
Ltd	Grass cutting	2149	1,543.82	257.30	PH Act 1975 s.164
Society Local			£		
Council Clerks	Membership	2150	201.00		LGA 1972 s.112
	Plaque for R		£		
A Dunn	Whiting	2151	5.00		LGA 1972 S. 111
Total					
payments			£	£	
February			3,922.33	267.29	

<sup>\*</sup>LGA - Local Government Act

<sup>\*</sup>PHA – Public Health Act

## <u> 12.2</u>

b) The invoice from the Neighbourhood Plan Clerk for 7/1 to 7/2 was proposed by Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded by Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision. This item has been checked by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group chair.

## <u>12.3</u>

(c) Councillors had received the financial report from the Responsible Financial Officer including details of bank balances, receipts, reserve budgets and spending against them. There were no questions.

Bank balances at 31/1/20:

	£13,041.52
Current A/C	
Bus Reserve	£80,563.28
TOTAL	£93,604.80

Items paid/owed from newsletter	£0
Other Credits received	£0
Business reserve account interest	£0
Payments made under S137	£100 donation to Church appeal for
	Tommy statue
Transfers between accounts	£0

#### Reserves:

RESERVES	BALANCE	NET AMOUNT SPENT YTD
Small Projects	£18,680 Earmarked: £3,000 School Lane footpath, , Replacement tree for Conyers Green £150 and Land Registering £5000	£3844
Neighbourhood Plan	£5,186— Earmarked: £150 for CAS technical help & £424 SD salary to June 2020	£2858
Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£8190	£3252
Youth Project	£938	£0
General	£20,563	£0
Allotments	£60	£120
Asset maintenance	£ 5108	£1373
Asset acquisition	£9,160(Earmarked : Community Speed Watch £1,007)	£0
Icepits Wood	£4329	£4569
S106 Funds	£14,676	£0
Total reserves	£86,890	£16,016

(d) 12.4 Tenders received for the ground maintenance of the Village Hall Playing Field and Holy Innocents Church 2020-2023 - Following a working group meeting to discuss the tenders, Councillor Philip Reeve had completed a comprehensive review of the 5 companies applying for the tender comparing their insurance, training, equipment, risk assessments and price. The working group consisting of Councillors Philip Reeve, Maggie Dunn and Peter Fisk requested more time to review this document. Councillor Maggie Dunn proposed that the Council accept the decision of the working group, for the appointment of the tender, which will then be ratified at the next full council meeting. Seconded Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision except for Councillor Matthew Parker who abstained. **12.5** (e) Increasing the following budgets: Clerk's salary by £100.00; Clerk's NI and Tax by £100.00; Employers NI by £10; pension payments by £10; mileage by £200, S137 grants by £280.00; Subscriptions by £123; Home Working by £ 20 and hall hire by £100. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision. Funds to be transferred from Small Projects Reserve. 12.6 (f) The authorised signatories in the current mandate with National Westminster Bank be changed by removing Kate Trevitt and adding Matthew Parker. It was resolved that a banking relationship will be maintained with National Westminster Bank plc (the Bank) in accordance with the mandate and that: the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for all accounts held, be changed in accordance with the 'Change of Signing Authority'. The current mandate will then continue as amended. The Council resolved to remove Kate Trevitt as a bank signatory and add Councillor Matthew Parker. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision. (g) Confirm invoice for printed copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan £138.60 - This **12.7** invoice was for items for the drop-in event in January. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision. 12.8 (h) Confirm invoice for notice board maintenance – Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision. <u>12.9</u> (i) Increased cost of 'Kill your speed' signs – Council resolved to increase the spend on the signs following an increase in their size. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision. Council to discuss their responses to the following planning applications: 13.0 Land North East Of Hybrid Application - i) Outline application (with all matters **13.1** Bury St Edmunds, reserved except for access) - for up to 1375 dwellings, access Bury Road, Great (including two new roundabouts onto A143 and creation of new Barton, Suffolk, foot and cycleway links into the site which would include new cycle/pedestrian crossings of the A143 and cycle/pedestrian link through the existing railway underpass), public open space (including buffer to Cattishall and Great Barton) and landscaping; new local centre (which could include the following uses A1; A2; A3; A4; A5; B1; D1; or D2); primary school; and associated infrastructure and works (including access roads, drainage infrastructure and substations), and ii) Planning Application - Full details for Phase 1 of the outline application for 291 dwellings (which are part of the overall up to 1375 dwelling proposal),

		garages, access roads, parking, open space, drainage infrastructure and associated infrastructure and works.
<u>13.2</u>	Pedestrian crossing Cattishall	Pedestrian footbridge over railway with associated infrastructure and works

