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WE MOURN THE LOSS



Sadly, this edition marks the loss of our great national figurehead, and beloved late Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away, aged 96, on 8th September 2022, having performed fully her role and duties until the very last.

As a nation, our place on the international stage has been forged and secured by Her late Majesty.

Soaring far above mere Prime Ministers, Presidents or other leaders, being not fettered by 'political ambitions', our Queen has represented our country to the world in a way which embodied sound principles and integrity, and for most of her subjects, gave us something to be proud of: a national pride. She brought the Country together by an invisible thread which transcended politics and united us to be more than our individual parts.

During the sombre days which followed the grey, rainy Balmoral Thursday when we lost our Queen, we have been offered many opportunities for remembering what she meant to us: locally, our Church provided a peaceful place for coming to terms with loss, and a book of condolence where expressions of our sympathy and feelings may be recorded.

In Her Majesty's own words:
"Grief is the price we pay for love".

Many of us will grieve for:

the end of a life well lived;
someone we have accepted as "the mother of our nation" and loved and honoured her as such;
the end of a state of our nation,
and
we are able to reflect that this is truly the end of an era: one of which we have all been a part, and, for the majority, which we have known all our lives.



Change is the one constant.

Change is inevitable, and we move forwards and welcome in the new era of King Charles III with hope.

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PARISH CHURCH NEWS



The wedding of Shannon Baker and Sam Pudney of Assington, took place at Assington Church in beautiful sunshine on Saturday 13th August.

We send our congratulations to the happy couple and their family, and wish them well as they travel through the journey of life.



Letter from our new vicar, the Rev Daniel Whiffin

Bures with Assington and Little Cornard



Dear people of Assington and readers from further afield,

It has been a joy to begin to get to know those of you I have met. I was glad that the Fete happened so soon after we arrived. It was great fun, with such a variety on offer! Thank you for the welcome you have already extended to me and my family. We really do want to get to know you, whether you consider yourself a church person or not. So please do come and chat if you see us around.

It seems rather as though the world has changed since the day of the Fete only a month ago. There are so many things about the character, life and service of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II that I have heard and read people giving thanks for. The books of condolence in our church buildings are filled with such sentiments. One thing is the feeling of security that came from our Queen's seeming permanence on the throne and the unchanging nature of her service. Through the vast changes of the last 70 years, Her late Majesty was a living symbol of reassuring stability for many people. So, her death — as well as being sorrowful — feels like an unsettling end of an era.

Perhaps there is another who can provide the truly lasting stability and security we crave deep in our souls. In my first service here, we read some words from an early church sermon (the Bible book Hebrews): "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever." Jesus claimed this eternal existence himself, winning an argument against some vicar-equivalents of the day in chapter 8 of John's Gospel. They were relying on the stable ground of being descendants in the ancient family of Abraham. Jesus infinitely outbid them with "Very truly I tell you, before Abraham was born, I am!" Without end, the reign of the King of Kings provides enduring security for his subjects. Perhaps you know the perfect peace of recognising Jesus' transcendent dependability over the mountains and valleys of life. If not, do you want to know more?

Your servant
Daniel

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NATURE WATCH

Sightings at The Warren (Tiger Hill) have been good this year - many of them, even though few that haven't been seen here before.

A high spot was at the end of April, my first-ever sighting of Water-Shrews - and a clear view of the black body with white underparts.

Our Frog & Toad numbers have suddenly increased somewhat, spotted from time to time throughout the year. The sight of a multitude of baby lizards spilling out of a slot in a log was exceptional, also seeing a young Toad squeezed into the same crevice.

In July, there were sightings of both White Admiral & Silver-Washed Fritillary, which are on the increase nationally - hopefully they did well in The Thicks this year.

I had to wait until the end of the month to see Common Blue butterflies nearby, they seem to be ever-scarcer. But Small Heath and Small Copper have done quite well.

