

Annual Parish Report – 2021/22

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. This year has continued to be “dogged “by COVID which is even now affecting many schools and businesses.

However, I’m sure we all agree the war in Ukraine has left us all feeling shocked and helpless. I know many people are now registering to house refugees and I have sent all my parishes the current information we have on how Suffolk will respond, and what is required to house them.

There was a unanimous motion to council condemning Russia’s action.

HIGHWAYS; we have asked for an extension of the 30mph on the high road, but I’m afraid the response back was not very encouraging.

COMBS LANE; the flooding continues to be a real problem, and it is proving difficult to get this resolved. I know speeding is also an issue here.

BURFORD BRIDGE; I have asked the repair to get done asap but will need a road closure.

LOCALITY FUND; I was very pleased to support the new playground and honoured to be asked to do the official opening. Congratulations to all. Also with the cost of the wildflower board.

MOTIONS TO COUNCIL; as a small opposition group this is one to get some action. I will be putting one on 19th may calling for more action to stop sewerage pollution of our rivers. My group were successful in getting full support for enforcement of 20mph zones, to

Biodiversity Recommendations to Enhance

Suffolk County Council will be doing more for the county’s natural environment, as it confirmed plans to enhance the biodiversity of at least 30% of its land by 2030

Budget Meeting: GLI Amendments Declined

Suffolk County Council voted in their budget for 2022-23. I highlighted the need to invest more in adult social care,

Carbon Budget

The first Carbon Budget for Suffolk The Carbon Budget is aimed to help us understand the level of emissions the Council are responsible for and helps to achieve the Council’s ambition of being carbon-neutral by 2030.

Report into SEND Provision: Review & Recommendations

Suffolk County Council commissioned an independent review into Special Educational Needs and Disability provision.

Bus Back Better: Initiative from the Department for Transport (DfT)

The Bus Back Better scheme was launched this year, aimed at updating, expanding, and improving our bus services in Great Britain. Unfortunately, the bid to government failed. I have asked if a KATCH response service can be set up in this area.

New Investment in Drainage and Footway Infrastructure

The Cabinet approved £10m to replace broken pipes and new installations, as well as an additional £10m to increase the maintenance of selected footways in Suffolk.

Lorry Route Map Review in Suffolk: Interactive Map to be Published

Suffolk County Council undertook a review of recommended lorry routes across the county; the first major review of the network since 2011. Suffolk County Council invited parish and town councils for their views, and to provide up to three routes where they believe HGV traffic has the highest impact on their communities. The review will be completed in Spring 2022 where the County Council plan to publish a new interactive Lorry Route map. For further information, please contact lorry.routes@suffolk.gov.uk,

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