The following responses will be sent to West Suffolk Council:
Great Barton Parish Council **objects** to the Planning Application
Great Barton Parish Council reasons:

#### Access & Transport

- Suffolk County Council strategic highways model concentrates on maximum road capacity up to 2036 and principally A and B roads. The Parish Council believes that instead of focusing on whether a roads capacity will be breached, SCC's investigations should be focusing on the impact on the health, safety and amenity of local residents due to increased traffic flows from the development. The Parish Council requests that the following roads are given due consideration when considering such impact: Fornham Road, Church Road/Green Lane, East Barton Road, School Road, Mill Road and Thurston Road.
- The Parish Council would like to see mitigation measures to deter the use of minor roads within the village as 'rat runs', which will be increased due to the development. They would like to be kept fully informed of the highway mitigation measures to be included in the s106 as they wish to work constructively with the developer to secure the best for all parties.
- The Southern Access Roundabout is situated approximately 300m to the northeast of the existing A143/Orttewell Road priority-controlled roundabout. This separation distance will provide the opportunity to use the stopped-up slip road (former travellers site) near to the Orttewell roundabout as an additional buffer to help mitigate the very high percentage traffic volume growth from the WSP Transport Assessment on roads (viz Fornham Road) in Great Barton directly connected to the A143.
- A14. There are concerns over the loading of Junc. 43 of the A14. Gt Barton Parish Council welcomes the re-appraisal by Highways England and the need also to assess the seasonal impact of the Sugar Beet Campaign running from mid-September through to the middle-end of February.
- The Compiegne Way junction consideration of a westerly 2 lane approach should be abandoned as SCC Highways removed this many years ago due to blind spots for nearside vehicles because of the seasonal activity of HGVs entering British Sugar. All too often with 2 approach lanes motorists assumed vehicles on the roundabout would be proceeding to the A14 and not entering British Sugar. The result were near misses or minor incidents which have been minimised since the adoption of only one approach lane to the junction.
- Fornham Road Junction. A143 traffic proceeding northerly have approach speeds greater than 30mph at the Fornham Road junction. Drawing 700552213-SK-009 facilitates cycle/foot crossing (with central island) south of Fornham Road within the 30mph zone on the A143. The design of this crossing should facilitate deacceleration of north bound traffic and therefore effect a safer A143/Fornham Road junction.
- Great Barton Parish Council requests to be party to subsequent highways/transport discussions to work constructively with the developer to secure the best for all parties.

#### Pedestrian and Cycle access

- It is unclear when the crossings over the A143 will be provided. The Parish Council would like to request that these are provided prior to first occupation within phase 1.
- A new informal pedestrian/cyclist crossing point in the form of refuge island is proposed at

the junction of the A143 and The Avenue. To provide a safe walking environment the developer should provide a scheme along the Avenue to Fornham Road. Bus Routes and Provision

- The Developer has envisaged to provide a bus service operating 7 days a week, from 7am to 7pm, 363 days per year, with the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Bus frequency is proposed to be every 30 minutes with services operating to coincide with peak rail departures and arrivals at Bury St Edmunds Railway Station. It is expected that a single vehicle will be required to operate this route.
- Great Barton Parish Council has promoted to the above developer the bus service should encompass a bus stop that connects with the main part of Great Barton village. The routing of the service through an existing nearby residential area, which are not currently served by a bus route, and running in the morning and evening peak hours would encourage further uptake of the service in the area.

#### **Underpass:**

- A safe passage through the underpass is imperative for connections beyond Severals the M33 bus service to central Bury.
- Plans for the underpass needs to be a consultation exercise and Great Barton Parish Council requests to be party to those discussions.
- The underpass must be ready by first occupation within phase 1.

## <u>Transport</u> -On site

- The secondary road from the Green Lane crossing has housing on both sides of the road and is planned for construction in phase 3 of the development. This secondary road (5.5m width) feeds into the structural Open Space (Severals Clump) containing MUGA and associated amenity facilities plus the community building to cater for 3000 persons. The south westerly section of the secondary road is likely to be the most attractive access to the amenities and it must ensure this level of activity is not a nuisance by volume and noise to residents either side of this 5.5m road. A more open route to the community facilities would be preferred.
- Is the road width of 4.8m sufficient to resist partial parking on the pavement, especially as it is the roadway to the Allotments? It should be noted residents have preferences for frontage parking on both sides of a road and often result in parking half on the footway and half on the road, causing danger and inconvenience to other users and problems providing bus services.