July also brought my first ever sighting here of Stag Beetle, it's increasingly being spotted round Assington, having long been known from Leavenheath High Road.

Several of our scarce plants have fared a little better, at least before the drought - such as Tormental and Lesser Spearwort (which is frequent in The Thicks) near the footpath on the Long Meadow. Our Harebells have made a good start, being tolerant of dry barren conditions.

August's highlight is a Moth session with powerful lamp. We look forward to another super show of colourful fungi here, this October and November - though rain will first be required!

This Long-eared Bat turned up dead, possibly thanks to dehydration - not the first time, but in good condition.



For a couple of weeks or so at Tiger Hill, there's been a lot of Kestrel shrieking and aerobatics. There are 2 birds, one calling. I wonder if other people see this kind of displaying?

This always happens above trees so that I don't get more than glimpses. On 9th September however, I saw some dramatic displays out in the open! Again, one was doing all the shrieking - at first. In the far distance above Arger

Fen, two flew together rapidly from distant points, and then curved up, meeting face-to-face, or talon to talon as it seemed, before separating.

Then later, close by, after a lot of swooping and shrieking, the two engaged in a short but dramatic dogfight - during which I heard two birds shriek, and a third kestrel joined the dogfight briefly, before they separated again, and all was quiet for a time,

then showers stopped activity. A photo would have been great, the three birds whirling round, tangled in an appearance of fighting.

I haven't ever seen this type of activity, in fact I'm not sure I've ever watched a pair of kestrels or heard them so noisy. I guess at this time of year, the activity is more likely to be territorial than courtship or family behaviour, and wonder why it should go on for at least a fortnight.

On Sunday 20th November at 2pm, there will be a **Fungus Foray at Tiger Hill**, Assington. Going from Assington on the Wormingford Road, our entrance is on the right among trees on the brow of the hill, before the Arger Fen water-splash. 100 yards down a track. Postcode CO8 5BW. Fungi need rain to get them started, so here's hoping for enough rain meanwhile! We get some lovely specimens here, our emphasis will be on looking at them, rather than as food!

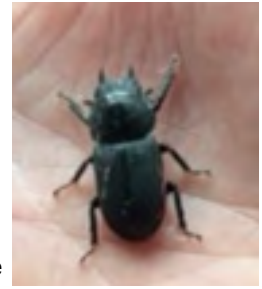
Though Tiger Hill isn't open to the public, let me know on 227359 if you would like to visit anytime, not least if you'd like to join the moth session, or fungus foray. Our warden is Steven Smith of Bures. **Nick Miller**

It Seems to Be A Good Year For Beetles:

Following on from the report in the last edition, Jeff Stacey reported coming across this beetle on the edge of the carpet in the Dining Room. (Hence the bits of red fluff adhering to its legs.)

"How on earth do beetles this size find their way into the house?" he enquired.

As it looked to me to be remarkably similar to the photograph of the female Stag Beetle recently noted at Tiger Hill, (see left), and written about in the previous edition of the Assington News, but realising the rarity of the Stag Beetle, I asked Nick Miller for a more definite identification.



Nick sent the photo and details to a colleague, Colin Hawes, the local recorder, for his consideration.

Colin is interested to hear of any Assington area locations, as it extends the previous known range of Stag Beetles; if you've heard of sightings from Leavenheath, Sudbury etc he would like to know, although they've always been more numerous in Nayland and Colchester.

However, in due course, back came the reply from Colin: Although the photo is not terribly sharp, the size and the beetle's external features (shape of the pronotum and position of jaws) show that it was a **male Lesser Stag Beetle** *Dorcus parallelipedus*.

Then.... on 7th September Jeff Stacey found this beetle on the patio, on its back, spinning to try to aright itself.

