

# CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Carlton Colville held on **Wednesday 11 May 2016** at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Shaw Avenue, Carlton Colville. Minutes Draft until signed.

Refreshments were served from 7.00 pm and provided by the Dales WI.

## 1 To note those present

Town Councillors Jill Tyler (Chairman), Julie Hall, Alistair Mackie, Claire Varela, Paul Radforth, Peter Tyler, Bill Mountford;  
Local Fire Service Group Commander John Tiffin;  
County Councillor Peter Byatt; District Councillors Paul Light and Jenny Ceresa; Val Burgess and Michael Lambert from the Methodist Church; Reverend Bishop from St Peter's Church; Members of Impact Youth Workers; Representative from The Transport Museum  
Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors Derek Fletcher and Christine Fair and from County Cllr Sonia Barker and from Carlton Colville Primary School and from the Local Police.

## 2 To agree Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 April 2015

The Minutes having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed as a true record. Proposed and seconded by Councillors Alistair Mackie and Paul Radforth and agreed by all.

## 3 Presentation from Local Fire Service Group Commander John Tiffin

Fire Service Group Commander John Tiffin spoke as follows about local fire department matters:

There have been budget reductions of 2.5 million pounds during the last four years resulting in Suffolk Fire Service being the least costly County fire service. Reductions have been made by reducing office staff and administration costs. There is now a requirement to make a further 1.8 million pounds costs by 2018.

South Lowestoft Fire station has one full time fire engine manned 24 hours a day and two part time fire engines. One of the part time fire engines might be lost due to budget costs.

The high profile of the recent consultation has kept proposed current cuts down.

Calls to the Fire Service have been 40% lower over recent years due to the effects of the following:

Trading standards improving electrical items

Life style changes, eg people late at night having take-aways instead of cooking chips

More knowledge about use of candles

Fewer people doing their own DIY as appliances are not repairable

Furniture now being fire proof

Smoke detectors being installed

Free checkups for electric blankets

Only 4 fire stations in Suffolk are crewed 24/7 and these are Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds, and two in Ipswich. All the rest are part time on call services, but it is

becoming more difficult to obtain cover for these as firemen need to be within five minutes access to the fire station and people no longer work locally.

Firemen are involved with the following:

Fire and rescue, flooding, road traffic accidents, hazardous materials, working with the police, working with ambulances, rescues in coastal water up to the low harbour line, rescuing horses from dykes, seagulls from netting, and, if called out by the RSPCA, cats from trees

All whole time crew are trained as swift water technicians to pull people out of water and there are two boats at the Lowestoft Fire station and training is done at Great Yarmouth in swift water.

Firemen are trained at working at heights

Firemen are trained as First Responders and defibrillators and first aid equipment is carried on fire engines

The Fire service from different regions can be mobilized for use in various parts of the country when there is an emergency, such as recent flooding in Cumbria and the extra time is funded by the national government.

Special services charges are made if the fire service is requested to attend situations, eg burst pipes, that could be attended by others. This charge is currently £600 per hour.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tiffin for a very interesting and informative presentation.

#### 4 Annual Report from Carlton Colville Town Council

The Chairman, Cllr Jill Tyler, read out the report from the Town Council  
See report attached.

#### 5 Annual Police report

This was read out. See attached

#### 6 Annual Schools Report

Highlights were read out from Carlton Colville Primary School .

#### 7 Annual Reports from Community Groups

Highlights from the reports from community groups below were read out and are attached

Carlton Colville Fuel or Poores Allotment Charity

The Transport Museum

The Methodist Church

St Peter's Church

Rosedale Surgery Patients Participation Group

Report from District Councillor Paul Light

Report from County Councillors Peter Byatt and Sonia Barker

Copies of all the above reports were available. The Chairman thanked all for coming and for participating in volunteering in the community. There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman.....Date

**Carlton Colville Town Council  
Year End Report  
for Year Ending 31st March 2016**

Last May saw the re-election of members, we still have 3 vacancies and would like to fill them to bring us back to full strength.

The year has continued to be another busy and demanding one for the council. We continue to collaborate with others to resolve concerns of the residents and strive to improve our locality.

Last summer saw our area affected by the flooding of Kirkley stream, this had a devastating impact on those affected. This council and members of the community have worked hard to bring pressure to bear on the various agencies to ensure that the stream and watercourses are properly managed in the future. It was heart wrenching to hear the stories of those affected and the impact the flooding had on their lives. We must bear these matters in mind when planning for the future.

