

Clopton Annual

2018

Issue 4



Welcome to the fourth issue of the Clopton Annual. In it you will find reports from councillors and local organisations along with useful information and contact details for all local groups.

The Parish Council meets on the third Thursday of alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, & Nov) and all residents are welcome to attend and participate in the open session.

Details and times of meetings can be found on the Clopton website:



<http://www.clopton.onesuffolk.net> along with more information about the village of Clopton.

You are welcome to add information, editorial, or advertising to the next publication - just send to cloptonnews@gmail.com by April 2019.

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-18

Six meetings of the Parish Council were held during the year, as scheduled.

Changes

There were no changes to the members of the Council during the year and I wish to thank all participants for their work and effort. Two vacancies continue to remain unfilled.

I should like to thank Tony Fryatt for his on-going work as our District Councillor for the Grundisburgh Ward and for the insight he gives us into the various aspects of the planning process though his participation in the planning committees. I should also like to thank Cllr. Robin Vickery for his representation of Clopton as part of Carlford Ward at County level.

Accounts

Total receipts for the year amounted to £4,049.78, of which £3,700.00 came from the Precept, £331.70 for Transparency Funding and £18.08 from bank interest. Total gross expenditure amounted to £6,255.00 excluding VAT, of which £3015.31 was taken from Ear Marked Reserves and the playing space funding from SCDC. General Reserves at 31 March 2018 stood at £6,557.35, an increase of £899.97 over the year.

The internal auditors have approved the accounts and have issued a clean audit report. The precept for 2018/19 remains unchanged at £3,700.00 for the 6th consecutive year.

Planning Applications

Twenty-two new planning applications were validated during the year, 16 of which were permitted, one conditional approval was met, 2 applications were refused and 3 are awaiting decision.

Events, Topics & Issues

GDPR: A considerable amount of time has been spent, especially by the Clerk, in finding out exactly what the Council must do in order to implement the requirements of GDPR by the enforcement deadline of 25 May 2018. The process is now well on the way to compliance and the Clerk and I will work together to finalise and document the outstanding issues, including the Clopton Newsletter. It remains to be clarified whether the appointment of a DPO is necessary in that, although it is a statutory requirement for all public bodies, a dispensation is being sought from the government for parish councils.

Defibrillator: The Council decided to revisit its decision recorded in last year's report not to proceed with a defibrillator. It has now been agreed to install a defibrillator in the redundant telephone kiosk opposite Shop Road under the guidance of the Community Heartbeat Trust. The telephone kiosk has now been

adopted from BT, a grant of £1,725 has been received from the National Lottery, further support has been kindly promised by Cllr Fryatt from his District Council funds and the Parish Council will fund any shortfall from Reserves. The support package offered by the CHT includes the training of volunteers in defibrillator use.

Emergency Planning: Following discussion with the VH, it was decided not to proceed for the time being with the installation of a power connection for a generator in the VH for use in emergencies since it was felt that a) it would not be used and b) securing a generator would be difficult in the event of any likely emergency. Further views are to be sought.

Notice Boards: The parish notice boards on the corner of Shop Road and Rouse Hall Gardens and at the Village Hall continue to be subjected to repeated vandalism and the broken glass and Perspex presents a safety risk. Some of the glass has been replaced with polycarbonate sheet to test its vandal resistance but this is an expensive solution to a needless problem.

Faster Broadband: Openreach has completed the installation of fibre cables along the B1079 and at the Charsfield end of Drabbs Lane which should become operational during this summer. It is expected that this will make a significant improvement to broadband speeds in the village for little additional cost. The Council will continue to monitor broadband speeds from time to time to gauge the improvement.

Suffolk Coastal Local Plan: The Council responded to the SCDC Consultation Document broadly to the effect that there would be no objection to an appropriately sized and properly sited small development of affordable housing within the parish. A list of all potential development sites within Clopton as submitted by landowners to SCDC following their call for sites was circulated.

