

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Carlton Colville Town Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 4 May 2016** at the Methodist Church Hall, Shaw Avenue, Carlton Colville. The Meeting began at 7.00 pm
Minutes draft until signed.

C A R L T O N C O L V I L L E T O W N C O U N C I L

Welcome by existing Chairman

The existing Chairman welcomed Town Councillors, County Cllr Sonia Barker, District Cllrs Paul Light and Jenny Cesera, Representatives of Impact, Representatives from the Carlton Colville Mother and Toddler Group, and a Member of the Public.

1a) To elect a Chairman

Cllr Julie Hall proposed the nomination of Cllr Jill Tyler and Cllr Paul Radforth seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations. All agreed the proposal and Cllr Jill Tyler accepted the position of Chairman.

1b) To elect a Vice-Chairman

Cllr Paul Radforth proposed the nomination of Cllr Julie Hall and Cllr Jill Tyler seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations. All agreed the proposal and Cllr Julie Hall accepted the position of Vice-Chairman.

1c) To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman

Cllr Jill Tyler signed the declaration accepting the position of Chairman.

1d) To note Members present and to receive, accept and note any apologies for absence.

Present were Cllrs Jill Tyler (Chairman), Peter Tyler, Paul Radforth, Bill Mountford, Julie Hall, Clare Varela, and Christine Fair and Alistair Mackie. There were no apologies received to date.

1e) To receive any declarations of interest regarding the agenda

None received

1f) To consider applications for dispensation

None received

1g) To confirm existing members of, and to confirm any changes to the following Committees:

Planning, Amenities, Finance and Personnel

The Planning Committee was agreed as follows:

Cllrs Derek Fletcher, Peter Tyler, Bill Mountford, Paul Radforth. Cllr Alistair Mackie agreed to accept Membership if Cllr Derek Fletcher was unable to continue as a Member.

The Amenities Committee was agreed as follows:

Cllrs Jill Tyler, Peter Tyler, Bill Mountford, Paul Radforth and Julie Hall

The Finance and Planning Committee was agreed as follows:

Cllrs Jill Tyler, Julie Hall, Christine Fair, Clare Varela and Alistair Mackie

To confirm Public transport representative:

This was agreed as Cllr Alistair Mackie

Youth representative:

These were agreed as Cllrs Jill Tyler, Christine Fair, and Alistair Mackie

Allotments representative:

This was agreed as Cllr Peter Tyler

Carlton Colville Community Centre representative:

This was agreed as Cllr Peter Tyler

2 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 6 April 2016

With the removal at item 12 of the words "in time for declaration of compliance by 15 July 2016", the Minutes were agreed by all.

To sign Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on 2 March 2016 and which were agreed at the Town Council Meeting of 6 April 2016.

These were signed

3 Public participation

The purpose of the meeting is for Councillors to discuss Town Council business and whilst attendance of residents is welcomed, they are not allowed to join in the discussions of the Councillors.

During each meeting the council will allow a period of up to 15 Minutes for reports and public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding local concerns. Where possible, the Chairman will respond but matters may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.

3a To receive reports

Reports were received from the following:

i) The Police

An annual report had been received which showed an increase in burglaries but a decrease in overall crime.

Cllr Julie Hall requested information be sought about the accident at Church Road

ii) District Councillors

Cllr Paul Light requested that his report be received at the Annual Meeting of the Parish because of the current purdah restrictions.

iii) Suffolk County Councillors

Cllr Sonia Barker issued Members with an update of actions taken by County Cllrs Sonia Barker, Peter Byatt and Michael Ladd about Carlton Colville Primary School traffic and also issued details of what had appeared in the press about the school traffic. Cllr Barker advised that a strategy document about open spaces and play areas would be issued in the next two months.

iv East Anglia Transport Museum

See attached report.

The Chairman asked that the Amenities Committee consider a way for the success of the Museum to be celebrated.

v Impact

Ian Castro introduced the new member of the Impact team to the Council.

vi Carlton Colville Youth Council

Cllrs Jill Tyler and Christine Fair had met on 3 May 2016 and had started the business plan process for a youth hub.

