

WEST SUFFOK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SUSAN GLOSSOP

Annual report 2019

Committees on which I served

Joint officer appeals -substitute
Democratic renewal working party
Development control
Grant working party
Chairman of Licensing and regulatory committee until October 2018
Overview and scrutiny - Vice chair
Performance and audit –substitute
Cabinet member for Planning and Economic Development from October 2018

Outside bodies

Suffolk County Council Our Greenest board
West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trust

Attendance record for Council meetings

96% with 1 absence due to holiday

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Locality budget

I had £3,000 budget this year as I had saved £500 from the previous year towards Ingham play area. Please contact me if you have a scheme that requires funding. These are the projects which were assisted this year

Risby	multi games use	£500
Lackford	outside light for community centre in the church	£500
West Stow	defibrillator	£500
Ingham	play equipment	£1,000
Culford village	hall chairs	£500

Council Tax Council

Suffolk CC	3.00%	increase
Adult social care precept	1.00 %	increase
Police and crime commissioner	12.7%	increase
West Suffolk Council	0.0 %	no increase

Please note that there are changes to the Council tax bill, the name is West Suffolk and making payments, if you pay by direct debit there is no change.

If you pay by standing order you will need to make sure to use the reference number or bar code on your bill. If paying by standing order you will need to change this with your bank using the reference number and the new bank details as shown on your bill.

Planning Applications

On a much smaller scale, but possibly of more importance to residents of Ingham several individual planning applications have been made. The majority of the applications have been approved enabling people to build extensions or make alterations to their property. Not all applications go smoothly however, and I would strongly advise people wanting to put in an application to talk to the Parish Council who make comments pertinent to each application. In addition it is worth having some pre-application advice from Planning Officers. I am also readily available to discuss any individual plans with anyone in the village and I frequently act as a go-between between resident and Planning Officer to try to resolve any problems on an informal basis.

To follow is a spreadsheet listing the Ingham planning applications and decisions for this year.

Garden Waste Collection

The cost of a brown bin has been increased to £43 per year as from April 2019

link for signing up on line: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste

New West Suffolk Council

Following the elections on May 2nd 2019 the new council is in operation and for the first year it will be a District Council with a Chairman. The new council will have to at one of its first meetings debate and vote on whether it is going to submit a request to the privy council to become a Borough with a Mayor.

Civil Parking Enforcement

The secretary of State has not signed this order as yet due to the pressure of work caused by Brexit

Agreement has been reached between the Police, SCC, St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath that St Eds and Forest Heath will take on the role of control of street parking as will Mid Suffolk District Council. It should run at a surplus but more importantly enable control of parking issues in conjunction with our off street parking operations. This will enable St Eds to keep all on street income. The period will be from 2019 -2029 and the proposal has to go to the Secretary of State for approval.

Suffolk Business Park

Suffolk Business Park is a 68 hectare B1 and B8 employment allocation accessed via the Eastern Relief Road (opened September 2017)

IT is divided into two ownerships, Rougham Estates who own the eastern side and Taylor Wimpey who own the western side. West Suffolk Council has a small interest in the Taylor Wimpey land. Rougham Estates have engaged the development company Churchmanor Estates to promote and develop their land whilst Taylor Wimpey have engaged the developer Jaynic to promote their land interest.

The western side of the site has Outline consent for B1 and B8 uses; and the eastern side has a number of full planning consents for future occupiers. There are already six companies with signed deals to locate on the park including; Treatts PLC; ForFarmers; Thurlow Nunn Standen; The Ambulance Trust; Unipart; and Festool. In addition there is another large warehouse ready for occupation.

The business park is a key opportunity for West Suffolk Council to attract additional companies; encourage new start-ups; raise salary levels; address the shortfall in unit types; and create links to Cambridge.

14 hectares of land to the north-west of the TW land was granted Enterprise Zone status for a 25 year period from 1st April 2016.

Business rates growth within the Enterprise Zone area is retained by the relevant Local Enterprise Partnership and shared with West Suffolk Council on a percentage share agreement.

Town Centre Master plan

Work has started on the plans with a £8.4 million scheme to redevelop the Post office building with the redevelopment providing retaining the historic Victorian façade and the rear of the building developed into retail with 12 apartments above and the link between market place and the Arc being widened with new shop fronts onto St Andrews Street

Issues raised

The main issues in Ingham has been the A134 traffic, the need for a pedestrian crossing, and the play area together with some major planning applications

Pot holes

Fly tipping

Speeding traffic through the villages

Rural bus service

Maintenance of public rights of way

Dog fouling

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