

N. Parishes Meeting Wednesday 9th February

Present: Blundeston PC (hosting), Lound PC, Oulton PC, AHS PC, SCC Councillors Janet Craig and Bert Poole

Reactions to Police & Fire Brigade Consultation

FB - Discussion followed re the above – proposed closure of 2 fire stations, Wrentham and ? Existing reductions in response times were noted.

Police - Noted response to Clare Town Council's letter 31.12.15. General agreement that a proposal for a group of parishes to sponsor a PCSO is unlikely to come to fruition.

(Hopton PC financed a PCSO in recent times but the PCSO wasn't exclusive to Hopton despite their support.)

Parish Matters

AHS – Neighbourhood Planning with Lound is still a possibility albeit with reservations. Lound to meet shortly to discuss implications. The meeting will be supported by WDC (Jo MaCullum).

A positive feedback re training session held in SVH 28th Jan. Blundeston will respond to Parish Clerk within a week. (Update 16.02.16 positive)

Issues re Somerleyton Estate: specifically Herringfleet Hills and Mill. Brief outline given of current situation.

Oulton – Persimmon Homes development issues – concerns about 'the lagoon' and drainage of surface water around Sands Lane – forthcoming meeting with Suffolk CC re hgv restrictions to Gorleston Road (new spine relief road has had no discernible impact on traffic using Gorleston Road through Oulton Village) – an additional phase to traffic lights on Millennium Way.

Lound – Lothingland school site is back on the market following Lowestoft College withdrawal (£1.2 million valuation) – report that Beacon Park road linking A12 and A143 has successfully reduced traffic through Lound and Browston. However, concern expressed of no signage from A12 and no repeater signs for 30mph limit throughout.

Blundeston – reported sale of prison site to Badger Homes – awaiting discussions with PC and community. PC still in disagreement with Anglian Water re flooding and drainage – planning in place to commemorate HM Queen's 90th birthday – open gardens event July 9/10 or 16/17 – Anglian Buses looking into changes to improve service through Blundeston but PC not optimistic. Questions asked of AHS re community transport.

Precepts – Oulton, the only PC to raise precepts this year.

Suffolk CC's – on-going discussions with Keith Sampson re highways matters throughout N. Parishes (parking restrictions in Somerleyton, entry/exit fence approaches for Lound and Corton) – footpath issues in AHS resolved.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 25th May Oulton Community Centre at 7.30pm**