4 To receive an update on actions from the previous meeting of 6 April 2016

See clerk's report attached

5 To receive and note correspondence not discussed elsewhere on the agenda

i) To receive Members' questions relating to parish boundary and local governance review

The Chairman, Cllr Jill Tyler requested that any questions be submitted to her by 10 May 2016 when she would be meeting a WDC officer about the matter. Cllr Jill Tyler suggested that questions needed to be asked about what impact there would be on Carlton Colville residents if the boundaries were altered and whether Carlton Colville residents have any input into the consultation and whether the precept would be affected.

ii) To receive W Norse's offer of 10% reduction in the cost of hanging baskets because of previous year's reduced quality.

Members agreed this.

iii) To receive bill from builders.

It was noted that the railings had now been installed on the ramp. The clerk advised that the building inspector had agreed that the ramp now passed building regulations. Members agreed that the invoice 000820 be paid in full and final settlement.

iv) Replies to Report on Open Spaces

It was agreed that observations and comments be forwarded to the Clerk in time for the Amenities agenda.

v) Meeting at Suffolk Wild Life Trust

It was noted that this would be on 22 May 2016

Cllr Julie Hall reported that the Bolodmoor Bridge needed maintenance work and was now a health and safety matter as, apart from vegetation needing to be cut back, metal strips were coming loose and moss was making the bridge slippery. County Cllr Sonia Barker agreed to forward this to SCC.

6 To confirm receipt of minutes from Meetings held since 6 April 2016

Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2016

Amenities Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2016

Council advised non receipt of above Minutes. The Clerk advised that she would make sure these were sent out.

Finance and Personnel Working Party 27 April 2016. The clerk advised that to date, with increasing Council matters to be dealt with, there had not been time write up the Minutes yet.

7 To agree payments to be made

All payments were agreed.

See attachment

8 To review standing orders and financial regulations, circulated and unchanged since April 2015

All agreed content. There had been no legislation in the past year to affect these.

9 To review Terms of Reference for Amenities, and Finance and Personnel Committees, circulated and unchanged since April 2015

These were agreed by all with the following amendment to the Amenities Terms of reference – which was that litter bins be ordered no more frequently than on a quarterly basis.

10 To review assets including buildings and office equipment, circulated

It was agreed that:

A value of the office furniture received from WDC be added.

A value for the allotment area be added.

Noticeboards on asset list have addresses added

The clerk was asked to obtain legal advice about the Council room with regard to a lease for the room within the Community Centre and for this lease to be formally agreed.

11 To confirm arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks, circulated

This would be carried forward to the next meeting. It was noted that the public liability certificate needed to be displayed on the office wall together with Health and Safety information with regard to public buildings use.

12 To review the council's subscriptions to other bodies, circulated

This would be carried forward to the next meeting.

13 To review the council's complaints procedure, circulated and unchanged since April 2015

It was agreed by all that this would remain unchanged.

14 To review the council's policy for dealing with the press and media, circulated and unchanged since April 2015

It was agreed by all that this would remain unchanged.

15 To review of the council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998, circulated and unchanged since April 2015

It was agreed by all that this would remain unchanged. There had been no legislation in the past year to affect these.

It was noted that there was online training for this

16 To determine the time and place of ordinary meetings of the full council up to and including the next annual meeting of full council

It was agreed by all that this would be as follows:

Full Town Council Meetings: the first Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall at 7.00 pm

Amenities Meetings: the third Wednesday of the month, excepting August and December, at the Council Room at Hall Road at 8.00pm.

Finance and Personnel Meetings on 27 July and 26 October at the Council Room at Hall Road at 7.30 pm

Precept Meeting on 30 November at the Council Room at Hall Road at 7.30 pm

Planning Meetings when necessary on the third Wednesday of the month, possibly excepting August and December, at the Council Room at Hall Road at 7.30pm

17 To receive year end accounts

These were as had been notified in April.

Current account bank statement received at 29 March showed £97,956.07

Deposit Account: £37,818.27

Certain amounts of the funds were ring-fenced as follows: £25,000 for play equipment; £1800 for IT equipment; election costs if required £10,000; Neighbourhood Plan £2,000; builder's costs £5000; payments still to be made £4294.

18 To agree internal auditor

The Clerk advised that the usual internal auditor was prepared to audit the accounts as usual at the usual cost of £50.

It was proposed by Cllr Jill Tyler and agreed by all to use Suffolk Association of Local Councils to audit the accounts.