**What have we achieved:**

- We have continued to work with our colleagues to try and bring about improvements to the continuing start and end of day chaos around Carlton Colville Primary School, and continue to seek a proper solution to this problem;
- Our greatest achievement, despite the difficulties we had along the way, is that we now have our own office at the Community Centre in Hall Road we still have a little work to do but we have taken up residence and will hold an opening ceremony in due course;

**Our projects:**

- We have made the first steps along the road to producing a Neighbourhood plan. A couple of WDC projects have caused us to take stock of our project but we will be moving this forward. It has to be said that this is not going to be a quick process and it will need community support but hopefully in about 2 years time we should have the necessary document in place!
- I have to say a big thank you to our Youth Council for all of their hard work in conducting a survey of the wants and needs for the young people in our locality. Apart from wanting to see improvements to the play parks they identified a need for a Youth Hub in Carlton Colville. The Town Council have sent up a working party to drive this forward, we are working with the IMPACT team and hope to have a draft document for consideration by the end of the summer.
- We have continued to work with local businesses and the Post Office to try and get a branch opened locally. We understand that this is progressing but it takes time - all good things come to those who wait!!
- Working with WDC colleagues to improve the play areas and open spaces, this is proving a little more challenging than we had hoped but we will not give up.

Funds have already been set aside for this project: £25k in principle from our reserves.

- We will also be planting a tree in Carlton Meadow Park to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

### **Business as usual:**

- Continuing to build good working relationships with other organisations in Carlton Colville;
- Continuing to build our website and fb page with the aim of making them first class sources of information about Carlton Colville;
- Production of Newsbeat Magazine;
- Provision of a Christmas tree and lights;
- More bins;
- Hanging baskets;
- Ensuring that Carlton Colville is safe for residents by ensuring that damage to public property is dealt with promptly;
- Scrutinising planning applications;
- Working with local councillors to resolve community problems;
- Allotment management;

### **Finance Information:**

Opening balance	£129,347.34
Closing balance	£97,506.07
Uncashed cheques	£450.00
Total Expenditure for the year	£76,289.88
Total Income for the year	£55,094.17
Largest single expenditure was	£41,000.00 approx with a final payment due £4.5k

### **Conclusion & Thanks**

As you can see from our list of projects there is much work to be done by this group of volunteers, I thank my colleagues for their continued hard work and wish them good luck with our endeavors for the year ahead.

Also, although the Youth Council have not met for some time with the help of the IMPACT Team we hope to reestablish this group. The group were very positive and energetic with a can do approach. The survey they undertook was their own work, this was achieved as well as attending school/college and studying for exams,

holding down part time jobs too and undertaking other voluntary work - the energy of youth!!

Finally, I would like to thank all of the volunteers from the various organisations that help and support the residents of Carlton Colville.

Jill Tyler  
Chair  
Carlton Colville Town Council

# CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL POLICE REPORT 2016

TYPE OF CRIME	2014/2015	2015/2016	DIFFERENCE
<b>THEFT</b>	38	30	Decrease 8
<b>BURGLARY OTHER BUILDING</b>	12	7	Decrease 5
<b>BURGLARY DWELLIING</b>	10	<b>16</b>	Increase 6
<b>ASSAULT</b>	48	40	Decrease 8
<b>CRIMINAL DAMAGE</b>	38	40	Increase 2
<b>PUBLIC ORDER</b>	6	19	Increase 13
<b>ARSON</b>	0	4	Increase 4
<b>OTHER CRIME</b>	33	27	Decrease 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	185	183	

Report compiled by Pcs0 3087 Steve Wicks on behalf of the South Lowestoft Safer  
Neighbourhood Team

# **Carlton Colville Primary School Report for the Parish Council**

## **May 2016**

We continue to be a well subscribed and popular school and have enjoyed a busy year once again at Carlton Colville Primary School whilst maintaining our "Outstanding" Ofsted judgement. Pupil Achievement is our core business and we are proud to be one of the top performing schools in the local area. Our End of Key Stage 2 attainment, places our school 46<sup>th</sup> out of 333 Suffolk Primary Schools.

Over the last 2 years there have been significant national changes to the National Curriculum and Assessment arrangements. Our school has continued to aim high and meet all these challenges by giving our children an exciting broad and balanced curriculum. We have enjoyed many special events such as a Crystal Maze, Science Wow Day, Drumming Master Class, STEM Ambassadors, Travelling Farms and Theatre Groups to name but a few.

The school website showcases our learning which we call the WOW factor. Our school motto "What we learn with Pleasure we never Forget" is evident in everything the children do. On a sad note, our much loved Celtic Roundhouse was burnt down by youths, a few weeks after it had a grand opening. Since then we have launched the Roundhouse Appeal to rebuild and install security, which we hope our local community will support. Details can be found on the school website [www.carltoncolville.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.carltoncolville.suffolk.sch.uk).

Mrs Child  
Headteacher

## **Carlton Colville Fuel or Poor's Trust Charity**

Residents who live in the old parish boundary of Carlton Colville and who are over the age of seventy on a low income or income support could apply.

Last year 80 applicants received a cheque of £200 to help with their heating costs.

Any further information can be obtained from the clerk: of the Trust, Mr Mike Soloman  
B.E.M.

Phone number 01502 586102

## EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM

### REPORT TO THE CARLTON COLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The museum held several successful events in 2015 appealing to family audiences as well as transport enthusiasts and we are repeating this variety in 2016.

A major engineering project started immediately after Christmas and was completed in time for the opening of the 2016 season. Also, in readiness for the 2016 season, a level surface crossing over the cobblestones accessed by dropped kerbs will assist visitors using wheelchairs or buggies.

