

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 17th July 2018 at 7.30pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall, The Green, Fornham All Saints.

Members Present:

Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman

Mr Paul Purnell

Mr Bernard Grimshaw

Ms Liz Hodder

Mrs Enid Gathercole

Mrs Jill Mayhew

Mr Gary Clark Ward

Mr Mat Stewart

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk); Mr I Poole of Place4People Planning Consultancy Ltd and 6 members of the public in attendance.

1309. OPENING STATEMENT – a statement was read out indicating, that in accordance with changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting.

A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.

1310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- i. To receive apologies for absence – there were none given – assumed that Cllr. Clark Ward would be arriving at 7.30pm
- ii. To consent/non consent to absence.

1311. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

- i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – Cllr. Purnell declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee under agenda 8iii.
- ii. To receive disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – none received.
- iii. To consider requests for dispensations – none received by the Clerk.

1312. MINUTES – to approve the minutes from the Annual (Parish) Council Meeting of 15th May and additional meeting of 14th June 2018

1313. PUBLIC FORUM

• NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (NP) – TO DISCUSS THE PRACTICALITIES OF PRODUCING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR FORNHAM ALL SAINTS – to be followed by a Q&A session.

Brief description of the concept of NPs given by Chairman – quite detailed and need support from local parishioners and villagers. Need other people apart from the Parish Cllrs. to take this forward.

Mr Poole was invited to give an overview of the process of a NP and commented on the following – the community should take control of its local area in terms of planning. St Edmundsbury Local Plan is Vision 2031 & Rural 2031 – NPs add an extra layer of detail to the Local Plan in a local context. Within Rural 2031 document – FAS has a red line defining its boundary. NP defines the aspects of the village that are important to the village: views; boundary treatment; characteristics of village. NPs should be able to decide where development goes and the type of development – i.e. decide sites that should come forward. NP is a community decision to develop and how many sites to develop or maybe not.

St Edmundsbury Local Plan was finalised in 2015, as soon as Forest Heath Local Plan is decided then there will be a new joint local plan – this may go until 2036+.

Legal steps – submit a request to designate an area; designate plan area (normally parish boundary); write draft plan; consult on the draft NP; supporting reports – need to be written; submit all to the B/C; carry out a re-consult; appoint and submit to NP Independent Examiner; make changes as per Independent Examiner recommendations; plan submits to a public referendum; referendum is 50%+1 = approved; formal adoption at Borough. All will take about 2 years from start to finish. Costs – government are available – up to £9k + (if other complex situations with additional support costs (e.g. design guidance) up to £8k.

Q – FAS is an infill village – some measure of protection given to infill villages for total number of houses per site (max. 5).

A – Protection is there until the plan is reviewed. *Note government about to change rules and ensure that local plans are reviewed every 5 years.*

Q. – What protection is there given that a large application was submitted for 900+ houses within the original boundary of FAS?

A – Anticipate that the villages surrounding Bury St Edmunds will retain their individual status. Could produce plan in parallel with the Borough's new joint local plan.

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Q – What weight does the NP have?

A – It has the same weight as the Local Plan. It is the first point of call when assessing planning applications. Government is hoping to pass legislation that forces local planning authorities to allocate growth numbers for all types of villages.

Q – What would be the composition of the NP Steering Group?

A – it is a PC project as the qualifying body but there needs to have be a steering group to head up the project – perhaps a drop-in event to explain what a NP is; gather information at an exhibition – get people who show interest to sign up to join steering and working groups; household survey; gather evidence; pull it all together; write plan; call for sites options – consult on those coming forth; submit to Borough.

Q – How long is NP valid for?

A – Review on a regular basis – perhaps at each Annual Meeting – needs to be in conformity with Local Plan.

Q – Can a NP be overturned by the Sec. of State?

A – Yes it can which is the same as with all applications.

- To receive questions and issues raised by the Public on matters relating to the Agenda under discussion –
 - at last meeting there was an initiative for the village to work together to enhance the village – what is the state of this?
- To receive questions and issues raised by the Public on matters relating to the village – no further questions raised.