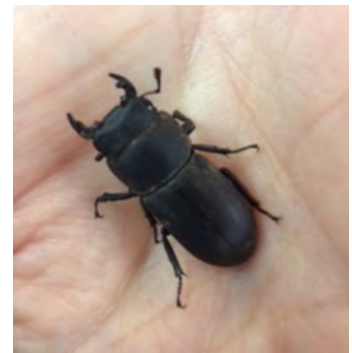
Exciting..... Was this one a female Stag Beetle??

Nick (and Colin) were once again consulted for an ID.

The decision came back: NO! again it is a male Lesser Stag Beetle.

It doesn't look quite like the first one we found.....as Nick says:

"Aaagh, I need to get my head round this!"



BS

NATIONAL LOTTERY-FUNDED LENS PROJECT LAUNCH IN DEDHAM VALE.

The launch of a new National Lottery Heritage Funded project, Landscape Lens, in the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has been announced.

The project has seen 10 fixed-point photography posts installed across the historic Constable Country. Members of the public can take and upload photos which will be used to track the landscape through the seasons to help monitor the impact of wildlife, humans and climate change over time.



Each post has been placed at locations where natural or human activities cause landscapes to change over time. For example, nature reserves or



areas that are under high pressure from visitors.

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RIDE AND STRIDE

From Jeff Stacey

My starting point for the annual sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was Aldeburgh. I parked by the beach, unloaded my bike and made my first stop at St Peter and St Paul, where I realised I had to return to the car for my water bottle. After that false start I cycled up the coast, through Thorpeness and off to the well hidden church of St Andrew at Aldringham before heading for Leiston.

My intention at Leiston had been to take the opportunity to look round the Quaker Meeting House, but they were not able to open on the day, so I back-tracked to the United Reform and Methodist Chapel. I then

had a run up through a very attractive track through the Westleton Walks to Westleton Church. This is a very long church which is thatched. I know our Church Wardens worry about the roof at Assington Church, but there is



always someone worse off than you!

Leaving Westleton, I turned off to Dunwich to visit the pretty little St James Church and the ruins of the Leper Chapel.



After a run through the Dunwich Forest I reached Blythburgh, accompanied by the smell of the production of the famous Blythburgh pork. As I arrived at Holy Trinity Church the rain started so I was glad to shelter as the thunder rumbled round the area. As you walk through the entrance the size and openness of the building is stunning. The



roof is adorned with wooden carved and painted angels, one of which has been mounted over the door so it can be seen better and is resplendent in new paint to show how striking they were when new.

Fortunately the rain soon stopped and I continued on to Southwold to visit St



Edmund's Church. Their version is on a different scale from Assington and was very busy with visitors. I had a break and some lunch in a park that I felt was an



indication of Southwold's genteel past: it was called Nursemaid's Park and I could imagine the circulating perambulators.



My return loop journey started via Wangford, mainly to avoid cycling back on the A12. Wangford has also benefited from avoiding the A12, a bypass meaning it no longer passes through its narrow main street and has made it a quiet and very attractive village, with the Church at its centre.

My final Church visit was Wenhaston, forgetting it was the home of the Wenhaston Doom, a 16th century painting on a wall panel depicting Judgement Day. The Doom panel was discovered during restoration work in 1892 since when it has been moved from



over the chancel to ground level so that it can be inspected in all its detail.

The depiction of the devil is a favourite part.

Over the years the Suffolk Historic Churches trust has tried to extend the appeal of the Ride and Stride event by encouraging participants to travel between the churches using different modes of transport. As I left Wenhaston Church I met a gentleman



coming up the path, clutching his sponsorship form, having left his vintage tractor in the road outside.

From Wenhaston, it was head down to return to Aldeburgh, via Darsham. It calls itself a dark skies village, but I found it more like a black hole, having to return there three times before finding the right road out. I had started just after 9:30 in the morning, and I returned to the car at 5:00, having travelled 53 miles.



Thank you to all my sponsors, you have all been very generous and I expect to collect over £300 for the upkeep of Suffolk Historic Churches, half of which will come directly to Assington to help us provide facilities at our Church.

