

FOLLOWING:-**Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies****Beccles Sports and Social Club**

Councillor Janney reported that, although it had taken 13 years, the Club had now signed the under lease with Waveney District Council.

Working Party Reports**Bell Tower Working Party**

Councillor Downes reported that the volunteers had opened the Bell Tower over the Charter Weekend and had taken £542.50, bringing the season total to £2,394. It was suggested that the work of the volunteers should be recognised with a presentation.

37. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018

38. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 JUNE 2018**PROPOSAL**

To receive the draft minutes of the above meeting and consider the following recommendations:-

- (i) To award £500 to 2nd Beccles Scouts for fencing to make their site more secure***
- (ii) To award £400 to Beccles Public Hall towards the cost of a user friendly lighting panel***
- (iii) To award £250 to the Friends of Albert Pye School for books for the new library***
- (iv) To not award a grant to Beccles Rugby Club as the amount requested is beyond the annual Grants budget and request that the club may wish to submit an application for a smaller amount***

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Grants Committee meeting held on Friday 15 June 2018

- (i) To award £500 to 2nd Beccles Scouts for fencing to make their site more secure**
- (ii) To award £400 to Beccles Public Hall towards the cost of a user friendly lighting panel**

- (iii) To award £250 to the Friends of Albert Pye School for books for the new library
- (iv) To not award a grant to Beccles Rugby Club as the amount requested is beyond the annual Grants budget and request that the club may wish to submit an application for a smaller amount

39. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ASSETS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

PROPOSAL

To receive the draft minutes of the above meeting and consider the following recommendations:-

- (i) ***That Vehicle Activated Sign posts are installed as follows:-
Ellough Road (x2)
Banham Road
St Mary's Road
Northgate
Ravensmere***
- (ii) ***To set up a working party to oversee the works to Blyburgate Hall Cottage consisting of Councillors Topping, Brambley-Crawshaw, Brooks and Stubbings and that the working party is given delegated authority to agree extra works up to £2,500***
- (iii) ***To purchase two further Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), to be a different design to the current three signs and to seek two volunteers to assist with the moving around and charging of the cameras***

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Assets and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 11 June 2018

- (i) Councillor Topping, chair of the Assets & Environment Committee, reported that these were the six locations that had originally been agreed by council. Since then further locations had been put forward but these had been rejected. Suffolk County Council would only allow six posts in the town.

RESOLVED That Vehicle Activated Sign posts are installed as follows:-
Ellough Road (x2)
Banham Road
St Mary's Road
Northgate
Ravensmere

- (ii) Councillor Stubbings reported the committee had agreed to set up a working party to oversee the works at Blyburgate Hall Cottage and that it was sensible to allow a contingency for the works.

RESOLVED To set up a working party to oversee the works to Blyburgate Hall Cottage consisting of Councillors Topping, Brambley-

Crawshaw, Brooks and Stubbings and that the working party is given delegated authority to agree extra works up to £2,500

- (iii) Councillor Topping reported that Councillor Catchpole had suggested that the new signs should actually be the same as the existing signs so that they can be swapped about easily if necessary and so Councillor Topping proposed an amendment to the resolution, this was seconded by Councillor Stubbings and was agreed.

Councillors Stubbings and G Elliott volunteered to be responsible for moving around and charging the two new signs. Councillor Catchpole had suggested how the VAS posts could be split between the two sets of volunteers and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the data recording option should be added to both new signs.

RESOLVED To purchase two further Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), to be the same design as the current three signs and for Councillors Stubbings and G Elliott to act as two further volunteers to move around the signs and charge the batteries

40. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE ORGANISERS OF THE 100 YEARS OF THE VOTE EVENT TO AWARD A GRANT TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THE EVENT

The mayor reported that council, at a previous meeting, had agreed to support this event. The group had not been successful with its Government Grant application. The requested £156 would cover the cost of arts and crafts materials. Everybody involved were giving their time for free.