1314. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR – apologies were submitted from County & Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, due to clashes with the West Suffolk Shadow Council Meeting and the St Edmundsbury Full Council Meeting. A copy of her County Council report can be seen at Appendix A with the Borough Report as below:

- WSOH – I attended the archaeological drop in today which was well attended showcasing some of the finds from the site, I took the opportunity to talk to the engagement officer from Morgan Sindall who are project managing it and she explained that they are planning more engagement sessions in the following months including tours of the site and working with schools.
- Meeting with Steve Merry – I look forward to hearing which areas the council wishes to prioritise and working with the council in obtaining funding sources and the development of the scheme.
- Rougham Depot – In two weeks' time I am attending a county council engagement session at the depot to talk through issues in my division. If the council would like to let me have a refreshed list of issues that Steve Merry didn't deal with I can then take them up with officers. I am hoping to arrange a visit for the parish council to the depot after the Summer recess in September.
- Parish Self Help Scheme – Terms of Reference have been drawn up for the scheme, these are now being finalised with legal and looking at health and safety issues, as soon as I receive them I will let the parish know.
- Old Post Office - I hope that some of you were able to attend the drop in sessions which outlined the proposals for the conversion of the buildings, with a widening of the link between the Arc and the old town, retail units at the bottom and residential above. There was very positive feedback of the plans.
- West Suffolk Council – the councils continue to meet once a month and we are in the process of combining and aligning the different policies between the two councils. You will have received the information with regards to the boundary committee who are consulting on the various ward option over the Summer period closing on 27th August, I would urge the council to repeat their submission which was sent to the Borough and expand if possible so that the boundary committee can hear the views.

1315. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH CLERK / RESPONSIBLE OFFICER POSITION – to note the employment of Mrs Vicky Bright as Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer effective 23rd July 2018 – Mrs Bright was introduced to the meeting and her start date was noted. The Clerk is to act as the Responsible Financial Officer for the Parish Council, and as such she is to be added to the Parish Council bank accounts as point of contact with authority to transfer funds between the Parish Council accounts, request bank balance and transaction history, and her address is to be added as the Parish Council address for correspondence on the accounts.

1316. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS RELATING TO PORTFOLIOS HELD and in particular:

- i. To receive a report on the meeting held with Suffolk County Council's Transport Policy & Development Manager, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure Department on topics raised within the TAG Reports and to consider and approve the following priorities: this has been spread over two Parish Council sessions and resulted in a TAG report being broken down into a more detailed level to cover the items that the Parish Council wished to see addressed in the village. The Parish Council has now met once again with Steve Merry, SCC Highways, to discuss the issues in the village. The culmination of this meeting has produced 2 reports – Top Ten Priorities and Topics to discuss with Highways at Rougham. The top ten priorities can be broken down as follows:
 - a. Determine actions needed to support a village clean-up campaign for signs, hedges and overgrown pathways – reasoning is to enhance the village and focus attention on the signs that matter. Should this be a more formal approach? Should the Parish Council take over the running of this task? This will be discussed further at the next meeting following clarification on b below, aif.

