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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 4th December in Mutford and Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

All residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136 402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

Parish Clerk's report

At the PC meeting in November, Councillors discussed the following:

- Noise disturbance from flights over the village.
- The handover of the responsibility of the Speed Indicator Device.
- The future of the old telephone box/Book swap.
- The Community Litter Pick.

East Suffolk Council Cllr Rivett and Cllr Scrancher attended the meeting and provided helpful information for those households affected by the recent flooding. They informed council that the District Council would be meeting to discuss the new direction it plans to take in the future. The Gull Wing Bridge is expected to be completed in the first half of 2024.

The Clerk reported an update from the Police. UK website which stated that there was one reported crime in the village for the month of August, on or near Chapel Road, of 'Other theft' - includes theft by employee, blackmail, or making off without payment.

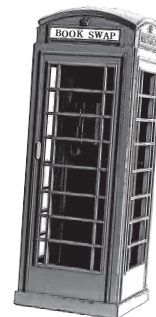
Items to be added to the agenda for December include the approval of the budget and the agreement of the Precept request for the financial year 2024/25.

There is now one Councillor vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.



The Book Swap Box

The old telephone box on Church Road, near to the crossroads, has been used as a book swap box for some while. However, it is not managed and the books inside need to be neat and tidy to make it an effective resource. One issue is that the books build up in numbers and many get wet as the door is wedged open. The Parish Council needs someone to keep the box tidy, clean and interesting to use. Can you help? Expenses of £20 a month will be paid to a Mutford 'Dr Who' who can make a good job of this project. Naturally, someone with an interest in books would be preferred.



Dog Fouling

A report has been received from people living in the area of Newson Avenue, Hulver Road and including the lane used permissively going down to Kier's Cottage, that persistent dog fouling has been taking place over recent months. This has been reported to East Suffolk Council. A dog bin is located in this area and must be used. The practice of not cleaning up after your dog is unacceptable. Where there is a persistent problem council officers will try to identify irresponsible dog owners who could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1,000 if there is a conviction in the courts.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
20th November 2023.

Current Planning Applications

Peacehaven, 92 Mill Road, Mutford NR34 7UP

Single storey side extension

Ref. No: DC/23/4323/FUL Open for comment.

ESC Status: Awaiting decision

Land South of Woodford Farm, Mutford Wood, Mutford. Proposed tractor store.

Ref. No: DC/23/3586/FUL

ESC Status: Permitted

Oakes Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, Carlton Colville. NR33 8HG. Conversion of barn to form two residential dwellings following Class Q prior approval including change of use of surrounding land to garden land.

Ref. No: DC/23/2817/FUL

ESC Status: Permitted

Land North of Chapel Road, Mutford. NR34 7UU

Permission for the remaining Reserved Matters - Landscape, layout, scale and appearance. In addition, we seek discharge to Planning Conditions 8,10,13 & 14 associated with the outline planning permission.

Ref. No: DC/23/2402/ARM - Open for comment.

ESC Status: Awaiting decision

Planning Applications outside Mutford of Local Interest

Land at Copland Way, Ellough. NR34 7TL

Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure.

County Council Consultation

SCC Ref.No: SCC/0124/22W

SCC Status: Pending a decision

ESC Ref. No: DC/22/4740/CCC

ESC Status: Responded

This application is being dealt with by Suffolk County Council's Development and Regulation Committee.

Responding to Planning applications

Only 'material planning applications' will be taken into account. e.g. local planning policy or loss of amenity (daylight, sunlight, privacy). For more info:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planningapplications/commenting-on-planning-applications

Litter Picking

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who rallied to the cause and collectively picked up a dozen bags of litter from the roadside verges and other public places recently. Unfortunately, more manpower would be needed to cover all of the verges in the village. We hope to organise another session next year which will be advertised in Mutford News.

Churchyard Management

St Andrew's churchyard is managed locally by church members and those interested in the environment following Suffolk Wildlife Trust guidance. Now is the time to cut back the grass and the many small saplings. If you would like to help manage the churchyard sensitively and you have some spare time please join the team for 1½ hours of work on:

Wednesday, December 13th at 10.00am.

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

Sunday 3rd December 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th December 3pm CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 7th January 9am Holy Communion

Until a new priest is appointed to the benefice there will be a further period of interregnum. This means that a churchwarden will have to be contacted to make initial enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's Church. A visiting priest will be engaged to take such services.

In the first place contact:

Martin Warnes (churchwarden)

on 07919 855 726

<https://stpeterscc.org.uk/st-andrews/>



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 17th**

Starting at
7.30pm.