RESOLVED To grant £156 from the Beccles Projects grants budget in order to assist the 100 Years of the Vote Event being held on 13 October 2018

41. TO RECEIVE A REQUEST FROM PARAVANNI'S TO SELL ICE CREAMS FROM A TRAILER ON SHEEPGATE

It was suggested that as the council had turned down all other applications for this area as it was a pedestrian area and could become cluttered if anymore stalls were allowed, then this application should also be refused. There was also concern expressed that this could damage the trade of other ice cream sellers in the town.

There was the opposing view that this type of stall could bring people into the town centre and could perhaps be in position just for the school summer holidays.

There was discussion around agreeing a criteria against which such applications should be judged as the council needed to be transparent regarding the decision making process ie does it damage existing traders, is it adding to the ambience of the town and is it a local employer?

Councillor Stubbings proposed that Paravanni's is allowed an ice cream trailer on Sheepgate for three days per week over the six week school holiday period. This was seconded by Councillor G Elliott, a vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED To agree the request from Paravanni's to sell ice creams from a trailer on Sheepgate for three days per week during the 2018 six week school summer holiday period only

42. TO RECEIVE THE PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF THE POLICING OF PARKING ON BLYBURGATE HALL CAR PARK

Councillor Stubbings reported that the aim of policing parking on this car park was to ensure that it was only used by the patrons of the hall and that it was not a money making scheme.

Of the three quotations received, National Parking Management offered the cheapest and simplest solution. Photos could be taken on an app of cars parked in the car park when the hall isn't booked. The photos are then sent through to the company who send out a fine.

Councillor Stubbings therefore proposed acceptance of National Parking Management's proposal, this was seconded by Councillor Topping, a vote was taken and it was therefore

RESOLVED To accept the proposal from National Parking Management in respect of the policing of parking on Blyburgate Hall car park

43. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO DATE

RESOLVED To approve the Summary of Receipts and Payments to date

44. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2018

RESOLVED To approve the Schedule of Payments for July 2018

45. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The mayor reported that it had been a very busy six weeks. Charter Weekend was excellent. All councillors had been invited to the party at the Children's Home on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

46. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AS TUESDAY 17 JULY 2018, PROVIDED THERE IS SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS REQUIRING ATTENTION

47. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS - PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IT IS PROPOSED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING MATTERS

RESOLVED Admission to meetings - pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is agreed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining matters

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME - AUGUST 2018

<i>Payments</i>	<i>Chq No.</i>	<i>Total (exc VAT)</i>	<i>Total (inc VAT)</i>	<i>Unrecoverable VAT</i>
Retrospective				
Beccles Town Council	bacs	£ 6,884.47	£ 6,884.47	
Google	dd	£ 8.25	£ 8.25	
Waveney District Council	dd	£ 65.00	£ 65.00	
	dd	£ 53.00	£ 53.00	
	dd	£ 224.85	£ 224.85	
	dd	£ 160.00	£ 160.00	
	dd	£ 150.33	£ 150.33	
	bacs	£ 290.00	£ 290.00	
Beccles Business Ass	103754	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	
Beccles Sea Cadets	103753	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	
Felix Shoe Repairs	103751	£ 14.85	£ 14.85	
Sentinel Leisure Trust	103752	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	
Beccles Town Council	103744	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	
Anglia Farmers	dd	£ 6.40	£ 6.40	
	dd	£ 40.42	£ 48.50	
	dd	£ 56.63	£ 67.96	
Fire Safety Services	103750	£ 65.00	£ 78.00	
Goose Green Nurseries	103748	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,400.00	
2nd Beccles Scouts	103745	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	
Beccles Public Hall	103746	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	
Albert Pye	103747	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	
Matt Carter	bacs	£ 7,600.00	£ 7,600.00	
Current				
IRS Recruitment	103755	£ 1,456.63	£ 1,747.96	
Coopers	103756	£ 22.20	£ 26.64	
Brett Snowling	103757	£ 185.00	£ 222.00	
Waveney Norse	103758	£ 250.00	£ 300.00	
Bartram Mowers Ltd	103759	£ 213.16	£ 255.80	
Securicom	103760	£ 225.00	£ 270.00	
Broadland Security Alarms	103761/62	£ 226.30	£ 271.56	
Goose Green Nurseries	103763	£ 275.50	£ 275.50	
Mark Jolly	103764	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	
Force Fresh	103765	£ 95.90	£ 115.08	
First Utility	103766	£ 16.79	£ 17.63	
SALC	103767	£ 26.00	£ 31.20	

G.B.E.

