

# SUFFIELD VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2022

### **Parish Council**

The Parish Council met on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

There have been incidences of excessive mud being brought onto the roads by farm vehicles. Both Police and Norfolk County Council have been asked to address the issues by concerned parishioners. As there are few landowners in the village, the council ask parishioners to contact a parish councillor. He / she will find out who is responsible for the problem and contact the landowner directly. It is hoped this will save a lot of valuable police time in future. Contact details for your parish councillors are posted on the village notice boards.

Mr Chapman, owner of the Blacksmiths shop, attended the meeting. He acknowledged that the hedge surrounding his property needs cutting back to improve visibility and to reduce road deterioration.

Mr Chapman is now in correspondence with Norfolk County Councillor Saul Penfold who has volunteered to mediate discussions about the ownership of the land where his cars are parked adjacent to his property.

Councillor Penfold also advised the meeting that he has funds available to spend on local highways projects such as a proposed purchase of a 'SAM 2' speed indicator sign which could be installed on The Street in the 30MPH zone.

The potholes in the village have all been mapped and reported to NCC highways. Potholes on Rectory Road have been filled.

Please continue to support our bottle bank which is situated near the church. It brings in an income into the village which can be used for village projects.

The AGM will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Village Hall

The Suffield village website is [www.suffieldpc.co.uk](http://www.suffieldpc.co.uk). Here you can find all the minutes and agendas for the council meetings.

### **Coffee mornings**

Held in the village hall from 10am to 12 noon, the community coffee morning is a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours. Enjoy a little refreshment and catch up with all the village news.

The dates for the coffee mornings are as follows:

15th March, 19th April, 17th May,  
14<sup>th</sup> June, 19th July, 16th August.

There is no set charge but a donation toward costs is appreciated.

### **Village Hall**

A street party is being organised to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. It will be held on the 5th June from 12 midday on Rectory Road outside the Village Hall and a BBQ and other refreshments will be provided by the Village Hall and Parish Council. We hope that everyone in the village will come together and join in the celebrations. Full details will be provided nearer the time but put the date in your diary.

If you would like to book the hall for a private function please telephone Sue Hubbard on 01263 768728

### **Church cleaning**

Please could you come and help clean the church on the following dates?

11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April and 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We meet at 10.30 and please bring cleaning equipment with you if you can.

### **If Not Now When Wood**

The next workday at the INNWW is on the 12th March from 10 a.m. - to 1 p.m. The trustees are delighted to welcome a local scouts group who are coming to help with clearing ditches and brash. All volunteers are welcome. Bring secateurs, gloves, warm waterproof clothes and a drink.

2021 report: on top of all the general, annual maintenance tasks about 10 bat boxes and several bird boxes including a kestrel box have been put up. There is now a donations box on the shed by the visitor's book. The fruit trees have been pruned and the willow igloo has been trained to include a roof. One section of the ditch across the field area was cleared in compliance with a plan put forward by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. A lot of architectural salvage has been uncovered. There are plans to use some of this for art installations. Anything that cannot be used will be removed.

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