For the first time, almost all of the railway rolling stock is in a railway shed. The brake-van has been almost totally rebuilt and work on an additional railway carriage is in progress. The trolleybuses, buses and the railway rolling stock are maintained and restored by dedicated teams, dedicated being defined as committed rather than exclusive. Throughout the year the gardeners are busy with weeding, mowing or pruning.

Restoration projects are progressing. Behind the scenes the archives team have worked steadily through the year. The museum was awarded £650 from the Association for Suffolk Museums for care and conservation of documents. The museum has a new website.

In July BBC Look East included a live broadcast from the museum in the early evening programme. On the following day the Head of Museums from Arts Council England visited the museum during a tour of three Suffolk museums.

2015 was our most successful year ever for visitor numbers. Although we are a museum we are also one of the leading tourist attractions in the area and managing the challenges this brings in the changing world of heritage.

## **CARLTON COLVILLE METHODIST CHURCH**

We were very sad when our minister Jane Craske was “head hunted” to go to The Queen’s Foundation – Theological College in Birmingham as a Tutor and with responsibility for the learning and development of student training for the Methodist Ministry. We had three inspirational years with Jane and her husband John and they left us looking forward in faith and hope.

The members of our Church were very pleased that the Rev Val Burgess was willing to care for us until such time as a new minister is appointed.

Our usual activities continue with two groups of Fitness Pilates, Craft group for carers and those they support, Luncheon Club, Brownies, Heart Songs singing group monthly, Fridays @ 7 a group from several Churches who meet to Study the Bible and discuss deeply, matters of faith and belief in today’s world

Parent’s and Toddlers group has restarted on Wednesday mornings, lead by two Mums and with everyone helping. They are to be congratulated!

Our Website is badly out of date but is being revised!

We are pleased that the Town Council continues to hold their meetings and Wednesday Surgeries in the Church. Thank you for your commitment to our community.



## **The Parochial Church Council Annual Report and Financial Statement Year Ending 31 December 2015**

As a church family readily welcoming new people and visitors, we would like to bring to your attention the support that as a church we give (there are more than this too!)

**The Foodbank**, a box is in church for donations of non perishable food, toiletries and essentials for distribution to people in need.

**Operation Christmas Child** is a wonderful time of giving a shoe box full of small toys, pencils, crayons, books, stickers, small toiletries, etc. for children who are suffering poverty or children displaced due to war or catastrophe.

Please see the Missionary Team report for more details of support for:

**The Bible Society, Compassion, The Leprosy Mission, The Church Army, TEAR Fund, The Children's Society, Rachel Ulmer, Hannah Bishop**

Please take the time to read our Annual Report and if you feel you would like to make a financial donation towards a specific group, or help towards fund raising please speak to Reverend Jeremy Bishop, Mr John Harrison - Treasurer, Mrs Linda Filer - Church Administrator or Mrs Linda Wilson - PCC Secretary.

Find us on Facebook	www.stpeterscc.org.uk	
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Key Contact Names and Addresses or Telephone No's.

<p><u>Incumbent</u></p> <p>Rural Dean, Reverend Jeremy Bishop The Rectory Rectory Road Carlton Colville NR33 8BB</p> <p>Tel: 01502 565217</p>	<p><u>Church Administrator</u></p> <p>Mrs Linda Filer Church Administrator</p> <p><a href="mailto:carltonandmutfordchurch@yahoo.co.uk">carltonandmutfordchurch@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p>Mobile Tel: 07732741636</p>
<p><u>Lay Pastor &amp; Children's Worker</u> Mrs Angela Colbridge</p> <p><u>Curate (until end March 2016)</u> Reverend Mark Capron</p>	<p><u>PCC Secretary</u></p> <p>Mrs Linda Wilson 27 Longbeach Drive Carlton Colville NR33 8TS</p> <p>01502 511743</p>
<p><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>Mr John Harrison 39 Ullswater Carlton Colville NR33 8WG</p> <p><u>External Auditor</u></p> <p>Mr P Smails</p> <p><u>Bank</u></p> <p>HSBC, Lowestoft Branch</p>	

## **RECTOR'S INTRODUCTION**

I commend to you this annual report for 2015. In words and figures, it captures the life of St. Peter's Carlton Colville for another year.

In the summer of 2015, our Curate, Reverend Mark Capron, completed the requirements of his post. By the end of the year he had been appointed the Rector of the Dersingham Benefice in west Norfolk. He leaves us in March 2016. We wish him and his family every blessing from God as they embark on their new life and ministry.

Our Benefice, in partnership with Pakefield Parish Church, has been short listed for another Curate to come in the summer of 2016. This time, most unusually, the Diocese has no Ordinands of its own, so we were hoping to recruit from outside our Diocese. Sadly, at the time of writing, we have received no enquiries, let alone applications. Therefore, it does not look as if Mark will be replaced. This will create new challenges for us in the future, as we try to keep some of Mark's work going but have to let go of other aspects.