East Anglian Computer Supplies	Stationery	103768	£ 42.70	£ 51.24	
Townsend Electrical	PAT Testing - Town Hall	103769	£ 210.00	£ 252.00	
Parkinson Partnership	VAT Advice	103770	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	
National Allotment Society	Membership Fee	103771	£ 55.00	£ 66.00	
GYH	Plumbing Works - Blyburgate Hall	103772	£ 355.65	£ 426.78	
	Total expenditure		£ 23,470.03	£ 24,176.00	£ -

Receipts

Rents	Land rents		£ -
Rents	Unit rents		£ 2,393.96
Rents	Property rents		£ -
Hall Hire	Blyburgate Hall		£ 1,786.99
Friday Market	Market rents		£ 695.00
Bell Tower	Tour Income		£ 772.65
Groundwork UK	Grant for Neighbourhood Plan		£ 6,342.00
H M Revenue	VAT Refund		£ 3,153.16
Suffolk County Council	Ill Health Retirement Insurance Reimbursement		£ 221.38
CCLA Deposit Fund	Interest		£ 32.21
	Total income		£ 15,397.35

Bank balances at 7 August 2018

Barclays Current account		£ 67,164.54
Barclays Imprest account		£ 2,633.10
Barclays Active Saver		£ -
CCLA Deposit Fund		£ 75,000.00
Nationwide Business Bond		£ 77,537.79
Lloyds Bank 12 Month Bond		£ 77,368.00
Co-Op Current Account		£ 5,729.93

Signed: *E. Brown-Crawshaw*
Chair of meeting

[Signature]
Responsible Financial Officer

**** Items in bold and italics have been added or amended since the draft version**

07-Aug-18

Reports to Beccles Town Council on 3 July 2018

Suffolk Police

The Safer Neighbourhood Team's report is attached.

It was pointed out that domestic abuse usually goes up during the World Cup, so it was good to see that the crime for June had decreased.

Suffolk County Council

Councillor Brambley-Crawshaw gave her report (attached).

Waveney District Council

Councillor G Elliott gave his report (attached). Councillor Elliott reported that the Boundary Commission Consultation period had begun.

Councillor Topping gave her report (attached).

Report from Mental Health Champion

Councillor Downes reported that the Health and Well Being Event had been held at Blyburgate Hall on 5 June. Attendance had been quite low, and there was difficulty making the public aware of the event. She also attended 'Dream Big' at St Luke's Church. There was a lot of positive work amongst the Youth Groups. Councillors needed to think of ways of getting more involved in the community. A Mental Health Roadshow was taking place on Friday 21 July between 10am and 12:30pm in Sheepgate.

June 2018

SNT Newsletter

Beccles and Bungay

You said...

>Reports from the local community ASB issues Rigbourne Hill

>ASB trial/ motorbikes using the Old Ellough Airfield to race

We did...

>In addition to regular patrols and working with the church and supporting agencies working on a joint approach to help address issues to educate and engage with the young people

>SNT working with land owner to put measures in place to deter entry to land and people who rent the land for business use to help identify riders.

STOLEN TOOLS = LOSS OF INCOME

GET TOOL S.M.A.R.T



Responding to issues in your community

There were 128 reported crimes, for June, compared with 149 reported for May.

The breakdown is as follows:

	May	June
Beccles	94	78
Worlingham	0	3
Walrford	0	3
Bungay	61	46

The Town Centre parking issues addressed by issuing 13 FPN's during this period.

Speed checks have been carried out in the areas of Ellough Rd. London Rd. Beccles, Lowestoft Rd Worlingham, Flixton Rd Bungay.