19 To receive information about pension provision

It would be necessary to enroll and then opt out if a pension was not required.

The clerk provided information about three pension providers. Members agreed that the most flexible was the government provider NEST. All agreed to use NEST and to enter the scheme at 1% employer contribution and to review this amount as time went on.

20 To consider the proposal from the Playgroup to use / lease land from Carlton Colville Community Centre and, if appropriate, to consider the next steps

The Playgroup outlined its needs with respect to new government legislation – which is that it would be required to provide 30 hours a week from 2017. The Community Centre was unable to provide the space for this. The Playgroup wished to lease land at the Community Centre and build modular units with secure fencing.

The Clerk was asked to look into the legalities of what lease was needed and whether the proposal fell under the terms of the current lease for what the land could be used for.

21 To consider the proposal put forward by County Cllr Peter Byatt for the provision of parking facilities at Carlton Colville Primary School

The proposal was to acquire land beside the school and to use it for car parking for parents and for parents to pay for the car parking

Members discussed this as follows:

The school is in Gisleham and so Gisleham Parish Council would need to be contacted.

The Town Council has no powers to run a car park. Cllr Bill Mountford suggested that the parents provide it as a self-help group.

It was agreed to set up a meeting with Gisleham Parish Council.

Cllrs Sonia Barker and Jenny Ceresa left the Meeting at this point at 9.05.

22 To receive the Waveney Local Plan consultation document

It was agreed to look at this as a working party and to put in a formal reply.

23 To receive and consider information about website providers

It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting

24 Matters in abeyance and for next Meeting

Audit, WDC Asset list, newsletter, website, playgroup, dealings with the press wording, subscriptions, insurance, report from sentinel and answers to the report, Gisleham PC Meeting, Skills audit; Awards scheme update; Emergency Planning Group; bus shelter at Beccles Road, Waveney Health Workshops

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman.....Date.....

TC Meeting 4 May 2016

Payments for ratification and consideration

Clerks wages for April payable 23 /04/16 chq 2040	£869.45	Signed 20/4/16
Expenses sundry items for new Council room JT chq 2041	£40.65	Signed 20/4/16
Quarterly cleaning of bus shelter chq 2042	£112.50	
Quarterly cleaning of brick bus shelter chq 2043	£63.00	
Expenses sundry items for new Council room and petrol for mower PT chq 2044	£56.42	
Expenses sundry items D Cllr Paul Light for volunteers clearing path refreshments chq 2045	£14.40	
Expenses sundry items for new Council room clerk chq 2046	£15.02	
Impact Detached Project chq 2047	£4800	
GDC Limited repair and maintenance of mower and strimmer chq 2048	£146.68	
Builders final bill chq 2049	£4581.00	

Update on last meeting of 6 April 2016
ROADS

Notified SCC about kerbs protruding at Gisleham Road

Notified SCC about holes etc at St Peters Road

Notified police about speeding at Rounces lane and Ashburnham Way. They will do speed checks and have just replied about residents checks.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Invited local organisations and have received some reports. WI and Fire service can come. Refreshments at 7.00 pm and Meeting at 7.30 pm

ORDERED Arnold Baker "Local Council Administration"

PENSION SCHEME

Obtained details from 3 schemes. Started registration of action process. Salc will deduct necessary amounts on payroll details. Payments to be made direct from Council to insurance company. It appears that SCC scheme requires 24.5% contribution of salary from employer. NEST requires minimum of 1% of salary from employer and no admin charges from employer. PEOPLES PENSION requires minimum of 1% of salary from employer and £500 set up fees from employer and no admin charge from employer.

COUNCIL ROOM

Wrote to builders. Ramp installed. Asked Inspector to check ramp and he has passed it and put this in writing. BT internet installed.

FINANCES

Audit - Quote obtained from usual internal auditor £50. Bank forms taken to nat west

GROUNDS QUOTES for dog walk and Amenity Corner

These agreed with W Norse. W Norse offering 10% reduction on hanging baskets. 10% off £3024. Meeting W Norse on Friday to look at work needed on Amenity Corner.