- b. The above to include Insurance, Equipment and Training – this is down to individual parishes but needs to ensure is compliant with SCC Highways position. Agreement was forthcoming that Cllr. Grimshaw will look at co-ordinating the necessary professional training and accessing the provision of equipment.
- c. Approach houses close to Pigeon Lane to ask for support in locating a pedestrian crossing – it was agreed by all that this discussion should be held not only with residents in surrounding areas but all residents of the village and should be one of the subject to be discussed at a village meeting. Should there be agreement, a formal submission to County Cllr. Hopfensperger will be submitted to progress this further.
- d. Recommend our preferred option to Steve Merry for Tut Hill – agreed that this should also be the subject of the village meeting mentioned above. A request was made by Steve Merry as to what was the Parish Council's preferred option for Tut Hill. Definite date – by 150th house a decision is to be taken on Tut Hill. The Chair explained the route of the Link Road which was agreed with Highways in 2010. Range of options – accepting route agreed; total closure; partial closure; HGV ban, etc. These will all be done, whichever is chosen via a TRO – cost between £8k and £10k. Under S106 agreement Countryside Properties will fund the future decision being taken for Tut Hill. A poll around the table showed that the Parish Council favoured options were: No HGVs; light traffic calming beyond the housing; the top end closed to HGVs at top end & a refuge.
- e. Decide how best to follow up Steve Merry actions – list of items and reminder for Steve Merry to be passed to the Clerk to ensure these are updated and agreed.
- f. Ask Councillor Hodder to carry out signage Audit and report – agreed that this should cover all the road signs in the village and will provide a report that is a detailed audit on damaged signs, excessive signs and function of signs, aif.
- g. Set up meeting with Rougham Highways - Cllr. Grimshaw to provide a list of issues to be covered with Rougham Highways Department.
- h. Get final costs for Boundary signs, location and design for Larks Gate boundary – to be covered at a later meeting.
- i. Follow up soak-away issue with Highways and developer – the Chair agreed to contact the Developers for Gaughton Park for further clarification on this matter.
- j. Beccy to report on Police project for A1101 speed control – Steve Merry will make final decisions on the speeds and signage for the A1101. Cllr. Grimshaw agreed to pass onto the Clerk an email covering the safety audit and discussion on speeds on the A1101 for liaison with Cllr. Hopfensperger.
- ii. To receive an update on the project to set up a Community Self-Help Group (or similar) in the village to carry out such tasks as taking elderly villagers for hospital appointments, sitting with an infirm person for an hour to provide company – to was noted that all such schemes would need CBS reporting schedules. Mrs Bright mentioned that Community Heartbeat Trust run a scheme – village emergency telephone scheme (VETS) - that has funding available and CAS have a Good Neighbour Scheme. Cllrs. Mayhew and Gathercole agreed to look at this further. It was agreed that this should cover the village only.
- iii. To discuss and approve the use of "Nextdoor" Social Media Platform by the Parish Council – agreed that this would be a good means of communicating from the Parish Council to the village. Can post as an event. Agreed that there should be no 2-way communication processes but that it should be used to disseminate information only. Cllr. Hodder agreed to set up a group chat to take this further.
- iv. To discuss and agree works to clean / renovate the Village Sign – agreed that work was required for the sign to be refreshed. Cllr. Gathercole agreed to source quotations for works to be presented at the next meeting. The grounds under the sign have been cleared and partially replanted.

1317. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT inc FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- i. To receive an update on the following items (for information only):
 - Adoption of the BT Kiosk by the Parish Council – fully adopted and cleaned by Cllrs. Gathercole and Mayhew.
 - Update on Defibrillator Project – Cllr. Quayle confirmed that the application is still being processed through the system, but now awaiting validation of bank account details with the Council's bankers and that Cllr. Gathercole will be notified by e-mail as soon as a decision is finalised. Hedge has been cleared from the side of the box to allow painting.
- ii. To receive an update on progress on compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018:
 - a. To note the impact assessment has been carried out – carried out by the Clerk.
 - b. To receive Privacy Notices for Councillors and Staff – notices were received and it was agreed that Council email addresses should be set-up, aif. The new Clerk will action this with Suffolk Cloud.
 - c. To note the completion of Privacy Notices for members of the public – noted that these have been uploaded onto the website with some work still to be carried out.
 - d. To approve the following policies & procedures: approve the following policies en-bloc with agreement that all should be reviewed as and when legislation requires, aif:
 - Subject Access Request Policy
 - Subject Access Request Procedure
 - Data & Information Security Policy
 - Documents and Retention Policy (as amended)

