

# Sudbourne Parish Council Newsletter Spring 2022

Hello,

As your Parish Council (PC) we would like to explain what we do and how this helps our village. So, to get that ball rolling, welcome to the first of an occasional update from your PC.

The PC consists of up to seven volunteers from the Parish and a paid Parish Clerk. We try our best to fulfil our responsibilities, to represent the interests of the village and make such improvements as we can to life here. Sudbourne is a great place to live and we need your help to keep it that way so we would really appreciate your feedback and ideas. We currently have one vacancy so if your interested in joining us or would like to know more please let me know.

Suvi (Chair)

## What is a Parish Council?

A PC is a democratically elected civil local authority and is the first tier of local government. There are over 10,000 in England and Wales and PCs have a wide range of responsibilities including looking after community buildings, planning, street lighting and play areas.

## Sudbourne PC Councillors:

Suvi McCreadie – High House (Chair)  
Bill Parker – Hyde Park Corner (Vice Chair)  
Natasha Hodge – Snape Road  
Christopher New – School Road  
Hannah Backhouse – The Close  
Ginny Haynes – Snape Road  
Vacancy –  
Joanne Peters – Parish Clerk

## Also representing you in Sudbourne are:

Ray Herring – East Suffolk Council (ESC)  
Andrew Reid - Suffolk County Council (SCC)

## Meetings

The PC meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and the exact dates are on our website [Parish Council » Sudbourne \(onesuffolk.net\)](http://Parish Council » Sudbourne (onesuffolk.net)), the village noticeboard outside the Village Hall and in the bus shelter.

## Information and Contact:

Website: [Parish Council » Sudbourne \(onesuffolk.net\)](http://Parish Council » Sudbourne (onesuffolk.net)). for Agendas and Minutes and information on consultations and responses. [Sudbourne, Suffolk - Home | Facebook](http://Sudbourne, Suffolk - Home | Facebook). We also post information from time to time on the Sudbourne Village Facebook page. If you would like to contact us please email: [sudbourneparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sudbourneparishclerk@gmail.com)

## What's the Parish Precept?

The PC is funded solely by money raised via Council tax. This pays for the financial obligations of the Parish Council and for small projects. You may have noticed in your 2022/3 Council Tax Statement from East Suffolk Council that unfortunately we have had to raise our precept for the first time in over a decade. This is still only a very small part of your overall annual Council Tax bill.

There are 3 key areas of work for the PC:

### 1) Representing Sudbourne:

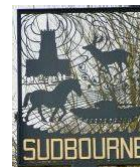
As a Council, we champion our Parish and its community. We are asked to participate in numerous consultations and we prioritise those that have the greatest impact on our community. In the past year we have responded actively to the following:

#### Energy Projects:

Sizewell C. Sudbourne PC has responded to all the EDF consultations. The PC has a neutral stance on nuclear power but the responses have highlighted our concerns about the impact of the Sizewell C project on our village especially regarding the potential effects of; increased road traffic, accessing medical and emergency services, the impact on housing, local businesses and the local tourism economy. Where our concerns have matched those of neighbouring parishes, we have made a joint response.

Sizewell C is not the only energy infrastructure project consultation process in the area to which we have responded. There is also the proposed Scottish Power Renewables project and the proposed Nautilus Inter-connector project transferring electricity to and from Europe.

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## Walking and Cycling Strategy

The District and County Councils have consulted on a new walking and cycling strategy for Suffolk. Our response highlighted issues such as safe roads for the increased number of cyclists and the need to link currently unconnected footpaths to the north and south of the village.

## Rendlesham and Tunstall Forest Management Plan

Forest England (FE) held a consultation last autumn on their next management plan. The PC responded and highlighted the opportunities to improve the connectivity of trails through the forest. We are concerned about the closure of the 'jumps' at gate 23 and the removal of the bench on Foxglove walk (at the end of Blacklands Lane). The PC is trying to resolve these issues with FE.

All our responses to consultations are available on the website.

## **2) Delivering Services for the Parish:**

The Parish Council is responsible for:

### Responding to Planning Applications

As a Parish we are consulted by the Planning Authority (ESC) on all planning applications within the Parish which we respond to. Whilst the PC can express a view, ESC determines if it will be approved or not.

### The Children's Play Area

The play area in The Close is open to all children in the parish. We are responsible for its management and maintenance. Each year, a safety inspection is carried out and in the last one the nest swing was identified as needing attention. We would welcome feedback from the Parish and in particular the users of the playground as to how we could improve the area.

### Buses.

Whilst bus service is minimal, the bus stop is used every school day by our children. We recently tidied it up and a new bench installed for those waiting. We are in discussion with SCC about the Katch on demand electric bus taxi service [Katch Taxi Bus – East Suffolk Lines \(websitehome.co.uk\)](http://www.katchtaxibus.co.uk) which currently runs from Snape to Framlingham to see if Sudbourne can be included in this trial. The Community Access Transport Service (CATS)

a 'demand responsive bus service' already covers Sudbourne and will try to provide you with a bus when you need one.

Contact: [CATS - Coastal Accessible Transport Services \(cats-paws.co.uk\)](http://www.cats-paws.co.uk) or phone 01728 830516

### Street Lights

Sudbourne is known for its dark skies but the PC is actually responsible for 8 street lights.

## **3) Improve the quality of life in the parish** Defibrillator Awareness Session

With the support of the Village Hall Committee, the PC arranged a few years ago for the installation of a defibrillator on the front external wall of the Village Hall. Last November, we organised a successful and well attended training session on how to use the defibrillator. If such an emergency should happen, those who attended will have the chance to make a vital difference whether with this defibrillator here or another elsewhere. A second defibrillator training session has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am and is advertised on our website, the noticeboard outside the Village Hall and on Sudbourne Village Facebook. If you would like to attend this or potentially a future session then please contact our Jo our Parish Clerk.

### Speeding through the village

The PC has been concerned for some time about the speed of some vehicles through the village and so is taking action as follows:

Road Speed signs: We have contacted SCC Highways Dept. to inform them of the poor state of the 30 mph speed signs in the village and to ask them to repair or replace them so that they are clear and visible.

VAS Speed Sign/Data Recording update: We currently share the VAS speed sign with Orford & Gedgrave PC on a rota basis. We can analyse the data from the VAS sign on the level of speeding in the village.

### Community Speed Watch

If anyone would be interested in helping with this Community Speed Watch initiative similar to those in Orford and Snape please let Jo our clerk know.

## **Finally...**

Sudbourne is a great place to live help us keep it that way. Do get involved and support your Parish Council. Thank you.