REPORT ON The 45th ASSINGTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW and SCARECROW COMPETITION

This year, the Horticultural Show and Scarecrow competition took place on Sunday 21st August.



Another wonderful village event, which gave everyone the opportunity not only to display the results of their hard work and growing expertise, but also to meet everyone and catch up with them.

Results are as follows :-

Most points vegetables :
 Summer Cottage Shield – A Warner
 Most points flowers: Warner Floral bowl – K Doughty
 Most points baking : Springfield Auto Shield – Rosemary Symonds
 Most points children:-Hewitt Junior Cup – K Owen
 Most points in open section :Perrywoods voucher – B Hurren
 Scarecrow Cup: Sue Taylor and neighbours from Pippins Close
 Most points all home grown – Heseltine Cup – B Hurren
 Longest runner bean – Gurdon Cats cup – A Warner
 Heaviest tomato – Watering can – A Warner
 Best pot plant – Proctor Cup – S Gould
 Most effort made in show – Beefy decanter – B Hurren
 Best exhibit in whole show – Assington charity millennium tray- A. Warner for his box of veg

Best allotment – John Smith (Smurf) cup – tied – B Hurren and C Osborne
 Disaster prize – Amos & Winifred Digbetter prize – A Warner
 W.I. Shield – best exhibit home baking – K King

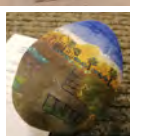
1st time entrant/most points - £3.00 – Tied, S and A Mills
 Class 27 (box veg) – 1st A.Warner – 2nd Roger Symonds
 Class 28 (box fruit) – 1st A Warner – 2nd J Cutts



Congratulations and well done to all the worthy winners.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and considering the challenges they have faced, the produce was absolutely splendid.







BRYN'S REPORT FROM ASSINGTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This Year's show was a moderate success and although the number of entries were down the quality of entries was of a much higher standard.

Although last season's drought and heat was a real problem for growers and the beans and potatoes struggled badly, tomatoes, peppers, chillies and melons produced bumper crops, this is obviously a reflection on the ongoing climate change and what we as the human race have done to our planet.

With entries being down, we have not raised as much money for local charities as last year and total profit including sponsorship is expected to be around £250.00.

I have run the show along with a great team for 5 years and have decided that this year will be my last as head of the team and this role will be taken over by Karen Wiles who I am sure will do a great job. Lisa and I will give her all support that we can and I am sure that with the support of all in the village she will do a great job. We are one of a few local villages who have managed to keep a horticultural, baking and handicraft show running into modern times and with lots of entries, next years show on 20th August 2023 will be a growing success into the future.

Well done Bryn, and thank you from us all, for your expertise in running the show so well for so long! Welcome to Karen, we wish you every success in your new role. Editor.

ASSINGTON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



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Tickets available from :

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THE VILLAGE FETE

Another wonderful community event. We have been most fortunate this year to have been able to celebrate events at local level with good weather. Thanks to everybody who attended the fete, and helped to make it so successful. The grand total of £2,906.46 was raised, and this will go towards The Church Tower Project.

Many thanks to the people who helped to organise it and especially to those who worked so hard on the day itself:

Sally Bradshaw and family and friends for their unstinting work in the Kitchen to provide delicious afternoon teas; Sally has asked me to say a special big thank you to all the wonderful bakers of cakes for the refreshment stall: "We couldn't do it without you", she says, "Everything looked so delicious";

all those people who turned up to erect gazebos, marquee, put up bunting, put out the orange boundary marker, and set up stalls and events, (and then take it all down afterwards!);

The generous donations both for the raffle (mentioned below), and also of cakes and bottles, home produce, etc;

Richard Nunn for kindly donating the wine for the 'where in the world' wine tasting competition; Siew Taylor for the beautiful flowers.

other prizes generously donated.

Thank you also to members of the Choir and Nettie, who performed a selection of numbers in great voice. We so enjoy listening to your singing.