In 2015 our Partnership with Pakefield Church expressed itself in a 2<sup>nd</sup> joint Children's Summer Holiday Club.

The new Diocesan TRiO (The Responsibility is Ours) Parish Share giving system is now starting to have an impact on our Church finances. We met the challenge in 2015, and give thanks that the Lord provided all our financial needs for another year.

*Reverend Jeremy Bishop*

## **Emmaus Course**

The Emmaus course is an introduction to the Christian faith for beginners. Four people did the course in 2015, two of whom went on to be Confirmed by the Bishop of Thetford at Pakefield Parish Church. This course is for anyone who would like to find about more about what it means to be a Christian, or who wishes to be Confirmed.

*Reverend Jeremy Bishop*

## **PCC REPORT**

The members of the St Peter's Church PCC for the year ending April 2016 consisted of the following people;

Reverend Jeremy Bishop - Chairman  
Mr John Harrison - Treasurer  
Mr Mark Ellis - Deputy Lay Chair  
Mrs Linda Wilson - PCC Secretary  
Mr Bob Filer - Warden  
Mrs Sandy Cyprus - Warden  
Mrs Nelly Baxter  
Mr Lloyd Armes  
Mr Michael Corker  
Mrs Elizabeth Jones  
Mr Jack Jones  
Mrs Linda Filer  
Mrs Jenny Foyster

Mrs Susan Thompson

The PCC meet generally once a month on a Tuesday evening for approximately two hours to discuss Agenda items and other matters that have been brought to our attention.

We are thankful for the contribution that each member has once again made during the course of the year towards the work of the PCC. If any person would like to know more about the PCC please do ask us.

More recently one of the topics for the Agenda has been fund raising and how we as a church move forward with raising the necessary funds to operate week to week, maintain the church buildings and contents and to develop towards our next phase of the building project.

We hope that you do and will continue to read the minutes of the meeting as published and placed on the notice board in the parish room. Again should you wish to raise questions please do so. You are welcome to write to the PCC to raise any matters of concern or request a matter to be discussed for consideration.

As another year closes we seek nominations for three new PCC members to join the PCC. We ask that you prayerfully consider nominations.

*St Peter's PCC*

## **Rosedale Patient Participation Group Report to CCTC for AGM of the Parish**

The PPG at Rosedale was formed some 6 years ago, under the guidance of John Maybury, and is made up of patients from that practice.

When members meet they consider a wide range of issues that can affect Rosedale patients using the surgery or the NHS.

At the last AGM a number of new members joined the committee that now totals 15. Often a doctor will take time out from their busy schedules to have an input at meetings.

Many committee members have taken the opportunity to attend the PPG Forum that is made up of representatives from all practices in GY & Waveney.

The members also arrange a social evening for members and their families.

The types of things the committee takes an interest in are many and varied including:-

- Appointment of Drs and Drs leaving (recently new doctors have joined the practice creating vacancies for new patients,
- staff appointments (a specialist ex paramedic doing home visits is a new addition),
- possible building extensions (that includes a possibility of a dentist),
- the training of UEA medical students
- appointment durations,
- a possible buddy system for specific medical conditions,
- community transport,
- the recycling of unwanted medicines still in date for third world countries,
- getting a BP monitor for patients use whilst waiting,
- prescription issues, and
- the Newsletter.

Other matters that relate to patients while at the surgery:-

- privacy whilst at reception,
- the best location for anti bacterial dispensers, and
- appropriate music.

In additions various events have been organised. Amongst these have been a Carers evening, specialist speakers (There is a talk on GP Pharmacists on May 25<sup>th</sup>) and free HeartStart courses (costs covered from fundraising).

## REPORT from Distrit Cllr Paul Light for AGM:

My colleagues, and, I were very proud to receive the support of so many of the residents of Carlton Colville at last year's elections. WE did write to the Journal to thank everyone for their confidence in us and support.

As promised, we have continued with a monthly surgery, inviting SCC and TC Councillors to join us in hearing about the sort of things that concern residents. Although I regularly send a notice to the Journal it doesn't always seem to be printed!

Last year, when not mobile following an operation, WDCllrs Kathy Grant and Jenny Ceresa made sure these continued and took appropriate action.

Over the year, Councillors exchange information and support each other trying to get positive results for the residents of CC.

I think it is a real positive that all CC Cllrs are prepared to meet, listen, and act for the good of all residents.

In addition to my WDC commitment, that include Council training days and presentations, I am involved with a number of Charity organisations. I also have continued training as a member of the Sea Cadets (for whom I am a Trustee), Lowestoft College and TACT. I am also a member of the NRA, the LMG, the WIFG and elected Chairman of Rosedale Surgery PPG.

A lot has happened in Waveney over the last 12 months that has created a lot of discussion.

Amongst these being :-

The move to the Riverside building leaving the old Lowestoft Town Hall (I have taken a number of residents to visit the new building and most were quite favourable); the ending of the green bin subsidy and the introduction of an annual charge; the flooding from Kirkley Stream and various other properties to the north of The Street, the reduction in funds made available to Councils from National Government, the real prospect of a new river crossing (a number of colleagues, and I, spent several Saturday mornings collecting supporting signatures) and the Localism discussions, being just some of these.