#### **Parking**

- Although there has been a reduction of direct access by motor vehicles onto the spine road following discussions with WSC and St Joseph there are parking bays (Plot 72) abutting directly next to the pavement in many instances. This could result in part of a vehicle encroaching onto footpath and forcing pedestrian activity into the roadway. The 5m length of the parking allocation should be reviewed and a greater length of parking bay planned.
- There is a heavy dominance of on-street parking within the higher density areas of the site (e.g. plots 100 124) this needs to be broken up for example, some plots could have parking to the side in a tandem form. If this is not possible then block paving will need to be used instead of tarmac to try and soften the car dominated streetscape Topography

Easterly views of the site (phase 1) from the A143 are contrary to the D&A assessment. St Joseph's topography map clearly (p29 Superseded D&A, Dec2019) illustrates the site rising to the east. Consequently, when travelling northbound on the A143 the 3 storey affordable apartments/flats (properties 203-211) will dominate the skyline at 18m to the ridge. This Is not a typical rural/countryside scene and any landscape mitigation will not

hide or diffuse this imposing structure. I doubt this signifies a typical Suffolk village scene as purported in the application.

#### <u>Landscape</u>, <u>Buffer Zone</u>, <u>Country Park</u>

- The Buffer zone should be made available for public use prior to first occupation.
- The 2014 Masterplan envisaged the landscape mitigation at Cattishall will be undertaken in Phase 1 to allow the screening to act as it was intended, a buffer to the later development phases. The inclusion of the full eastern buffer in Phase 1 to give the planting as much time to grow as possible during development should be implemented.
- It is galling to see in print the virtues of the Poplar tree belt west of Cattishall Farm House noting some have been retained, when the 2014 Masterplan stated all would be retained, especially as they mark an historic track dating back to medieval times.
- The Country Park footpath must be suitable for those residents with impairments who may be using wheelchair and mobility vehicles. The Parish Council requests to be party to further discussions of activities within the Country Park, north and south sections which includes the Cattishall area.
- Great Barton Parish Council would like assurance that measures will be put in place to manage all un-adopted public spaces.

#### Several Green - Allotments

- Severals Green will accommodate a cricket square, an informal area for football with goal posts, two play areas for a range of ages, community orchard, a community building and car park forming an important community space for residents. Great Barton Parish Council has described the requirements of the community building in writing to the Case officer (Sept 2019) and maintains the interest to secure s106 monies for the build and the early running costs before the whole Severals site hopefully provides self-sufficiency of the community building and surrounding area.
- The Community Centre could accommodate many forms of recycling and assist in the running costs of the centre. Great Barton Parish Council requests to be kept fully involved.
- The allotments planning and management could be facilitated by discussions with the Great Barton Allotment Association.

#### Health Impact Assessment.

- GB Parish Council remains concerned of the impact of the development proposals on local health infrastructure and facilities to not erode the well-being of existing residents. Urgent funding will need to be undertaken, in conjunction with a methodology to be agreed with NHS England and supply a doctor's surgery should be considered to further cover the western area of Bury St Edmunds.
- There should be adequate dog bin provision on all walkways and open spaces, the cost and maintenance of which should be incorporated into any management/adoption strategy.

#### Education

Great Barton Parish Council is concerned the delivery of the Primary School and pre-school are not compromised by the developer due to the changing development phases when compared to the adopted 2014 masterplan.

## Development – Phase 1

#### **Building Heights**

- Severals is situated within the rural landscape but is constantly referred to as Townscape and heaven forbid the view from the A143 to define the entrance. Why is there reference to the historical part of Bury and its building heights within the Severals development.
- Is a mansion style block on arrival a natural rural scene?

#### **Building Density**

• The softening of density towards the development edges is welcomed and whether the mixture of densities down a spine road is reminiscent of a village street remains questionable.

#### **Building Materials**

- Clay effect roof tiles in red/brown colours. What's wrong with indigenous materials
- Slate effect roof tiles. What's wrong with natural materials
- Lack of flint and plain or decretive pargeting. Interestingly Flint work is promoted in the superseded Design and Access Document, see extract from p20 not only in GT Barton but at Pakenham and Thurston