The fete was followed in the early evening by the bring and share BBQ, which turned out to be the most successful one yet, eventually winding up at 10.30pm!

The weather was perfectly still and warm. People turned up and sat in groups to chat, either with or without food to BBQ, but (usually) with something to drink. We were entertained throughout the evening by the most wonderful live sing along music, provided by a variety of fab musicians who live in /near Assington and share their love of music and performing with us at such events.

We were wowed by music from :

The Takin'time trio; Nettie and Dave; Ted; Ross and Ian; Thank you so much to you all for giving us such a lovely and memorable evening.



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Thanks also to everyone who supported the raffle, which raised a total of £1,116 for the church.

Ian Clark

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ANOTHER GOLFING SUCCESS FOR REBECCA

I recently received an update from Roy and Pauline Earl of Assington Garage, about their granddaughter, Rebecca Earl.



Rebecca was recently selected to play for the English women's team in the Golf 3 day Home Internationals, which took place in Ballyliffin, on Ireland's Great North coast on 3rd, 4th and 5th August.

Both the men's and the women's teams won to claim the double trophy:
A final score of 11-10 in favour of England allowed the 16-strong joint men's and women's team to bring home the R&A Trophy following earlier wins against Wales and Scotland.



Incredibly, 6 of the 14 singles games on this final day went down to the last hole! Highlighting the fine margins between winning and losing at this level of professional Golf.

In 2019 Rebecca claimed her first international title at the English Women's open Amateur Stroke Play Championship at age 19, winning by one stroke with a score of 286(-2) over 72 holes.

Rebecca, a member of Bishop's Stortford Golf Club, will shortly be returning to America, where she has been studying since 2018 on a golf scholarship at Wofford College in South Carolina, USA, and she will now take up a post graduate invitation at Houston University where she will be part of their golf team.

We send our huge congratulations to Rebecca and her family, including of course her grandparents, Roy and Pauline who are justifiably proud of her achievements.



ASSINGTON RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

Bill Milner (rainfall)
and Bob Cowlin (temperatures)

HISTORY: 2016 TOTAL 599.5
2017 TOTAL 571
2018 TOTAL 559
2019 TOTAL 597
2020 TOTAL 636
2021 TOTAL 582.3

	mm	max	min
2018			
JAN	60.5	11°C	-3°C
FEB	41	9°C	-8°C
MAR	74	14°C	-5°C
APR	49.5	26.5°C	+1°C
MAY	38.5	27°C	+0.5°C
JUNE	1.5	31°C	5°C
JULY	19.5	36°C	10°C
AUG	83	35°C	6°C
SEP	29	25°C	-0.5°C
OCT	30.5	23°C	-2°C
NOV	75	13°C	-4°C
DEC	57	13°C	-5°C

	mm	max	min
2019			
JAN	23.5	9°C	-8°C
FEB	19.5	16°C	-5°C
MAR	44	19°C	-3°C
APR	18.5	24°C	-3°C
MAY	54	26°C	+1°C
JUNE	94.5	29°C	5°C
JULY	36.5	34.5°C	6.5°C
AUG	31.5	31°C	7°C
SEP	37.5	24°C	2°C
OCT	90	18°C	-2°C
NOV	69.5	12°C	-5°C
DEC	78	10°C	-5°C

	mm	max	min
2020			
JAN	33.5	10°C	-5°C
FEB	56	11°C	-3°C
MAR	21	14°C	-5°C
APR	22	23°C	-1°C
MAY	5.5	27°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	50	28°C	+2°C
JULY	58	30°C	6°C
AUG	109	32°C	4°C
SEP	25.5	27°C	5°C
OCT	110	14°C	2°C
NOV	33	14°C	-4°C
DEC	102.5	10°C	-5°C

	mm	max	min
2021			
JAN	89	10°C	-5.5°C
FEB	34	14°C	-7°C
MAR	26	20°C	-3°C
APR	1	15°C	-5°C
MAY	78.1	25°C	-2.5°C
JUNE	55.2	30°C	+3°C
JULY	72	28°C	7°C
AUG	29	24°C	5°C
SEP	28.5	27°C	3°C
OCT	74.5	18°C	1°C
NOV	27	13°C	-3°C
DEC	68	12°C	-6°C

	mm	max	min
2022			
JAN	7	12°C	-6.5°C
FEB	46	13°C	-4°C
MAR	29	18°C	-2°C
APR	9.5	22°C	-6°C
MAY	37	25°C	0°C
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AUG	11.5	32°C	7°C