Even with all these to contend with WDC was able to agree a balanced budget.

A number of residents have met at my home and I have also had meetings there with PCSO's and SCCllrs about CC matters.

### GENERAL:-

There are several issues that keep arising – not all have a straight forward solution!

# Sometimes residents from other wards have taken advantage of our surgeries and we have either been able to get a result or passed them to the person most able to help.

# Every contact is followed up, sadly not always with an immediate result!

As an example, It took some 18 months of attrition to get the bushes growing over a fence from a public footpath cut back. Even then it was a combined effort of all Councillors, and the involvement of Ian Castro and Catch 22 to get this cleared.

# Whenever possible, I have attend TC meetings providing CCTC with monthly written reports.

# I have included CCTC in any correspondence that may be of interest to them.

# I have invited the TCllrs to appropriate meetings that I have arranged.

# I have supported the TC whenever I've been contacted by them on planning matters.

- # Have spoken on behalf of residents against Planning Applications in the town.
- # I continue to question the computer system called Lorenzo used in Mental Health Care. I am advised that staff are spending a disproportionate amount of their time using this and often finding all their work is being deleted.
- # Got a parking fine quashed because of extenuating circumstances.
- # Was able to stress the importance of a developer providing an access road of a quality that will allow it to be adopted by SCC. Have also tried to find any way of getting another un-adopted road adopted. Unfortunately it would need to be in a good condition for SCC to take this on which would first mean all residents combining to fund this.
- # Supported residents with council tax problems.
- # Had fly tipping and litter removed.
- # Reporting unemptied bottle banks and broken street lamps.
- # Got a missing road sign replaced.
- # Whenever asked I've provided references for residents and signed Passport and Licence applications.
- # Followed up fly posting complaints.
- # When Rosedale Surgery recently applied for a building extension, a dental facility was again included in the bid, something I had requested for a previous application.
- # Followed up road safety and visibility issues at roundabouts.
- # Cllr Byatt and I met with the Head of Grove Primary School about cars moving into the wrong side of the road on their way to the school. An item was placed in the school magazine about this.
- # Constantly reporting car sales in laybys.
- # Able to help a resident get large items removed following a house sale (its removal had been paid for two weeks earlier but it had been left).
- # Regularly advocate the need for the Transport Museum to have the opportunity to expand.
- # Got promise of laundry facilities for patient's relatives at Beccles Hospital.
- # Followed up questions re people living rough in Lowestoft and able to report on the provision that is made to help anyone in this situation.
- # Helping a resident with problems as a result of poor quality building standards.
- # Trying to get parking concessions for temporary disabled passengers – needing a door to be fully open to get in or out.
- # Organise Heartstart courses at the Drs. surgery.
- # Organised fund raising events, and supported others for several local charities.
- # Constantly pointing out the folly of building garages that are not wide enough to drive into and then get out of your car - leading to more cars parking on the road!
- # Followed up complaints of emptied bins being left in driveways.

**Amongst the other things we have been contacted about as District Councillors are :-**

- # Problems with dog fouling, overgrown hedges and grass, areas of flooding, road safety, condition of pavements.
- # Concerns about the traffic situation around Gisleham school. *I first wrote about this in 2010 (being assured the school will have a travel plan) and organised meetings. Not having access to funds I looked at possible solutions that did not directly involve SCC. The involvement of SCC has meant possible solutions around pavements and roads have been introduced. I do have first hand experience of the situation when taking children to school. When Standing in the playground in easterly gales and/or snow, sleet and rain, (waiting for children in*

*different age groups) you can't help but notice how many grand parents take and collect children. Walking and cycling is not always a suitable option for many! In the modern world many parents feel it safer to look after their children to and from school.*

**# Loss of privacy following neighbours extension.**

**# Neighbour disputes around parking issues.**

**# Playing of Ball games.**

**# Damage to trees.**

**# Blocked drains.**

**# Compulsory Purchase Orders and Tree Presentation Orders.**

**# Landlord/Tenant matters.**

**# Damage to grass surfaces caused by vehicles and children.**

**Paul**

## **Annual Report to Carlton Colville Town Council Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### **Cllr Sonia Barker & Cllr Peter Byatt – Suffolk County Councillors for the Pakefield Division**

The following information has been reported to each monthly CCTC Meeting and is available in detail on the CCTC website at [www.carltoncolvilletowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.carltoncolvilletowncouncil.gov.uk)

- **Part 1** of the Report lists out SCC Information including the response by SCC to the Flooding which occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 in Pakefield & Carlton Colville along the length of the Kirkley Stream. Also listed is SCC Highways action to date in Carlton Colville
- **Part 2** of the report lists out the action undertaken by SCC Cllrs Barker & Byatt to find various solutions to the traffic difficulties outside the Carlton Colville CP School.
- **Part 3** of the report lists out the SCC Locality funding allocations made by Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt for 2015/16. The budget for 2015/16 was £12K per Cllr it has now been cut to £10K.
- **What follows are the Headlines reported at CCTC Meetings for each month between June 2015 – April 2016.** Each month both Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt attend a number of SCC meetings the details of which are listed on the Carlton Colville website.