#### **Building Layout and Design:**

- p26 of superseded D&A states that design and layouts are safe and take account of crime prevention, community safety and public health.
- Courtyards need treatment sensitivity to ensure safety of residents by spatial separation. Phase 1 courtyard (plots 109-119) appear narrow and too dense to provide the safe and secure parameters that is an objective of the St Joseph's village concept and was an important consideration for Great Barton residents from the responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.
- Some affordable units (plots 67-68, 98-100, 200-202, 212-217, 284-287j only have courtyard parking as opposed to driveway parking, therefore difficulties unloading children and shopping. This will identify affordable housing. Great Barton Parish Council would like to see close quarters/private driveways for affordable homes.
- There are a number of blank /poorly articulated gables which are fronting public open spaces and streets which will result in an unsatisfactory streetscene and poor surveillance (e.g. plots 200, 202, 215, etc) These need to be refined and additional windows added (please see plan: 2742 C 1005 PL A). We would also suggest the gables are rotated so the sides are eaves fronted thus reducing the scale of the apex (as per plots 82 & 85).
- The proposed external facing materials are very generic and do not integrate with the vernacular of Great Barton instead they appear more consistent with the urban growth of the adjacent Moreton Hall housing development. This is disappointing as it has always been envisaged that the character of this development would draw upon the vernacular of the village
- o black weather board should only be used on prominent garages / cart lodges (ancillary buildings) not on 2 storey dwellings as currently proposed.
- o half rendered houses to the first-floor elevations appear dated and more akin with 80s/ 90s housing development render should cover the full prominent frontage.
- o Brick and flint constructed buildings are a predominant feature of the village (there are even some opposite the site! Anglenook Cottages) whilst we appreciate this is a costly material the developer should at least make a nod towards this and acknowledge this by featuring some on its 2 gate way terraces at the site entrance off the A143 (see plots 220 223 and 4-6). There are cost effective ways of providing this through the use of good quality precast flint blocks (The Marham Park development provides good examples).
- There are no specific details of the type, texture and colour of external materials to be used Great Barton Parish Council should be consulted on these details prior to any approval being given.
- There are a number of streets which terminate with a poor vista, looking into the backs of dwellings / parking / rear gardens. This needs to be re-considered streets should terminate with either buildings or open spaces or pedestrian connections. Housing

- The developer's provision of 22% 4-bedroom homes is 20% higher than the recommendation coming out of the Housing Needs Assessment 2018 from AECOM for the Great Barton Neighbourhood Plan.
- Although there is reasonable dispersal of the affordable homes within this development phase plots 109 to 119 could be better distributed to remove the linear string of front house parking. The area of affordable properties in the north west corner has a better arrangement of green space to parking allocation.

  Supported Housing:
- The Housing Needs Assessment commissioned by the Great Barton Neighbourhood Working Group highlighted the growing requirement for housing the elderly whether as homes suitable for independent living and/or the provision for Care Homes/ specialised housing. This requires consideration within this development. Great Barton Parish Council objects to the Planning Application for a footbridge at Cattishall.

Great Barton Parish Council reasons: In May 2017 endorsed the erection of a footbridge at the Cattishall Level Crossing, S25. The necessity of 2 points of access and egress from the Severals development has previously been documented to ensure maximisation of on foot and cycle modes of transportation.

The footbridge should be constructed to effect a seamless change from the at foot crossing to a foot bridge for public use and a condition to that effect should be enacted. As S25 Level Crossing is on cycle route 13, a 148 mile route from Tower Bridge to Colchester to Thetford (via Bury St Edmunds) to terminate near Fakenham, Norfolk there is no mention of the foot bridge accommodating cycles. Provision within the design of the bridge should come forward.

Great Barton Parish Council acknowledges the use of lighting techniques to minimise pollution to neighbour's amenity.

## 14.0 Plans for Annual Parish Meeting

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Suggestions included a talk from the Atrial Fibrillation Group, the police, Suffolk County Council on School Transport/Education and West Suffolk Council on 'the triangle' development.

#### 15.0 Chair and Councillor's reports

The condition of the School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath was raised by a resident. Councillor Matthew Parker offered to liaise with the neighbouring residents to look for a temporary solution.

<u>Updates on village projects</u>: (1) Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation is underway. This will run from 18/1/20 to 2/3/20. (2) School Lane, Downing Drive link footpath – update above (3) Repairs to playing field benches – P Fisk – a price is awaited. (4) There were no questions about the spring newsletter. (5) Maple Green will be discussed at the March meeting (6) Fornham Road traffic survey – this will be raised at the infrastructure meeting with Suffolk County Council that Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger is organising (7)

Information from the solicitor confirmed that as the piece of land adjacent to the Church is owned by Suffolk County Council, the Parish Council will not pursue a change of ownership.

## 17.0 Replacement Councillor for Calthorpe and Edwards Trust

Following the resignation of Kate Trevitt, Councillor Matthew Parker offered to take on this role.

# 18.0 Closing public session

A 30mph sign which has fallen off the post will be reported to Suffolk County Council.

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<u>19.0</u>	Date of next meeting		
	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.		
	There being no further business the meeting finished at 10:25 pm.		
	Sign & Date		
	Print name.		
	CHAIRMAN		
	Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.		