

6. Public Forum

6.1 To receive reports from the County Councillor and District Councillor
Report for December from Jessica Fleming attached to Appendix I and apologies for not attending tonight's meeting.
Report for January from Diana Kearsley in Appendix II and apologies for not attending tonight's meeting.

6.2 To receive comments from members of the public in attendance.
Vehicles are turning in the entrance to the carpark and damaging the verge, a traffic cone has been left out to try and encourage vehicles to stay off the verge, Cllr Read will talk to the Mill and see if they can encourage them to request that the car park entrance is not used as a turning point.
It was requested by a member of public what the money in the budget for Newstead land was for, they were advised that it was not for any specific project but topping up last years expense and to keep an earmarked reserve for the land.
A member of the Parish expressed an interest (and by email to the clerk) in the possibility of purchasing or long-term renting Newstead land.

7. To consider Planning

7.1 Applications received
None

7.2 Planning decisions

DC 18 05525 Erection of a single storey rear extension, 6 Robinsons Close, Earlsford Road, Mellis, Eye Suffolk IP23 8DJ **Granted**

8. Finance

8.1 Payments

February 2019			
Daniel Roth	31/01/2019	January Payroll	£201.40
Daniel Roth	14/02/2019	January expenses	£14.40
SALC	21/01/2019	Election Briefing	£30.00

Proposed Cllr Barr 2nd Cllr Read

Request from Eye Volunteer Centre submitted a request for funds to support their work but no amount included, Cllr Barr to contact and request further details.

9. Review training needs

Clerk to advise new Parish Councillor of councilor training sessions.

10. Reports

10.1 Clerks report and correspondence received
Equine Burglaries
Planning decisions regarding screening on Eye airfield development
Confirmation of Precept
Buckingham Palace garden party
Meeting with Cllr Evans
Paperless MSDC billing
Spring litter pick general info

SNT police newsletter
Mid Suffolk Draft housing land supply
Communities Strategy Consultation
Unauthorized Encampment update
Interest in Newstead land
Request for extra funding for the Memorial Hall
UK Power networks forum
SALC bulletins
Election briefing and nomination papers
School travel policy
Stork Erik power planning
Invite to an Introduction to Neighborhood Plan workshop at Occold
Digital mapping workshop
CIL round 3 documents
Road flooding in Earlsford Road
SARS grants
Horse riding on the footpaths and common

Interest in Newstead land

A document of all the correspondence in historic documents of the Parish, minutes, deeds, letters and emails on this matter was circulated prior to the meeting.

The member of the public expressed his interest in buying or long term rent of the land.

After many years of inaction on the land it was thought a use should be sought.

The meeting was reminded about the covenant on the land and some of the previous legal advice received.

The Parish Council would like to see the land used if possible within the original covenant as a carpark and adventure playground, if funding could be found, also there is a thought that there may be a possibility of parking further up the road alongside the road, but again needing great funding.

The question that the council would like to know the long term answer to is, what can they do legally in the long term with the land.

Request for supplementary funding for the Memorial Hall

The Parish Council after receiving a request from the Memorial Hall for funding to enable them to carry out repairs to the water heater in the hall. The hall has a short fall of about £350 after taking into account an earmarked bequest. The Council feel unable to support this extra request this year.

Horse riding on the footpaths and common

There have been instances of horse riding on the common and footpaths and indicated that they originate from a local stable, Cllr T Wilby will draft a letter to be sent to the stables.

11. New grit bin applications

Two applications made on line for new grit bins third still being processed.

12. Road Safety

Clerk to forward some information on VAR equipment.

13. Tree planting and replacement

Postponed till next meeting

14. Well reinstatement

Postponed till next meeting

15. Village Directory sign board

Cllr Read contacted the current renter of the Mill @ Mellis, and he has given authorization to a sign on the side of the of the building, agreement in writing will be requested, estimated costs at the moment are looking like £450 for the sign. Details still to be confirmed.

16. **Items to be considered for the next agenda**
Newstead Land,
17. **Date of next meeting – 14th March 2019 Parish Council Meeting 18.00 – Memorial Hall**
Dates of further meetings – Second Thursday of Month
18. **Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the meeting will be closed to the public and press to consider matters.**
Clerk's Grade and Salary award.

The Cllr's agreed to regrade the Clerk and approved the NALC payrate from April 2019

Summary of action points

19/02/18 13	Defibrillator Tea Party	Cllr Read is arranging speaker and training, date to be arranged when resources are available. Clerk to find if any groups can run a session.
2018 07 26, 10.1	Cutting verges May 2019	Clerk to liaise with Thunderston PC re cutting the verges in May 2019
2018 10 11 6.2	Parish report to the Messenger.	Cllr Barr to supply.
2018 12 13 8.1	Payment request	Cllr Barr to follow up with Eye Volunteer Centre regarding funding request
2019 02 14 9	Training needs	Clerk to advise new Cllr on the Councillor training dates
2019 02 14 10.1	Newstead Land	To investigate possible solutions for the land
2019 02 14 10.1	Horse riding on the common	Cllr T wilby to draft a letter for the clerk to send to the stables.
2019 02 14 11	New Grit bins	Clerk to progress the applications
2019 02 14 12	Road Safety	Clerk to supply some details on VAR and road improvement solutions.
2019 01 10 14	Spring litter pick	Carried forward Advertise the date, poster, online and in pamphlet.
2019 02 14 15	Village Directory Sign board	Cllr Read to progress.
2019 02 14 18	Clerk's Grade and Salary award	Cllr Barr to advise SALC of award.