Out of 726 vehicles monitored 7 were over the speed limit and will be dealt with accordingly.

Future events

8th July - Bungay Duck Race , Falcon Meadow.

9th July - Police and Crime Commissioner Road Show, Wherry Hotel Oulton Broad Lowestoft open event - 7pm

5th August - Maisebrook Fete ShlpMeadow

10th August - The Police Crime Commissioner and the Deputy Chief Constable will be in Beccles in Sheepgate, from 11:30 - 13:30.

17th August - Street Meet - 10:00-11:00 Beccles outside kings head area. 11:45 - 12:45 Bungay Market Place

Making the community safer

PCSO Deborah Osborne and PCSO Gary Wallace attended the Wellbeing event in Beccles at Blyburgate hall with Pc 1330 Yeldham the Community Engagement Officer "CEO" and a member of the Special Constabulary Sc Jed Levett. All were able to offer advice on a variety of crime prevention and related issues

Pcso Deborah Osborne and Pc 1330 Yeldham went to the Waveney Centre Beccles With the four Towns Crime Prevention Team for the Breakfast event to offer support and assistance to those who attended.

Pcso Deborah Osborne and Pc 1330 Yeldham did some "Street Meets" on the 21st June which was Suffolk Day and were in Beccles and Bungay, meeting several residents and visitors to the area and speaking with them about community issues.

SNT continue to work with our partner agencies to reduce demand also highlight vulnerable communities trying to get support when required.

Preventing, Reducing and Solving Crime and ASB

Street Meets

With the Re-introduction of the "Street Meets" we hope to be in the local area once a month in addition to normal patrol so that you know where we will be and when. So if you have police related queries or require advice you can come and have a chat, we will let you know on the newsletter when the next date is, starting from August 2018. We are lucky now to have a Facebook page as well as a Twitter page which will give you Policing information about Lowestoft, Beccles and Bungay and surrounding areas. Search for Lowestoft Police on Facebook for more information.

With everyone outdoors enjoying the good weather here are just a few considerations with regards to security and Crime Prevention:

The security of your outbuildings, such as sheds and garages, often takes second place to securing your home. However, sheds and garages can contain high value items such as bicycles, gardening equipment and tools. Think about what you store in your outbuildings and add up the value – how much would you lose if your shed or garage was broken into and how inconvenient would that be? A few simple, relatively cheap measures will help secure outbuildings and deter would-be thieves.

Hints and tips for securing your outbuildings:

- Avoid storing valuable items like power tools and golf clubs in your shed. These items should be kept inside your home or a secure garage.
- Remember to lock your shed or garage after use.
- Secure shed doors by fitting a strong hasp and staple (also called a 'padbar'). Secure this with coach bolts and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackle padlock.
- Secure shed door hinges with coach bolts or non-removable screws.
- Further protect your shed with a 'shed bar'. This and other approved security products will improve the security of your shed or garage and can be found at www.ecdsecure.com or www.securedbydesign.com
- Replace any rotten door or window frames
- Replace broken glass panes or use perspex or polycarbonate as a more secure alternative for shed and garage windows. Use a window lock along with a strong grille or wire mesh. Use curtains or netting so people cannot see inside. Screw windows shut if you do not use them.
- Fit a good quality battery operated alarm to your outbuilding.
- Up-and-over garage doors can be secured by putting padlocks through the inside runners or fitting padlocks with a hasp and staple on either side of the door.
- Fit British Standard approved locks to all your external garage doors including Integral doors which encase your house.
- If you have a household alarm fitted, consider extending the system to cover your garage.
- Chain items such as bicycles, ladders and lawnmowers to a strong anchor point or to each other and use a closed shackle padlock.
- Property mark items such as drills and lawnmowers. Items can be postmarked by etching, painting, stencilling, etc.
- Register your property at www.immohise.com this is a free web based property registration service supported by Norfolk & Suffolk Police.
- Make sure your household insurance covers your shed or garage.