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- iii. To consider and approve payments as per the list in Financial Appendix A – the Clerk agreed to review the bank statements and ascertain how many had paid for advertising via direct banking and liaise with Cllr. Gathercole as to state of payments received. Agreement was forthcoming that the payments as scheduled be approved.
- iv. To receive the Bank Balances to date – it was noted that bank balances stood at £30,584.46 across both of the main Parish Council accounts.
- v. To receive the budget monitoring paper for the period ending 30th June 2018 – Council noted the position as at 30th June 2018.
- vi. To confirm that Suffolk Association of Local Councils take over the payroll function effective 1st August 2018 at a cost of £69 per annum (pro-rata for 2018-2019) – it was agreed that this should be actioned by the new Clerk for both her salary payments and that of the Litter Picker. And to agree the Clerk salary to be paid monthly by Standing Order from the Parish Council account.
- vii. To consider other matters coming forth noting that if they are of financial in nature, they will need to be formally discussed at a later meeting:
 - Play area will need some works to existing equipment and quotes will be sourced from the manufacturer – Council noted the non compliance of the existing play equipment with current legislation due to age of equipment. Cllr Purnell to organise an on-site meeting with Wicksteed Playgrounds
 - Tree canopies overhanging fenced play area will require cutting back – quotations to be sourced
 - Lockable rubbish bins are required for the Skatepark area – quotations to be sourced

1318. BOROUGH COUNCIL MATTERS

- i. To receive applicable updates on works at Marham Park, Bury St Edmunds – no updates had been received.
- ii. To discuss and approve the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England draft recommendations for the West Suffolk Council ward boundaries. Consultation period on the ward boundaries between now and 27 August 2018 – previously the Council has argued against the joining with Fornham St Martin and Great Barton. These comments have been submitted to the Borough when they asked for comments on this matter. It was noted that nothing in the proposals had changed from the proposal being put forward by the District but the name – The Fornham's and Great Barton. The Parish Council agreed that it preferred the idea of being part of a Lark Valley Ward and that in general it had an issue with a 2 Councillor Ward and the cover that could be expected. The meeting felt that the new wards being proposed failed to take into account the expansion of Great Barton. The new Clerk agreed to progress this response further.

1319. SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

- i. To receive an update on the monitoring of agreed actions following the meeting held with the SCC's Transport Policy and Development Manager, County Cllr. Hopfensperger & representatives from the Parish Council – this had been covered elsewhere in the meeting.
- ii. To receive an update on the Council's request for the removal of The Brecks signage in Fornham All Saints – awaiting action but noted that this is in the process of being dealt with by the Highways Department.

1320. PLANNING MATTERS

- i. To discuss further the feasibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Fornham All Saints – for discussion at a future date.
- ii. To consider the following planning applications:
 - DC/18/1058/RM - Reserved Matters Application - Submission of details under Outline Planning Application DC/13/0932/HYB - the means of access appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of (i) residential development within Use Classes C2 and C3; (ii) local centre (iii) reservation of land for primary education (Class D1) (iv) public open space (sports and leisure facilities, allotments, play facilities and informal open space) @ Parcel Of Land In The South East Of Marham Park, North Of Cumberland Avenue Bury St Edmunds – it was agreed that the Parish Council had no comment to make on this application.
 - DC/18/1140/FUL - Planning Application - (i) Conversion of existing barn to dwelling (ii) demolition of existing porta cabin building and (iii) double carport and garden store (re-submission of DC/17/1938/FUL) @ Barn, Pigeon Lane – it was noted that Highways had asked for a condition to finish the road properly to where the footpath ends. Overall the meeting was in agreement to support this proposal.
- iii. To receive notification of the following planning applications determined by the Borough: none

1321. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

- i. Suffolk Constabulary Funded PCSOs – Council to consider whether it wishes to submit an expression of interest to Suffolk Constabulary in the funding of a PCSO for the village of Fornham All Saints. It was noted that Project2025 had undertaken a review of current policing levels and it was agreed to wait for the results of the current review prior to looking at this further.
- ii. General correspondence for noting – none that has not been previously passed on.
- iii. The Chair asked that the Council's thanks be offered for the very able manner in which she had guided the Parish Council over the last 7 years as well as being able to keep all under control. Cllr. Mayhew also asked that thanks be offered for the very warm welcome that the Clerk had extended to new Cllrs.