**£3 PER PERSON
TABLES OF SIX**

**BOOK YOUR TABLE – PHONE JAN ON 01502 475 278
BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES AND DRINKS**

Countryside Code

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

Advice to walkers and runners on country roads

On roads with no pavements pedestrians should keep to the right-hand side of the road so oncoming traffic can be seen. Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file if you are in a group. If you come across a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross to the left-hand side of the road to gain visibility and cross back after the bend. Do not cross the road on a sharp bend.

Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 for emergencies

To report something anonymously call

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Non-urgent reports can also be made to Suffolk Police via www.suffolk.police.uk.

Go to the 'Contact Us' page.

There is also a live Chat online service for non-urgent matters: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

If you need help...

Samaritans..... 116 123

Anxiety UK.....03444 775 774

Mind.....0300 123 3393

Calm.....0800 58 58 58

Crisis text line..... (text)85258

Child-line.....0800 11 11

DANES - Disability Advice.....01502 511 333

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on **4th December. 1pm at the Village Hall.**

We will be having the usual food, raffle and quiz.

All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX

Thursday, December 7th. 10am - 12 noon.

Free coffee and friendly chat.

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visit of the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday 21st December

10.30-10.45am – Lindenette (near Land Rover garage, in west of village)

10.50-11.05 – Old Post Office (near cross-roads on Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25 – Village Hall, Mill Road

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

1st and 3rd Saturday in month.

9am - 1pm

Next markets: Saturday, 2nd & 16th December

Christmas Brain Teaser

Two mums and two daughters went out for Christmas dinner. Each ate a three-course meal, yet only three dinners were eaten and paid for in total. How is this possible?

See the answer at the bottom of the back page.

Need help – or want to help?

East Suffolk Council is co-ordinating a comprehensive programme of support to help people in East Suffolk with the rising cost of living.

Whether you are worried about the cost of living, or you want to help those who are, the website pages provide information on **'money', 'food and essentials', 'fuel and energy', 'housing' and 'activities and offers.**

The info will be updated as new schemes, advice and support becomes available.

Go to:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/

Issues with Water and Flooding

Emergency mains water leaks contact:
Essex and Suffolk Water 0800 526 337

No mains water supply contact:
Essex and Suffolk Water 0345 782 0999

Sewer flooding contact:
Anglian Water 03457 145 145

Suffolk County Council has a comprehensive web page devoted to flooding including flooding of homes. This can be found at:
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>

Reporting Issues

with Roads and Pavements

In **emergencies**, such as a missing manhole cover, if a road needs to be closed or where there is a potential danger to life call Suffolk Highways Customer Services immediately on 0345 606 6171. The line is available 24/7.

However if the emergency is on a trunk road in Suffolk. e.g. the A12, then please call the National Highways Information Line on 0300 123 5000.

Less urgent issues in Suffolk such as potholes, damaged pavements, road flooding etc. can be reported online where you will be asked to pinpoint the location of the issue on the map and describe the issue. This tool can be found at:

www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

Please note potholes of 40mm depth or less are unlikely to be repaired but will still be recorded for future reference.

To report a power cut or to report damaged power cable / poles

Call 105 to report a power cut. This is a free-of-charge call from any network. Do not call your electricity supplier. Electricity suppliers are not responsible for the power lines that connect to homes or businesses.

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 6th December – Black

Wednesday 13th December – Blue and green

Wednesday 20th December – Black

Collection Days after Christmas and New Year were unavailable at time of going to press. Please check the website closer to Christmas to find out. my.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste and follow the menus through to BIN COLLECTION DATE FINDER.

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162 000

8.45am-5pm Mon-Weds and Fridays

9.30am-5pm Thursdays

Recycling Centre ('the Council tip')

You have to book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. This facility is free to use for household waste (certain items like rubble, tiles etc are charged for).

Opening times:

9 – 5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun.

Closed Wednesdays

For more information and to book a slot, go to:

www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page

Fly-tipping

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. East Suffolk Council will seek, where possible, to prosecute anyone caught illegally dumping waste. You can report it anonymously. Call 0333 016 2000 or report online.

Dog Fouling

For info on how to report dog fouling to East Suffolk Council's Environmental Protection, go to:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/dog-fouling

Where there is a persistent problem council officers will try to identify irresponsible dog owners who could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1,000 if there is a conviction in the courts.

Brain Teaser Answer: It was a grandmother (who is obviously also a mother) mother and daughter who went out for Christmas dinner together!

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