### **❖ Part 1**

#### **June 2015:**

Suffolk County Council changes to the Leadership of the Council following the SCC AGM Meeting on the 21.5.16:-

- Cllr Jane Storey was elected as Chairman of the Council
  - Cllr Colin Noble was elected as Leader of the Council 37/31
- New SCC Cabinet chosen by Cllr Noble:-**
- Education & Skills: Cllr Lisa Chambers (resigned 26.11.15)
  - Children`s Services: Cllr Gordon Jones (took on the above 12.15)
  - Finance: Cllr Richard Smith
  - Roads & Transport: Cllr James Finch
  - Environment & Public Protection: Cllr Matthew Hicks
  - Health (Public Health & Mental Health): Cllr Tony Goldson
  - Communities: Cllr Sarah Stamp

#### **Change in Use of the `old Carlton Colville School to the KS3/KS4 Assessment Centre**

## **July 2015:**

No Council Meeting in June. Cllr Barker attended the 9.6.15 SCC Planning Development Meeting to express a residents' concern regarding the temporary SCC Portacabins on the Pakefield High School site. As a result adaptations were made to the portacabins which addressed the concerns of residents nearby who had contacted Cllr Barker.

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## **August 2015:**

Carlton Colville Flooding on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Cllr Barker was actively involved in supporting residents in the Pakefield Division which included 33 homes and families (the majority needed temporary housing between October and December 2015) and roads being severely flooded along the Kirkley Stream in Pakefield and severe flooding of roads, garages, sheds and gardens in Carlton Colville. Cllr Barker raised the concerns of all residents at the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 at Riverside which was for Pakefield residents only. All the agencies involved ie WDC, Cllr Hicks, Anglian Water, Environment Agency, and Emergency Planning Team explained that there would be a SCC Investigation under the auspices of the Flood & Water Management Act which would take roughly 12 weeks to complete. Cllr Barker enquired as to when Carlton Colville residents would be able to have a similar meeting and was assured that it would be held as soon as possible. The Meeting was held in August, 2015 which Cllr Peter Byatt attended. Cllr Barker forwarded a number of flooding reports from residents to SCC & CCTC for their recording and flood plotting on maps.

The following reports were forwarded to residents by SCC and Cllr Barker ensured that the information was disseminated by putting on `Streetlife` and reporting to CCTC and ensuring via SCC that all residents received the updates. **Cllr Barker and/or Cllr Byatt attended all the meetings below to represent residents' concerns:-**

- **25.7.15** Morning of the flooding visited Pakefield & Carlton Colville
- 31.7.15 at Riverside Residents' Meeting (Pakefield residents' only) Riverside
- 27.8.15 `Flooding` Meeting at Carlton Colville as above
- December 2015: Kirkley Stream Flood Report
- 17.12.16: SCC Flood Investigation Report
- January 2016: Kirkley Stream Flood Report
- 29.1.16: Meeting at Carlton Colville re Flooding Update
- March 2016: Kirkley Stream Flood Report
- 1.4.16: Final Meeting of Residents' (Pakefield & Carlton Colville) Flood Meeting held at Riverside followed by notes circulated via SCC.

## **September 2015:**

No full Council meeting was held in June. Reports were given on the work completed outside Carlton Colville CP School to help improve the safety of young pupils when being dropped off by parents/carers.

**October 2015:**

**Full SCC Council on the 17.9.15:** The following Motions were debated: to stop the closure of the Court complex in Lowestoft; to SCC to end its practice of placing elderly people in care homes that have already been rated as 'inadequate'; for the Council to review the law relating to the recall and disqualification of Cllrs for various reasons listed at the meeting.

**November 2015:**

No full Council in October 2015. Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt were briefed by Matt Hullis (SCC) on the Draft Interim Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership Kirkley Stream Flood Report.

**December 2015:**

No full Council in November 2015. Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt attended a number of meetings, details on the CCTC website.

**January 2016:**

**Full SCC Council Meeting on 10.12.15:** Three Motions were debated on the following issues: adult social care; funding of arts & culture; and railway reliability concerns. Also concerns were reported on the SCC Cabinet meeting where proposed cuts to the Fire & Rescue Services in South Lowestoft (Pakefield) and Wrentham were tabled.

**February 2016:**

No full Council in January 2016. First mention in the SCC Cabinet Meeting on the 26.1.16 of the plan to open a 50 place SEN school for SEMH pupils on the site of the 'old' Carlton Colville Primary School.

**March 2016:**

**Full SCC Council Meeting on 11.2.16:** An amendment to the SCC Budget which would reverse the proposed SCC Fire & Rescue cuts were tabled and lost. The substantive SCC Budget Motion which included the Adult Social Care increase of 2% in the SCC Council tax was passed.

