

Monthly DC Report for Parish council meetings

December 2022

Please find below my DC report for last month: -

1. The West Suffolk Council Leader is Cllr John Griffiths

2. Main portfolio holders are

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a. Deputy Leader & Resources	-	Cllr Sarah Broughton
b. Deputy Leader & Community Hubs	-	Cllr Jo Rayner
c. Housing	-	Cllr Sara Midway-White
d. Governance	-	Cllr Carol Bull
e. Regulatory & Environmental	-	Cllr Andy Drummond
f. Local Plan & Sunnica	-	Cllr David Roach
g. Families & Communities	-	Cllr Robert Everitt
h. Growth	-	Cllr Susan Glossop
i. Operations	-	Cllr Peter Stevens
j. Civic Chair of WS Council	-	Cllr Mike Chester
k. Vice Chair of WS Council	-	Cllr John Augustine

1. The 2022/2023 Locality Budget Funding is now available and requests in support of Community Group Schemes is available within your Parish Council area any financial support requests should be made directly via my email to - [brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk)

Currently I have been able to support the following: -

Queens jubilee celebrations – Barton Mills, Cavenham, Freckenham, Tuddenham and Worlington community events.  
Freckenham – Community Film events  
Tuddenham – Community borders and green area planting

2. The Town & Parish forum was very well supported.

- The main area for information can be found via – [Infolink.suffolk.gov.uk](http://Infolink.suffolk.gov.uk) – Click on the link to “Cost of Living”  
In addition, the two-slide presentation received at the meeting are being sent out to all Parish & Town Clerks in order that they may then forward these presentations onto all their respective Councillor’s.

- Parish & Town Council Elections effective for the May 2023. All clerks will be receiving full details. The main area which all Residents need to be aware of is the requirement to provide an authorised form of Photo ID (Passport, UK Driving License etc).  
More detailed information will be provided early 2023.
- 3. There has been recent concern raised over the provision and funding for Street Lighting. A full review has been carried out and I have attached this updated briefing note.
- 4. West Suffolk Council has received funding from Suffolk CC through the Collaboration Communities Board (CCB) £90,000 to help People keep warm during the winter months. I have attached a copy of 23 community groups who have been awarded support .
- 5. The PCC & Asst CC held their open forum meeting at the Mildenhall Hub on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October interesting Q&A session.  
Updated email addresses for: -  
Inspector Connor Lyon – [connor.lyon@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:connor.lyon@suffolk.police.uk)  
Sargent Richard Smith – [richard.smith2@suffolk.police.uk](mailto:richard.smith2@suffolk.police.uk)
- 6. County Lines” drug issues and the impact upon our rural communities is being actively pursued by Suffolk Constabulary. This is a cross border operation resulting in several arrests and prosecutions being made.  
Recent updates and presentations by Suffolk Police concerning the issues are being actively pursued by the Constabulary.
- 6. Suffolk Police reporting numbers have now been updated to include an additional service for the 101 number for Non-Emergency reports you can now also be reported online via: -  
[www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something)
- 7. The Sunnica Solar Energy Farm “Statutory Consultation Period” was completed on the 18th of December 2020.

Sunnica’s Adequacy of Consultation has now been accepted by the planning inspectors.

Their application in full can be viewed via -. [Sunnica Energy Farm | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=overview).

The SCC/WSC & CCC/ECDC have now submitted their respective Relevant Representation reports 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

The Examination process has restarted on the 28<sup>th</sup> September

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

The joint 4 Council “Local Impact Report” has now been submitted (October 2022) and once the Examiners have accepted this it will be published.

Currently West Suffolk Council are working through their “Written Representation” response, again once this has been submitted and accepted by the Examiners this will be published accordingly. (November 2022)

Various Examiners presentations between the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December have now been published on the Government web site at

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs&stage=4&filter1=Deadline+4+%28D4%29>

8. Updated contact details are as follows. West Suffolk Council Housing Team can be contacted at [dutytorefer@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dutytorefer@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or via the Teams help desk on 01284-7632233.

In addition, you can still report via the rough sleeper’s web site at - [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) .

9. The process for Planning application reviews has changed slightly. It is now very important if Residents or Parish Councils have any concerns to ensure that these are raised with their Local Parish Council and the appropriate Planning Case officer with copies to myself, please at: -

[brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:brian.harvey@westsuffolk.gov.uk) or on my mobile – 07801- 472461

This will ensure that these issues can then be fully briefed and reviewed at the “Appropriate Delegation Panel meeting”.

Thank you  
Brian

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