County Council Report for Mellis Parish Council

February 2019

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Proposed Changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding – Following collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS and Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups, a shortfall resulting from the County's budget setting for 2019/2020 will be made up by the Health Services. SCC proposes to reduce funding to CAB Suffolk by 50% (£187k) in 2019/20. (The CAB receives funding from other sources as well, including Districts and Boroughs.)

County Council Budget – This will be debated and set at the County Council meeting on Thursday 14th February. General Council Tax would increase by 2.99% and the Adult Social Care Precept rise by 1% both of which utilise the maximum amounts allowable under current rules.

Application for A140 Roundabouts near Eye - The application can be viewed on the Suffolk planning register: <http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/>. The comment period is officially now and a decision is expected in the next month, with commencement shortly thereafter.

Three Bridges Project, Ipswich - On 29 January, SCC's Cabinet agreed that the road bridge section of the Upper Orwell Crossings is not deliverable due to escalating costs but reconfirmed its commitment to regeneration of Ipswich's Waterfront.

New Eye Library Opened on January 24th - Eye has bucked the trend by opening a modern new library on Cross Street replacing a previous 40-yr old building. The library has utilised a former highways office and has now been handed over to Suffolk Libraries.

Castleton Way Traveler Site – occupancy of this site and related actions are being coordinated by the Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy and Traveler liaison service, local councils and the police. The family's toleration agreement is not being continued and they have been asked to leave the site.

Great East Run Entries Open - The 2019 event opened for entry on 7th January. It will take place on Sunday 22nd September 2019 at the Council offices and is expected to sell out quickly with over 2,000 people already registered. Full details www.greatrun.org/great-east-run

Cllr Diana Kearsley, Gislingham Ward

Draft Budget to be considered at Full Council agreed

The Council will be considering a proposed budget for 2019/20 at their meeting on 21 February. This budget includes proposals to offer discounts of up to 100% on council tax for care leavers, supporting the most vulnerable in society, while also proposing a Business Rates Relief policy for small retailers, including shops, cafes and restaurants.

The Budget also includes proposals to raise the District Council precept of Council Tax by just £3.26 a year for a Band D property – equivalent to only 6p a week. This allows the council to put forward a budget that proposes no cuts in front line services. You can see the full details of the budget councillors will be asked to vote on in the 'Budget Book' for 2019/20 [online](#).

Your Council Magazine on its way to Your Door

A new publication is on its way to every household in the district: Your Council, a magazine that lays out what Mid Suffolk does and what we have achieved over the last four years, has been put together ahead as we approach the end of this council's term. Designed in an accessible, consumer-magazine format, it gives residents an idea of the challenges and decisions made in local government, The magazine aims to give residents a greater understanding of the council and its work.

The magazine will be delivered by the end of this month. It will be available [online via our website](#), but a copy is going to every household because the majority of the public have asked for information in the form of a leaflet rather than on-line. Despite this we have kept costs low, at an equivalent of just 32p per household.

New Parking Plan for Mid Suffolk to be Drawn Up

Mid Suffolk's Cabinet has voted to go out to public consultation on a draft Joint Area Parking Plan with Babergh District Council. The plan, which does not include any proposals to increase car parking charges, sets out eight parking policy objectives it intends to achieve. These include establishing standard on-street parking scheme operating hours, utilising off-street parking places to assist with traffic management and more.

The draft plan will be subject to a six week consultation, the details of which will be published shortly. For more information read the [full story online](#).

Councils Pay £549k to Infrastructure Projects in 2018

In the 2018 calendar year Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils passed £549,674.93 from developers to local infrastructure projects. This brings the total over the last three years to over £1.2 million. It has funded a variety of infrastructure projects, from sports facilities to public transport, and was collected from developers

who have brought forward developments, both residential and commercial, in the districts. For more information read [our full press release](#).

Public Developers' Contributions Database Nominated for National Award

Mid Suffolk and Babergh's [Exacom database](#) – giving the public access to figures for developer contributions towards infrastructure all the way back to 1974 – has been nominated for the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence.

The database, which is the first of its kind in the country, is in the running for an award within the Excellence in Tech Within Planning Practice category. As it is the first such database to be published Mid Suffolk, along with Babergh, have been designated Pilot Authorities by the developer. You can find out more on [our website](#).

New Online Portal for Customers Launched

A new MyAccount portal has been launched, enabling residents to view bills, reminders and notices, apply for discounts and update personal details from home. The portal is run by the Shared Revenue Partnership, which consists of Mid Suffolk District Council, Babergh District Council and Ipswich Borough Council. The portal allows access to paperless eBilling for Council Tax and/or Business Rates as well as updates on Housing Benefit and Council Tax reduction claims and many other services. The free service is available via our websites – find out more in the [full press release](#).

We want your views on our Communities Strategy

A consultation on our draft Communities Strategy has been launched by Mid Suffolk and Babergh, inviting feedback on how the councils plan to lead on the key challenges and opportunities facing the two districts.

The consultation will close at noon on Friday 1 March. The draft strategy sets out several ambitions and high-level commitments which have been developed based on feedback from a wide range of partners. You can find out more, including how to take part, by visiting our [website](#).

Great Run Local comes to Walsham-le-Willows

The Great Run Local Walsham-le-Willows launched on Sunday 3 February, offering either 2k or 5k runs every week. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome at 9am every Sunday at Walsham-le-Willows Sports Club, Summer Road, to take part in the fifth Great Run Local in Suffolk. Match funded grants of £1,750 awarded by Mid Suffolk and Suffolk County Council have help set up the event, aiming to improve health and fitness for residents, break down social isolation and promote public spaces. Find our more on [our website](#).

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