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A VIEW FROM AROUND THE BEND

Such sad times, the death of our lovely Queen has truly saddened everyone.

I have spent all of this week watching these historic events unfolding on one or the other of my TVs and remembering all the things that have happened and realizing that I have been alive for most of the time that she has ruled over us. When I finally went outdoors to feed the cats, I found that we have had lots of rain and I once again had a green lawn that needs cutting. I do not enjoy doing the front bit but will attempt to have a go on Sunday.

Two of Henrietta's kittens have been rehomed with the milkman who came out with his family last Sunday to pick them up, I was worried that he was going to put them on the milkfloat amongst the bottles but no, he came out in a little old Minnie car and stayed for a cuppa and a nice chat. Such a lovely family and he really cheered me up, I have also resolved to keep up my milk order as it is so nice to have someone calling at the cottage, even if it is in the wee hours. This made me think about others who live alone who do not get up early enough to have even that pleasure in their lives. Maybe those of us who are well mobile should call upon our nearest neighbour to check they are well at least once a week.

I am better off now than I was, as my new friend Bobbie has to call when she can to look after her adopted kitten, I did offer to give it to her to take to her home which would save her all the travelling but she got very upset and began to cry which made me realise that I would really miss her if she no longer came round.

She is also a better cook than me and useful in helping me in the garden with all the plants and flowers in the borders. I wasn't able to get to the plant show as had to leave the village early that morning, but did leave my marrow on the bench near village hall with money and instructions to enter the specimen into the largest marrow section, I wasn't able to get back before dusk but the Artful Dodger who lives down on the big road said that it took first prize and was the winner in that section.

I did also leave instructions that if it won, the marrow and all the winnings should be donated to the children in Ukraine and I hope if possible this can be done.

I also hope to be able with Bobbie's help, to grow an even bigger one next year as she certainly has the knack and maybe enter some other categories as well. Maybe also get to the fete next year if I can overcome my shyness, I do try hard to mix in but not easy sometimes, especially with me being a bit awkward like.

No luck with getting any work and struggling with making the pension go round but guess I am lucky as not needing very much really, I had hoped that the scarecrows would be out again this year to give me an opportunity for a refit like what I did a few years back, but none appeared at all. Will try to get to Sudbury again when all the fuss has died down to have a look in the charities.

Bobbie has asked that I take her to see a film at Hadleigh Cinema in October, so will have to find something pretty quick to go with my posh underwear and clean up the old boots. Should be a good experience, haven't seen a proper film since Moby Dick was shown at Leiston flicks, around forty years ago.

Oh Well back to the gardening, cleaning and the cats for now. **Esra.**

SESAW NEWS

Life can be up one day and down the next. Before the sad loss of our Queen last month, our ladies were enjoying running a Rummage Sale in the middle of another heatwave. They raised over £1500 and some of the visitors were also interested in acquiring a new pet, much to Mum's delight.

Now, in keeping with the melancholy mood, Autumn has arrived and our thoughts turn to the months ahead. The Christmas Fair in November is our last event of the fundraising season and volunteer numbers have dropped so we have stopped accepting donated items until next year. Some of our supporters sell online so if you have anything



special, please leave a message on the answerphone or email sue.wilson317@btinternet.com before bringing them in. We will, of course, continue to accept CLEAN bedding and towels but NO PILLOWS, CUSHIONS or feather duvets.