1322. MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BEING 18th September 2018

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There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Appendix A – County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger's Report

Consultation on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education services for children and young people

On 27 June, a consultation launched on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education provision for children and young people. Suffolk's parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are being invited to have their say, as demand for specialist education places in Suffolk continues to grow due to population growth and increasing complexity of special educational needs, Suffolk County Council must ensure there is the right provision in place to support children and young people with SEND. Currently, the county council has a lower number of specialist education places than other similar authorities. Suffolk also has a high reliance on independent special school placements, which means children and young people often have to access their education outside of Suffolk away from their families.

The six-week consultation is asking for views from the public on two main issues:

- The key principles that will inform Suffolk's future commissioning of specialist education provision; and
- Preference for one of three options, each of which sets out a different commissioning strategy for the development of Suffolk's specialist educational provision.

The options are:

- Option 1 – to meet all additional growth for new specialist places through the independent sector
- Option 2 - to meet most of the additional growth by developing new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of children with very specialist needs
- Option 3 - to meet the additional growth by a combination of new specialist support centres attached to existing main stream and specialist providers and new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of very specialist needs.

As part of developing these proposals Suffolk County Council held workshops across Suffolk during April, May and June this year with education providers, parents and carers to develop a set of key principles and alternative options to present for consultation. The consultation closes at 5pm on 7 August. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDSufficiencyeducation for more information about the consultation.

Major review of highways maintenance in Suffolk launched

On 22 June, a major review launched of the way highways in Suffolk are maintained. The review will explore how Suffolk's limited highways budget can be used to best effect when maintaining the county's roads, pavements, bridges, grass verges, and other highways assets.

Areas to be reviewed include:

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP)
- How utility companies coordinate roadworks and are held to account for their actions
- How residents, councillors and businesses are informed about road repairs and how they can access information
- The approach to, and importance of, innovation within Suffolk Highways
- Financial control and contract management
- How the location of potholes on the road is considered alongside the width and depth, recognising the impact they can have on cyclists and motorcyclists
- How town and parish councils can work closer with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.

The views of local businesses, town, parish, district and borough councils and the public will be taken into account as part of the review. With immediate effect, a new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to oversee the areas that will make up the review.

Bringing affordable solar power to Suffolk

On 21 June, a call went out for homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups to register their interest in buying high quality, low-cost solar panels. The aim is to reduce electricity bills and help Suffolk become the Greenest County. Solar Together Suffolk is a pioneering bulk-buying project, supported by Suffolk County Council and local borough and district councils. It aims to bring affordable solar power to Suffolk and boost the county's renewable energy. This comes at a time when many residents are interested in exploring solar energy but would welcome a helping hand to make an informed decision and find a trustworthy installer. Similar projects have delivered a discount of 25 – 30% to homeowners on the cost of a solar panel system. Typically, domestic users can expect their investment in solar panels to be repaid within 10 years.

How does the scheme work?

- Homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups have until 21 August to register for free and without obligation at www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk
- 22 August: pre-vetted UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction. A large bulk order means they can pass on better savings to registered users.
- From 10 September: registered users will receive a personalised offer from the winning supplier.

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- 19 October: deadline for registered users to make a decision.
- After accepting the offer, a technical survey will be arranged after which an installation date will be confirmed.
- Telephone and email support is available throughout the whole process and information sessions will allow registered users to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment.

Suffolk's Public Health teams launch Diabetes Awareness Campaign

On 12 June, Suffolk County Council Public Health and OneLife Suffolk launched a campaign to raise awareness of how diabetes can be prevented or managed. Approximately 38,000 people are living with diabetes in Suffolk, a number which is increasing by 5% each year. There are also a further estimated 7,500 people in the county living with the condition who have not yet been diagnosed. Diabetes is a lifelong condition that causes a person's blood sugar level to become too high. There are two main types of diabetes, type 1 and type 2.

- With Type 1 diabetes, the body cannot produce insulin, a hormone produced to keep blood sugar levels from becoming too high or too low.
- With type 2 diabetes, the body either doesn't produce enough insulin or the body's cells don't react to insulin.