ALLOTMENTS

Sent out tenancy agreements and water bills. Annual rent is Fifteen allotments at £20 and two allotments at £24

(Received after the purdah period)

Actions Undertaken by SCC Cllr Sonia Barker & Cllr Peter Byatt re Carlton Colville CP school (CCPS) School Traffic Solutions:-

(NB) All the actions listed below can be reference via the Minutes and written SCC Cllr Reports recorded on the CCTC website)

Context: Prior to May 2013: Carlton Colville Primary School had been relocated to the `old` Gisleham Middle School site as the result of the Conservative SCC administration`s SOR (Schools` Organisational Review) during the academic year 2011/12. The SOR and the allocation of both the Gisleham School site for the new primary school and the related new Pakefield High School on the `old` Pakefield Middle School site had been strongly campaigned against by large numbers of residents – however the Suffolk administration went ahead with the proposed School changes.

It is also important to understand the context that as Opposition SCC Cllrs we do not have automatic access to funds nor information, arranging of meetings of the administration or follow up. Anything we have gained such as funding or meetings arranged have been done through brokering and sheer determination.

2013:-

May 2013: SCC Cllrs Barker & Byatt elected:

Previously nothing had happened despite an increase in the number of young pupils on roll at the school which meant that they had to be accompanied to school. There was a lot of distrust between the school, the local community and local representatives. A Meeting was arranged during the summer term by SCC Cllr Barker for the 12.9.13 at the Primary School.

30.8.13: Cllr Barker arranged and brokered a number of meetings as follows:-

A meeting was also arranged during the summer holidays with Keith Sampson (SCC Highways), Mike Motteram (SCC Road Safety) & Des Spurles (the then new Site Manager at the School). This was to enable SCC Cllr Barker to research the information to move forward with the suggestions and improvements required to ease the congestion both at the school and outside on the local roads leading to the school.

12.9.13: Meeting arranged and Chaired by SCC Cllr Sonia Barker at the Carlton Colville CP School (CCPS) (Agenda & Minutes by Sarah Blake SCC): Attendees: SCC Cllr Sandra Gage – SCC Opposition Spokesperson for Roads & Transport (former SCC Highways Engineer), Carol Child – Head of Carlton Colville CP School, Sue Carole - School Governor, Des Spurles CCPS – Site Manager, Mary Jarrett, SCC School Crossing Patrol Manager, SCC SOR Infrastructure Manager – Jan Scott, SCC Resource Manager, Road Safety – Sarah Hammond. – **Purpose of the Meeting was to look into Possible Solutions and Actions to improve the traffic situation at Carlton Colville CP School – before then going out to the community with proposals.**

Actions agreed:-

- **Provision of an additional School Crossing Patrol Officer at Secrets Corner – advertised by the 25.10.13 (no one applied then re advertised)**
- **Cllr Barker & Cllr Gage to liaise with Keith Sampson (SCC Highways) to work up engineering proposals – met on the 4.11.13 & 13.11.13 – to draw up proposals.**
- **Cllr Barker proposed a meeting to be held at SCC HQ Endeavour House, Ipswich to discuss with SCC Cllr L Chambers (then SCC Cabinet Member for Education & Skills) & Deputy Leader of the SCC Council. Mr Phil Whiffing (SOR Strategic Group) to consider the proposals and funding needed to improve the traffic situation at the School.**
- **14.11.13: Handing over of the Petition (organised by Claire Robson – parent of CCPS pupils) from Mr Nicholls (nearby resident) to SCC Cllr Barker (who had arranged for the `Lowestoft Journal` photographer and journalist to be present) SCC Cllr Byatt and other residents. The Petition was handed over to Cllr L Chambers formally the following week at SCC HQ by SCC Cllr Barker & SCC Cllr Byatt.**

- **26.11.2013: Cllr Barker brokered a meeting at SCC HQ in Ipswich after months of campaigning in the local press by SCC Cllrs Barker & Byatt:-** Cllr Barker, SCC Cllr G Newman (then SCC Cabinet Member for Roads and Transport), and SCC officers who were to look into the possibility of `exceptional funding to improve the situation outside the school`.
- This was the breakthrough that was needed after months of pressure on SCC and campaigning. Cllr Newman said he would come back to a meeting in January 2014 with details of the funding available from SCC.