Our Volunteers enjoy their days at SESAW as can be seen in the photo.

If you would like to help care for the cats, dogs, rabbits or chickens, please leave a clear message with your name and number on 01787 210888 or email info@sesaw.co.uk. New volunteers can be sure of a warm welcome from all of us, including me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Matters of Interest discussed during a meeting held at Assington Village Hall on Monday 25th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Bronwen Stacey, Ian Jordan and Helen Wallace

In attendance CCllr James Finch, Christine Hargan (Clerk) and one member of the public

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate with three members present. Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice-chairman it was proposed by Cllr Jordan that Cllr Stacey acted as Chairman for the meeting, seconded Cllr Wallace.

■ Apologies for absence

Cllrs Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Tony Howcroft

■ **Declarations of interests** and request for dispensation: No declarations of interest were declared

■ County and District Councillor reports and public forum

★ Highlights from CCllr Finch's previously distributed report.

- Family carers – focus on family carers, who are often unseen the members were asked to be aware of the individuals in this position and if necessary highlight available support via Suffolk Family carers website
- National Grid's plans to install pylons across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. The issue has been debated in Westminster, it has been established that National Grid were in disagreement with Ofgem and that their consultation did not include alternative options. Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex County Councils have written to National Grid objecting to the plans.
- SEND: more resources and specialist teachers are needed
- Fostering and adoption - more homes are needed for Suffolk children.
- Roadworks in the village, the issue with moving roadworks has been acknowledged

★ There was no DC Report and nothing was raised by member of the public.

■ Finance

- To consider the **Internal Auditor's Report as at 31st March 2022** and agree actions on any matters arising. There were no matters arising.
- It was resolved to accept the auditor's report and to record thanks to Simon White for undertaking the audit. Mr White wished to record that whilst he was happy to continue to act as auditor, he would also be happy to hand over to another competent person. The Parish Council accept Mr White's offer to continue as auditor and the audit documents were signed by Cllr Stacey and the Clerk
- To approve the **Bank Reconciliation and the Receipts and Payments Account** for the year ending 31st March 2022; It was resolved to accept and was signed by Cllr Stacey and the Clerk
- To approve **Section 1 of the Annual Return** for the year ending 31st March 2022; It was resolved to accept and signed by Cllr Stacey and the Clerk
- To approve **Section 2 of the Annual Return** for the year ending 31st March 2022. It was resolved to accept and was signed by Cllr Stacey and the Clerk
- To approve the explanation of the **quantified significant variances** in relation to Section 2 of the Annual Return . It was Resolved to approve

- From the **RFO Report** authorise payments to be made and note income received since the last meeting, review Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statements and the Statement of Accounts vs Budget. It was resolved to pay the accounts as per the schedule
- The Bank reconciliation and statement of accounts were noted Cllr Jordan commented that the budget figures appeared to show a large payment for the Jubilee from last year's budget. Clerk to add an additional line of clarification to the accounts to explain that previous year's expenditure was related to a Judicial Review.

■ Consider amendments to the donations policy

This was deferred until the next meeting. It was felt that a more meaningful debate would be possible with more Councillors present. Clerk to forward the Policy to all Councillors and to bring paper copies of the Donations policy to the next meeting.

■ Planning

a. Planning applications to consider [DC/22/02977](#) Land At Assington Barns The Street Assington CO10 5LW Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act under DC/19/05807 for variation or removal of Conditions 2 (Approved plans and documents) and 5 (Boundary treatments) to enable the determination of DC/22/00461 for 1no single storey dwelling. It was resolved to Sustain and restate the objection.

b. Consider any planning application received since the agenda was posted

None

c. **Status of planning applications** previously reviewed by Parish Council. The status of applications was acknowledged and Cllr Hill's update on Assington Autos was noted. The Clerk was asked to write to MP James Cartledge regarding the Environment Agency's issue of a temporary Licence which allows the company to continue trading with increased volume.