If you wish to know more please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team

This SNT covers the following parishes

The wards of Beccles North, Beccles South, Bungay, Wainford and Worlingham

Parish Report July 2018

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Opposition successfully “call in” Suffolk County Council school transport cuts

On Tuesday 19 June, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet voted to change the Home to School Transport policy so that only children travelling to their nearest school would receive free transport. The changes are due to be phased in from September 2019.

As you may be aware, I and my colleagues within the Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group have been opposed to this policy change since it was announced in September 2018. There has also been very vocal opposition from schools, parents and carers across Suffolk.

Following the Cabinet meeting, opposition councillors from all parties united to “call-in” the decision. We have received confirmation from the Monitoring Officer that the concerns presented within our call-in are valid.

This means the decision has been put on hold until 9 July, when the council’s Scrutiny Committee will investigate further. If they determine that the Cabinet did not have enough information to make an appropriate and informed decision, the matter will be referred back to Cabinet to reconsider at a later date.

The “call-in” was successful on three fronts:

1. There is concern at the quality and reliability of the financial modelling;
2. Whether the Cabinet were fully informed of the role of the Consultation Institute;
3. Whether there was enough analysis of the experience of Essex County Council, who implemented a similar policy in 2013.

Major review of Suffolk Highways announced

The new Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Mary Evans, has launched a major review of the way highways in Suffolk are maintained.

Areas due to be reviewed include:

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP);
- 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 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;
- Financial control and contract management;
- How town and parish councils can work closer with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.

Lake Lothing Third Crossing will require an additional £8m

Consent has been given by the Cabinet to finalise and submit development plans for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing to the Planning Inspectorate. There are high levels of public support for the project, with a recent public consultation showed that 96% agree there is a need for the bridge.

The latest budget predictions suggest a further £8 million may be needed to complete the project, due to the rising cost of land acquisitions. Suffolk County Council have stated that the project will be managed so as to contain this upward pressure on the budget as much as possible. However, the Cabinet have acknowledged the potential additional costs to give the Planning Inspectorate comfort that the bridge will be funded in all scenarios.

The further funding of £8m will be made available by the Cabinet if needed.

Consultation launched on future commissioning of specialist education services

Suffolk County Council have launched a consultation into the commissioning strategy for the development of Suffolk's specialist educational provision.

Demand for specialist education places in Suffolk for children with SEND continues to grow, and currently the county council has a much lower number of specialist education places than other similar authorities. This means that many children in Suffolk are forced to travel out of county to access the education provision they need – and often Suffolk County Council foots the bill.

At a time when the Council is attempting to reduce the amount of free home to school transport it provides over fears of escalating costs, it is vital that we begin to provide more SEND provision within Suffolk.

The 6 week consultation will look at three options for meeting the additional demand for specialist provision. More information and a link to the consultation can be found online at: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDsufficiencyeducation>

Monthly Report
Graham Elliott
Waveney District Councillor for Beccles North
3 July 2018

Railway Station

I have finally managed to gain access to an area behind the island platform at the railway station to pick up rubbish. We have done an initial litter pick in this area but it will take a while to clean it completely and then we will be able to plant it with some drought tolerant plants. The new replica heritage sign has finally been installed on the non-operational platform and the new passenger shelter has been officially "opened". All three of these projects have taken over two years to bring to fruition!

I went to London to see Greater Anglia & Network Rail to try and facilitate an agreement for the station forecourt in Beccles.

Anaerobic Digester Plant

I met with the operator of the BioCow Anaerobic Digester Plant on Copland Way in Worlingham. I was accompanied by an Environmental Health Officer from Waveney District Council. We discussed the operation of the plant and in particular the temporary clamps that have been in use for the last 12 months. BioCow have agreed to empty the temporary clamps and to construct permanent structures in line with their planning consent BEFORE the maize harvest starts in September. If this doesn't take happen the Council's Environmental Health and Planning teams will consider enforcement action against the operator. BioCow have pledged to keep their delivery vehicles out of Beccles and Worlingham and to fully utilize the Beccles Southern Relief as soon as it is open. They have been subject to road closures over the last few weeks due to the construction of the new road and these have resulted in some additional journeys through the town.