**April 2016:**

**Full SCC Council Meeting on 17.3.16:** The Council was presented with petitions from Firefighters regarding the issue of the decision on proposed Fire & Rescue Cuts being made by the Cabinet rather than the full Council. In addition there was a Motion against the proposed Fire & Rescue Cuts which was lost 35/36. The Police & Crime Commissioner

reported to the Council on his year's work. There was also a Motion against the change in the SCC administration of the Community Rural Transport system which was lost 31/35.

**May 2016:**

No full Council in April 2016. As this encompassed the pre election period due to the Suffolk PCC Elections and a By Election for the Wrentham WDC Ward a Timeline was tabled for the CCTC outlining the work undertaken since May 2013 looking for solutions to the traffic problems outside Carlton Colville CP School. The actions and improvements brought in to date through the efforts of Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt were

highlighted such as the extra School Cross Patrol person at Secrets Corner and the new `Kiss & Drop` 120 metre pavement.

**✚ SCC Highways 2015/16:**

The following areas of Carlton Colville were consulted during 2015/16 by SCC Highways Engineers regarding the possibility of yellow lines:

- Chapel Road - Applewood
- Deepdale/Harroddale
- The Street/Carlton Cross/Short Lane

All the residents above turned down the idea of having double yellow lines outside their homes.

- Following a meeting with Cllr Barker, Suffolk Highways and residents an improvement was made through improved signage on the A146 road and verge leading from Beccles (to Lowestoft) on the approach to the Carlton Colville Beccles Road roundabout thereby reducing the road down to one lane. These changes made the road safer for all users especially residents who turn immediately left after the roundabout.

**Awaited:** 1. The pedestrian refuge on Ashburnham Way and 2. Improvements to the Bloodmoor roundabout (still at the design stage).

**❖ Part 2**

**Work undertaken by Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt during 2015/16 to actively seek solutions to the traffic problems outside Carlton Colville CP School so as to improve pupils, parents and carers safety.**

**Information from January 2015 onwards included for context.** (NB Between 8/14 – 9/15 Cllr Byatt was in JP Hospital and Addenbrooke`s Hospital followed by recuperation)

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• **2015:-**

**26.1.15 – Meeting held at CCPS with the Group (including CCTC reps) who attended on the 1.4.14 invited to hear that two traffic solutions were tabled with detailed plans and costings. The two plans were agreed as a way of working towards alleviating the traffic chaos outside the school with one/two amendments. (ie Additional Lighting of the Path was rejected). The work to be undertaken to involve the creation of a new pavement of 120 metres on the south (school side of the verge) outside the school grounds to increase the safety of parents and children being dropped off by car or walking to school – called a `Kiss & Drop Zone`. In addition two gates (the design to be determined by CCPS) to be fitted at the two school gate openings. The creation of the new pathway to involve removing trees and shrubs**

**and improving the drainage. (Grubbing out of trees to start in February 2015).**

The other safety solution offered as an amended 1a feasibility was a new zebra crossing and improved pavement area in Rushmere Road (near to where the current `lollipop person` is located). It was agreed to go forward on the feasibility for the zebra crossing by all those in attendance. The information on the costings and when it would be starting would be emailed to all those at the meeting. The actual work was scheduled to start during the summer holidays (July 2015) if everyone agreed to the feasibility.

- **Whilst reported the scheme at CCTC Meetings Cllr Barker assured members and residents that the School Crossing Patrol person would remain if there was a zebra crossing but not if there was a Pelican Crossing.**
- **July 2015: Flooding occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 due to a number of factors in Pakefield and Carlton Colville affecting the progress on the pavement work outside the school which was later completed. Prior to the flooding event two/three residents had complained about the proposed zebra crossing and speed humps on Rushmere Road; as a result of this the speed humps were removed from the design. Due to two events coinciding - the flooding (problems with the electricity supply & pole & pavement improvements on Rushmere Road) Cllrs Barker & Cllr Ladd decided to put a `halt` on the project on the 13.8.15 after a meeting with SCC Highways. In addition CCTC decided `officially` not to go ahead with the proposed zebra crossing despite representatives at the two meetings on the 1.4.14 & 26.1.15 originally agreeing to the feasibility study.**

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- **September 2015: Cllr Barker was informed by the Headteacher that the pavement was making a small improvement to the traffic issues at the school as children are not being dropped off in the middle of the road.**

**2016:-**

- **January/February 2016: SCC, Cllr Barker & SCC Cllr Byatt met with Suffolk Highways re the further work which needed to be progressed. 1. Via cross party working with SCC Cllr Ladd (Gisleham) on the feasibility of passing places along Gisleham Road it was agreed to be put to KierMG for a feasibility study. 2. The chasing up of the improvements to Rushmere Road (including a**

wider pavement) and removal of the electricity pole. (As I write these are still being undertaken by Kier MG and SCC Cllr Barker has been chasing this work up on a number of occasions).

Carlton Colville School did not want to go any further with the new gates at the entrances and exits until the passing places issue was resolved as to fit them might cause more problems in the short term.