■ Licensed Path, Footpaths and APC's Assets

including the maintenance of the allotments and conservation area

- ★ Cllr Wallace had investigated the overgrown footpath and had established that the shrubs had died down and that this had allowed Mr Gotts to cut as part of his scheduled maintenance.
- ★ Handrail on Footpath opposite St Edmunds Church. It was agreed that the lack of a handrail near these steps constitutes a danger to the public. The council were disappointed at the response from Suffolk County Council. Resolved to consider estimates for a metal hand rail approve to take forward, Cllr Stacey to undertake initial assessment and bring back to next meeting for discussion and decision which potentially could be funded from CIL money
- ★ Footway along the side of The Street near The Nook the footway has orange no entry signs on each end but no footpath diversion signs. Action Cllr Wallace to speak to the builder requesting that the closed section be shortened and to Update CCllr Finch before 10th August.
- ★ Dog bin post Stanton's Farm has rotted and needs to be replaced. Resolve that the Clerk will contact Sudbury Wardens and gain an estimate for repair

■ **Highways update**

CCllr Finch to explore and provide explanation of what is happening with moving road closures in the village.

■ **Quiet Lanes Suffolk**

Cllr Hill has collected the signs from Suffolk County Council and the Council is very grateful for his time and work in installing them

■ **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Stacey reported on the event.

■ Consider alternative **Insurance** provision from 1 October 2022

Alternative policies were discussed it was proposed by Cllr Jordan that Zurich would continue to be our insurance provider from 1 October with their new Parish Protect Policy for Smaller Parish Councils which provides £1million of cover across the main aspects including Employer’s Liability, Public Liability, Legal costs.

■ Consider the **issue of light pollution** in the village

Having been raised by and carried over from the last meeting it was agreed to defer to next meeting as Cllr Hill’s input is required.

■ Consider the recruitment of an additional Parish Councillor

The resignation of Cllr White was noted and accepted. Clerk to implement the recruitment process. It was acknowledged that one statement of interest has already been made.

■ To consider adopting the [Councillors Code of Conduct 2020](#)

Clerk to forward the link to all Councillors with a requirement to review for the next meeting.

■ **Questions to the Chair**

Noticeboards look old and tatty documents are faded. Clerk to review statutory documentation to laser print and laminate to protect the ink and to acquire keys for an update.

■ Next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday 26th September 2022** starting at 7.30pm

■ The meeting closed at 9.20pm

NEWS FROM MARSHALLS GREEN

From Elizabeth Clarke

Our regular litter pick in the lane for July/August included several sacks of household waste left on the verge side, the usual takeaway cans, coffee cups and lunch cartons and more worryingly, nine empty half whiskey bottles.

All this was in the relatively short stretch of lane between Shamrock Farm and the A134.

More positively, the new ‘Quiet Lane’ signs are in place, many thanks to the Parish Council!





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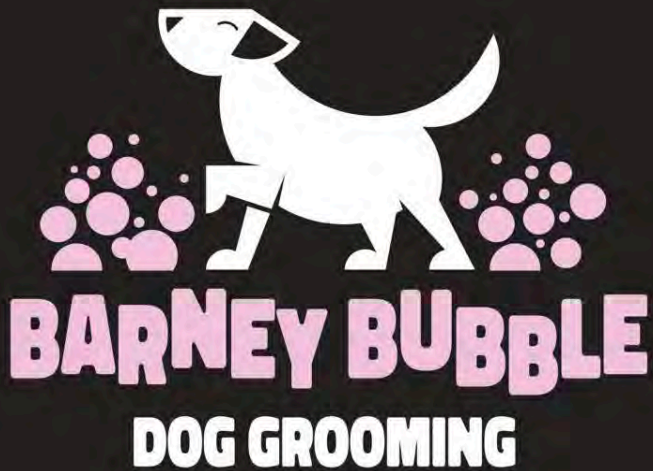
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