In both types of diabetes, this leads to high blood sugar levels, which can lead to severe complications such as cardiovascular disease, kidney failure and blindness, if not managed properly.

Around 60% of Type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented by making simple lifestyle changes. Early identification of people at risk and support to make key lifestyle changes can significantly reduce their chances of developing type 2 diabetes in the future.

With regard to the risk of developing type 2 diabetes:

- Risk increases with age. You are more at risk if you are white and over 40 or over 25 if you are African-Caribbean, Black African or South Asian.
- You are two to six times more likely to develop type 2 diabetes if you have a parent, brother sister or child with diabetes.
- Type 2 Diabetes is two to four times more likely in people of South Asian descent and African-Caribbean or Black African descent.
- You are more at risk if you have ever had high blood pressure.
- You are more at risk of type 2 diabetes if you are overweight.

The NHS health check performed by OneLife Suffolk offers a simple blood test called an HbA1c to anyone identified as being at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Visit www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk to find out more. Those who are ineligible to receive an NHS Health Check, can check whether they may be at risk by using the diabetes risk score calculator at

www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk/diabetes. OneLife Suffolk's adult weight management and Get Help to Get Active services offer support with diabetes. You can call **01473 718193** or visit www.onelifesuffolk.co.uk for more information. More advice and guidance is available at www.diabetes.org.uk.

Consultation on updated proposals for sand and gravel sites

On 12 June, a consultation launched on updated proposals for sand and gravel sites. Communities are invited to have their say as part of a six-week consultation. Suffolk County Council, as a minerals and waste planning authority, is required as part of the planning framework to make a provision for sand and gravel supplies - based largely on the average of sales over the previous 10 years, which is 1.112 million tonnes per year. The public consultation opened at 5pm on 11 June 2018 and runs until 5pm on 23 July 2018. This follows two previous public consultations. In response to feedback from the consultation held between October and December 2017, three of the proposed sites have now been reduced in area and additional policies have been introduced on all proposed sites. The 10 minerals sites included in the consultation are:

Barham, Barnham, Belstead, Cavenham, Layham, Tattingstone, Wangford, Wetherden, Wherstead, Worlington

To find out more about the consultation and how you can have your say visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste. Only one site for waste development is being proposed, at Sizewell A, for the treatment and temporary storage of radioactive material removed as part of decommissioning from Sizewell and other decommissioning stations. Currently Sizewell A is already benefitting from exporting waste to Bradwell Nuclear Power Station in Essex for treatment and temporary storage. While there are no current proposals to share the facilities in Sizewell, it is considered sensible to have policies in place if such a proposal is put forward in the future. Feedback from this consultation, along with the draft plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and an Examination in Public (EiP) is expected to be held early in 2019. Following the EiP, the Planning Inspector will produce a report which includes recommendations and details of any changes required. The county council will then adopt the plan as planning policy. Once the plan has been adopted, quarrying companies will still need to submit a planning application to the county council to extract materials. Companies will also pay landowners to dig up the materials on their fields – before selling it to construction companies. This work is likely to maintain employment in the area. Once the site has had its sand and gravel quarried, the site can be restored, by reshaping the land and covering with soils, which are stored during the extraction process. This is followed by a five-year aftercare period to make sure the land is brought up to the required standard. There will be 10 consultation events where members of the public can learn more about the preferred sites, speak to members of the minerals and waste team and fill in the consultation survey. To find out more about these drop-in events, visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste. A paper copy of the survey can be requested by calling 0345 603 1842 or emailing smwlp@suffolk.gov.uk or the survey can be taken over the phone by calling 0345 603 1842.

Upcoming We Are Listening events

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Suffolk residents are invited to come along and chat with the Leader of the Council, other county councillors and senior managers about their concerns and ideas for the county of Suffolk. The following We Are Listening events are scheduled for the remainder of 2018:

- **Framlingham:** Tuesday 18 September; **Bury St Edmunds:** Wednesday 26 September; **Haverhill:** Friday 12 October; **Ipswich:** Thursday 25 October

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