

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

There is no scheduled meeting in January. The next meeting of Mutford Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th February in Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

All residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services:

15th Jan. 11am: Morning Prayer

5th Feb. 9am: Holy Communion

To enquire about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's, please contact the Rev'd Sarah Quantrill on 01502 810552 <https://stpeterscc.org.uk/st-andrews/>

Parish Clerk's Report

At the last PC meeting (5th December 2022), Councillors discussed a range of issues including:

- Precept (the portion of the Council Tax that is paid by householders as a contribution to the work of the Parish Council) – Cllrs noted the financial pressures on residents and agreed to keep precept at same level as last year (£6,496). The precept covers the basic costs of the work of the PC including the Parish Clerk's salary, the maintenance of the playground behind the Village Hall, the printing of this newsletter and the cost of running the vehicle activated speed sign which is currently on Hulver Road.
- Planning – several planning applications including a new Anaerobic Digester plant on Copeland Way, Ellough [see item on the right].
- Fly-tipping – a problem with fly-tipping at and near the allotments behind Mill Road; the relevant authorities have been informed.
- On-road parking – an ongoing issue with parking at or near the crossroads.

Minutes will be available at www.mutford.suffolk.cloud once they have been approved by Councillors at the next monthly meeting.

Planning application for a new Anaerobic Digester plant

A planning application has been submitted for a new Anaerobic Digester plant, next to the existing facility on Copeland Way in Ellough, on the corner of the site opposite the go-cart track. The new plant would generate bio-methane from food waste; the existing plant uses crops such as silage maize and sugar beet, some of which is grown in the fields locally.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) handles applications for waste developments. Full details of this can be found on SCC's planning site: <http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk> Search for SCC/0124/22W.

At the latest Parish Council meeting, Councillors agreed that they would strongly object to the application due to concerns about the negative impact on the health and welfare of residents from a variety of factors including odour and significantly increased volumes of large HGVs on local roads to and from the site.

Residents are encouraged to read the application and submit their own views. At the request of local PCs, SCC has extended the deadline for submissions to 20th January 2023.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Info. correct as of 21st December 2022.
Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)
planning applications:
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- DC/22/4799/FUL – 1) New window aperture to front elevation. 2) New window aperture to side elevation and alteration to existing door aperture to form window. 3) New window aperture to rear elevation for cloakroom. 4) Provision of fibre cement cladding to part rear elevation.
3 Welch Close, Mutford. NR34 7UT
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- DC/22/4639/FUL - Single Storey Rear Extension. 40 Mill Road, Mutford. NR34 7UR
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- DC/22/4434/FUL - Rear extension & materials. Oakland Lodge, Mutford Wood, Mutford. NR33 8HG
ESC status: Awaiting decision

RECENT DECISIONS

- None

APPLICATIONS OUTSIDE MUTFORD, OF LOCAL INTEREST:

- DC/22/4740/CCC - Land At Copland Way Ellough Suffolk NR34 7TL.
County Council Consultation ref: SCC/0124/22WSCC/0124/22W - Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure
SCC Status: Awaiting decision
- DC/22/4495/CCC – V. C. Cooke And Son Ltd Ellough Road Beccles Suffolk NR34 7TQ: Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended 2015): Regulation 6(1) Request for a Screening Opinion in Relation to the Proposed Small-Scale Energy Recovery Facility (ERF)
Status: Awaiting decision

Responding to planning applications

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

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

Did you know...

Some robins fly south, sometimes as far as Spain or Portugal, before winter arrives. They return to the UK with the warmer weather. [Sounds very sensible...!]

Monday Club

Next meeting: **Monday 6th Feb. 1pm.**

Mutford Village Hall.

Lunch, competitions & raffle.

For more information call Jean 476707

Advice from East Suffolk Council about use of wood-burning stoves

'Please use your open fire or wood-burning stove responsibly this winter by burning only seasoned firewood - this not only improves the efficiency of your fire but also reduces air pollution, indoors and outside, and improves your health.

- Consider burning less
- Only burn dry (seasoned) wood
- Buy 'Ready to Burn' fuel
- Don't burn treated waste wood or rubbish
- Consider using smokeless fuel
- Check new stoves are Defra approved
- Always use your stove in line with the manufacturer's guidance.
- Regularly maintain and service your stove
- Get your chimney swept regularly
- Use the correct fuel for your stove and flue'

For more info. go to: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/air-quality/biomass-and-wood-burning/wood-burning-in-the-home/

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Everyone aged 50+ and/or those at high risk from COVID-19 or who are pregnant, and frontline health and social care workers, can now book a seasonal/ autumn booster. Call 119 (free from landlines and mobiles), or go online:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

Avian Flu

All bird keepers in England must still house their birds indoors and follow stringent biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the disease, regardless of type or size. For more info:

www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-avian-influenza-latest-situation-in-england

Thank you...

"A huge thank you to everyone who has bought apples and pine cones this year. We raised £176.70 for the Louise Hamilton Centre at James Paget, which supports families of cancer victims. We also gave apples to the food banks in Lowestoft, Kirkley and Beccles. Thank you for your support."

Ann Calver, Lawn Farm, Mill Road.

Ye Goode Old Days

'...In the 1500s, the floor [of homes] was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, like slate that would get very slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping out. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to catch the thresh – hence, 'the threshold'...

(Extract from article by Ivan Jacob - former resident & local historian - The Mardle. Issue 3. 2003)

Thank you...

...To the wonderful volunteers who help distribute this newsletter every month. We couldn't do it without you.

Keep warm

As part of East Suffolk Council's Warm Rooms initiative, Beccles Library will be offering a warm room with free hot drinks, cuppa soup and more.

Everyone is welcome to come in, and warm up:

Tuesdays 9.30am – 12noon

Saturdays 9.30am – 5pm

Sundays 10am – 3pm

All Suffolk Libraries are warm, safe spaces where you can spend time in the warm for free.

www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on/warm-space

Did you know...?

East Suffolk Council (ESC) approved a Cycling & Walking Strategy in October 2022. Several key routes ('corridors') are mentioned including Lowestoft to Bungay which includes several lanes in Mutford.

For more info. go to:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/east-suffolk-cycling-and-walking-strategy/>

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

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



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/

Suffolk Mobile Library

Next visits of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 19th January & 16th Feb. 2023

10.30-10.45am Lindenette (near Land Rover garage)

10.50-11.05am - Old Post Office (Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25am - Village Hall, Mill Road

To report fly-tipping:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping

Or call East Suffolk Council: **03330 162 000**

To report fallen trees or pot-holes

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Or call Suffolk County Council: **0345 606 6171**

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

Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters

Always call 999 for emergencies

To report something anonymously call

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Waste Bin collection

(correct at the time of writing...)

Thursday 29th Dec. – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 4th Jan. – Black bin

Wednesday 11th Jan. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 18th Jan. – Black

Wednesday 25th Jan. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 1st Feb. – Black

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon-Wed/ Fridays

9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

To dispose of 'real' Christmas trees, recycle in your green garden waste bin. If your tree is too large or its' stem is too thick, then take it to the Recycling Centre, which accept whole Christmas trees in the garden waste container.



You can recycle artificial trees at any Suffolk Recycling Centre - either the metal or hard plastic bin depending on the main materials it is constructed from - please ask site staff if you are unsure.

Unwanted Christmas decorations could go to a charity shop; if damaged, they can go in the black general waste bin.

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

Book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft.

Free to use for household waste. Open 9-4pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun. Closed on Wednesdays.

For more info. and to book a slot, go to:

<https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

Anything else...?

Please let us know if there is other information you would like included in this newsletter..

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