Waveney Norse have agreed to have a trail in the "ashes" section of Beccles cemetery in which they will try to avoid leaving grass from strimmers covering the most recent gravestones. With no rain it will be a while before we can assess the impact of the trial!

I have got the footbridge on the footpath next to The Dell scheduled for replacement after being alerted it was unsafe by a resident. Thanks Elfrede for help with this.

I ran a case study workshop on the Beccles Lido project at the "Roots & Branches" Festival at Ringsfield Hall.

Thanks to Andrea I have put a resident in touch with the Royal Oak in Ravensmere so that he can use a bottle bank that is accessible by mobility scooter.

I have watered and undertaken emergency pruning on several recently planted street trees in Beccles.

I have obtained permission from WDC to carry out minor works to their footway in Goose Green West to allow the pedestrian bridge to be constructed to access the Napier terrace allotment site. All consents are now in place.

There was a useful Scrutiny meeting with a representative from Anglian Water answering questions from Members on many issues including the ability of AW to cope with the proposed level of development in the area.

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I have raised concern about the electoral registration process and the ability of people to register at a house where they do not live . This is of particular relevant to people who are homeless and travellers as well as students. It also has implications for people who claim the single person council tax discount.

Finally I have dealt with queries from residents about issues relating to building control, council tax, noise, planning, harassment and housing.

Graham Elliott
3 July 2018

Claire Boyne

Subject: FW: WDC councillor report

As Deputy Cabinet for Resources I have attended several meetings with the team regards Puddingmoor Flooding, this report is now ready to go to Cabinet on 11th July where we will be asking for monies and thus go ahead to rectify the flooding issues down Puddingmoor. If we get Cabinet support we are anticipating this work commencing the first week of September.

As Deputy Cabinet for Communities there is a Muncheon Mingle event being put on at Beccles Free School tomorrow. This is to try and address issues of social isolation in older people and cross age engagement with members of our youth through games, tea and cake. Open to all from 1pm - 3pm.

Again as Deputy Cabinet for Communities, WDC are organising an event on Suffrage and the Representation of the People Act on October 27th in Lowestoft. Several organisational meetings have been held and a very interesting event is shaping up with career ladies being involved with a Q and A session. Short plays. High School engagement by producing poetry, prose, play script, etc.

I have had multiple emails regards the Blocow tractors and have communicated with Chris from Blocow. The Rye harvest spike has not passed and the next spike is due late August/early September. By that time the new Southern Relief Road should be open and taking some of that traffic. This particular spike has not been aided by the closure of the Ellough Road for the SRR works, but could not be helped.

Housing issues. I have had an ongoing issue with two sets of neighbours who have had boundary issues. Chris Punt kindly sorted this as Cabinet Member for Housing. Also have further neighbour issues, which we are currently addressing.

I have had an ongoing issue with a home owner who has Japanese Knotweed which Waveney Norse are helping with.

Parking issues have commenced again along Puddingmoor and PCSO Deborah Osbourne gave out tickets for Lido users over the weekend.

Shadow council meetings continue to be held at Darsham, as a 'half way house' between the two councils. WDC have tried to address the inconvenient location problem by putting on transport links from the Darsham train station to High Lodge, however lack of take up at the last meeting meant there was no call for this transport and thus is was cancelled. We will see if there is take up in the future.

Three large orange bins have been installed in the A146 layby to try to highlight the amount of money councils spend on litter and fly tipping. Beccles Bombs picked the area two weeks after the bins were installed and noticed a reduced amount of litter, we will pick it again next week and see if the litter has continued to decline. We do however have a huge litter problem at the play park off Bramley Rise/Coxs Close. This is now the worst hotspot in Beccles and the youths are also setting fires. I have emailed our local Fire Chief and asked if he and his team could try engaging with these young people and await a response.

Councillor Caroline Topping
WDC Beccles South 3rd July 2018