2014:-

- **16.1.14:** Meeting held at CCPS where SCC & SCC Cabinet Member for Roads & Transport Cllr Newman Chaired a meeting attended by SCC Cllr Barker, SCC Cllr Lisa Chambers, SCC Cllr Ladd, Headteacher of CCPS Carol Child, Des Spurles Site Manager, Cllr Jill Tyler CCTC (Cllr Barker ensured that Cllr Tyler attended the meeting). **where Cllr Newman offered `exceptional funding` of £150,000 to pay for works to be undertaken to improve the traffic chaos outside the School and in addition Cllrs Byatt & Barker offered a total of £15K and Cllr Ladd (SCC Cllr for Gisleham) £5K from their SCC Highways Budgets . This shows that SCC Cllrs `cross party` were and are working together for the good of the community.** At the meeting it was also agreed that there would be a further meeting on the 1st April, 2014 to look at a presentation with a number of options available (in outline not detail).
- **February 2014 – new Road School Crossing Patrol Person started work at Secrets Corner.**
- **1.4.14: Meeting held at CCPS where Mike Motteram SCC Road Safety Officer presented the Carlton Colville Primary School Feasibility Study of various options (dated March 2014) jointly worked by SCC/Kier MG for consideration:-**

Attendees: SCC Cllr Barker, SCC Cllr Ladd, SCC Cllr Chambers, SCC Cllr Newman, CCTC Cllr Tyler, CCTC Sec C Sayer, Head CCPS Ms Child, SCC Cllr Gage, School Governors, D Spurles Site Manager

After much discussion about practicalities and costs everyone at the meeting agreed to three top Options in outline to be carried forward for further costings and detailed workings as to their feasibility. The three Options chosen were

- **Route 3: This was a full feasibility design for the construction of a footway on Gisleham Road, Incorporating barriers at the entrance to the school**

- **Route 1a:** This was a feasibility design to create a shared use, traffic free path from the footway on The Street to a new raised zebra crossing on Gisleham Road and an improved crossing and pathway to the east of Secret's corner
- **Route 1c** was an option but considered too expensive (Bloodmoor)

Members of the Group who attended on the 1.4.14 were contacted with the detailed plans and costings for the above mentioned choices for a meeting on the 26.1.15. There were concerns that more consultation was not undertaken however due to the need to get the work underway asap (because of the continuing traffic problems) the SCC Road Safety Officer contacted everyone involved at the two meetings by email to gauge their views.

(NB Between 8/14 – 9/15 Cllr Byatt was in JP Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital)

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.**
- **July 2015:** Flooding occurred on the 24th/25th 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.

- **At the CCTC Meetings from April 2015 onwards: Cllr Barker assured members and residents that the School Crossing Patrol person would remain if there had been a zebra crossing.**
- **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 were 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.**
- **1st 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 CCYC 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 (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 Highway funding £15K + SCC Cllr Ladd £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 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 has been chased.

29.4.16: Claire Robson/CCTC Cllr Claire Varela featured in an article in `Lowestoft Journal` about the CCPS traffic issue.

Svb/Pb 4.5.16

From D Cllr Paul Light

REPORT 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.

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.

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

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, 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 mean all residents combining to fund this.

Supported residents with council tax problems.

Having fly tipping and litter removed.

Reporting unemptied bottle banks and broken street lamps.

Provided references for residents and signed Passport and Licence applications.

Fly posting.

When Rosedale Surgery recently applied for a building extension, a dental facility was again included in the bid.

Followed up road safety and visibility issues at roundabouts.

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 a fridge removed (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.
- # 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. I have not been invited to any meetings over the past year. 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 the 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 Order and Tree Presentation Orders.
- # Landlord/Tenant matters.
- # Damage to grass surfaces caused by vehicles and children.

Paul

REPORT FROM THE EAST ANGLIA TRANSPORT MUSEUM
APRIL 2016

The museum opened on Thursdays and Sundays in April.

A representative attended an Association for Suffolk Museums meeting at Dunwich and will attend the SHARE Museums East Funding Fair at Bury St Edmunds in May.

On 24 April a classic car club visited as part of the British Historic Vehicle Clubs "Drive It Day". The club cars and members arrived rather earlier than expected however the museum site was ready and they were able to drive in and display their vehicles.

Restoration projects are progressing.

On 14 and 15 May we hold our 40s Weekend. The first one was well received last year and we hope to repeat this success.

The museum's AGM was held at the Hall Road Community Centre on 23 April. Almost all the chairs we set out were occupied, which is an indication of the convenience of the hall and amenities.