- **January 2016: CCTC Meeting** Cllr Barker was asked by CCTC to question Suffolk Highways on nine separate concerns which were looked into by Cllr Barker and the answers given by Cllr Byatt at the February 2016 Meeting. In addition CCPS replied to say that they had a Travel Plan (forwarded to CCTC), they did stagger the start and end of the school day and they did have staff outside the school overseeing pupils as well as the oversight of Des Spurles the Site Manager each morning and afternoon.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 :** Meeting between SCC Cllr Barker & SCC Cllr Byatt & Suffolk Highways Engineer where the Carlton Colville traffic situation was discussed at length and the chasing up of the passing places and the improvements to Rushmere Road were also discussed.
  - **February 2016:** CCTC Meeting Cllr Byatt suggested that the only solution to the problem was to look into the removal of the Government and SCC Council restriction on parking places either on a school premises or nearby by the CCTC writing to the Minister of Transport for an `exceptional` relaxation of the rules regarding this issue. Cllr Byatt also suggested that a joint campaign between CCTC and CCPS be undertaken on this issue. CCTC agreed to follow this up.
  - **February 2016:** Also following an email sent by SCC Cllr Barker to Suffolk Highways the following totals to date were relayed to the CCTC: Footway Construction Costs
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- (includes drainage) £85K, Kier MG Design Costs of Footway £25K, Design of Zebra Crossing on Rushmere Road (later declined) £22K **Total: £132K**
  - **Not included in the above mentioned costings is the on going School Crossing Patrol Person**

- **Money left: - £18K + SCC Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt (Pakefield Div Highway funding £15K + SCC Cllr Ladd Gisleham Div) £5K = £38K**
- **19.2.16: Letter on the CCPS issue to the `Lowestoft Journal` which was misleading**  
answered by SCC Cllr Byatt in the letters page on the 11.3.16 (Copies provided by Cllr Byatt on 4.5.16 to CCTC)
- **March 2016 - 25.3.16: Letter on the CCPS issue to the `Lowestoft Journal` which was misleading.** (Copies provided by Cllr Byatt on 4.5.16 to CCTC).
- **April 2016 – 6.4.16: SCC Cllr Barker & SCC Cllr Byatt invited SCC Cllr Gordon Jones – the new SCC Cabinet Member for Education Skills & Young People to tour the new KS3/KS4 Assessment Centre at the `old` Carlton Colville CP School and then we all walked to the `new` CCPS at Gisleham Road, Cllr Jones listened to Des Spurles and also observed the end of the school day. Cllr Jones said he would welcome the chance to meet with members of CCTC and the CCPS to look at possible solutions to the current traffic situation.**

After the meeting SCC Cllr Byatt contacted Suffolk Highways to ascertain whether it would be possible to widen the road immediately at the front of the school (by removing the grass verge). Suffolk Highways said that they were awaiting the feasibility study (from KierMG) on the `passing places` proposal first before looking at SCC Cllr Byatt`s idea.

- **21.4.16: SCC Cllr Barker visited the school again to explain to Des Spurles that the `passing places` feasibility work and the feasibility work on the improvements to the pavement on Rushmere Road is still underway and had been chased again.**
- **29.4.16: Claire Robson/CCTC Cllr Claire Varela featured in an article in `Lowestoft Journal` about the CCPS traffic issue.**

- **4.5.16: Cllr Barker tabled a hard copy of a Timeline from 2013 showing the action undertaken to date by Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt with**

regard to the traffic situation at the school and the improvements made to pupil safety.

4.5.16: Cllr Barker reported on the SCC Feasibility Study regarding the 'passing places' solution in Gisleham Road emailed to all CCTC Cllrs that afternoon. CCTC Cllrs decided to leave this item until the next meeting for further consideration.

### ❖ Part 3

**Suffolk County Council Locality Budget Allocations by Cllr Barker & Cllr Byatt – details of all SCC Cllr allocations can be viewed at [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk) for 2015/16:-**

1.2.15	Lowestoft Summer Festival	£4K
4.6.15	Shine Youth Project	£500
5.6.15	Lowestoft & Yarmouth Rugby Club	£1500
16.8.15	Lowestoft Lions Club	£700
16.8.15	Aid & Assist	£1500
16.8.15	Topcats	£720
16.9.15	Lowestoft 60+ Club	£1K
9.10.15	Promoting Pakefield Group	£100
9.10.15	Carlton Colville TC (Bins)	£764.28
9.10.15	Colville House Management Co Ltd	£500
11.12.15	Rotary Club Dictionaries for Year 6 pupils across Lowestoft (incl CCPS)	£750
17.12.15	Lowestoft Players	£1K
23.2.16	Carlton Colville Community Centre (Playground Refurbishment)	£3720

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#### **Commitments:-**

16.8.15	ICENI Freedom Programme	£1300
16.8.15	Lowestoft Community Radio	£3K
9.10.15	Pathways Care Farm	£1800
8.2.16	Bangladeshi Support Centre	£750

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