RDA Woodbridge : The RDA completed the construction of its new facilities at Shop Farm and held its official opening in December. A notice has been placed at the entry to Shop Road notifying visitors that access to the RDA is via Catts Hill / Monewden Road

Traffic Speed: The Council hosted a meeting of SaViD in April 2017 during which the provision of a SID for use in local villages on a shared basis was discussed. A County Council site suitability checklist had to be completed under which Clopton unfortunately did not meet the required criteria for deployment of a SID. Once again, The Council is most grateful to Della Hughes, an unsung hero for all her hard work in running the Clopton News email and the village website.

C A Angwin 17 May 2018
Chairman

Minutes of Parish Council meetings can be viewed on the Clopton website: <http://www.clopton.onesuffolk.net>

Suffolk County Council Report for Carlford Division. 17th May 2018.

Since your last Annual Parish Meeting I have been re-elected as your County Councillor for Carlford Division, and my first task was to attend numerous mandatory training sessions, covering such things as Health and Safety, Corporate Parenting, IT, Emergency Planning, my role as your councillor and courses associated with committees I have been appointed to.

The councillor appointments I was given following the election in May were:-

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Pension Board.

Suffolk Armed Forces Community Champion.

East Anglian Army Reserve and Cadet Assn Representative.

Cabinet Committee for Health and Wellbeing issues.

Joint Advisory Committee for Areas of Natural Beauty.

Suffolk County Council Observer on the Boards of The New Wolsey Theatre and Eastern Angles Theatre Group.

I have also been appointed to the Lord Lieutenant's 2018 Committee for Commemorating the Centenary of the Signing of the Armistice. We have been planning 5 Major events across the County, as well as encouraging other events being organised by other organisations within the County. I am also encouraging the Planting of Oak Trees across the County as a living memorial to all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, especially members of the Suffolk Regiment. Your Parish Council may like to participate.

I have also been on the interviewing Panel to find a replacement for our retiring Armed Forces Commissioner, and our choice has been ratified by the Suffolk Leaders Board, and Lt Col John Ogden Ret. has been appointed.

In addition to attending all the main Suffolk County Council meetings, I have also attended as many Parish Council meetings as possible, and numerous fetes, coffee mornings and social events throughout the Division, in order to meet as many Parishioners as possible.

Most of the concerns I have encountered at Parish Council meetings are issues relating to Highways, whether it be potholes, speeding through villages, speed restrictions, hedge cutting, footpaths or signage.

I wasn't allocated a local highways budget this financial year, which has meant I haven't been able to achieve much due to lack of finance to resolve these issues. However, I have been able to finance various projects, such as defibrillators and improvements to village halls, and a bench in memory of Peter Bellfield from my Locality Budget. Apart from the Education Budget, the two main areas of expense are Children and Young People and Adult Social Care. Both those budgets have overspent in the last year, and the shortfall has had to be made good from the Council's reserves. As a result, Suffolk County Council's basic council tax rate has been increased for the first time in seven years, and the amount raised has been ring fenced for Adult Social Care. Suffolk County Councillors have had some very difficult decisions to make, and as Councillors we are having to find different ways of providing services in a very difficult economic climate.

County Councillor Robin Vickery.



Some of the kneelers embroidered by local residents for Clopton Church. More pictures on Clopton website.

Cllr Fryatt – Clopton Parish Council APM

Cllr Fryatt's report was a little too long for this publication. The first two pages are printed here and the report in full can be read on the Parish Council pages of the Clopton website.

Deben Leisure Centre. - The rejuvenation of the facilities at Woodbridge to a provide leisure centre to meet modern requirements. This is well under way and will be opening later this year. It is part of the five year scheme to modernise our leisure facilities. Plans are in hand for the redevelopment at Leiston and proposals are being formulated for the amenities at Felixstowe.

Shortage of Houses. - Throughout the year the problems with the shortage of houses (particularly affordable houses) has been a major issue for us as the Local Planning Authority (LPA). The Government have tried a number of initiatives to boost the supply but without any real consequence. They did produce two papers – The White Paper and “Building the Right Homes in the Right Places”. After some lengthy consultation, these have resulted in some proposed changes in planning law and in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

New Developments. - We have now seen planning consent granted to the Adastral Park development which will bring around 2,000 homes to Martlesham and surrounding areas together with supporting infrastructure. Very recently we have given consent for the redevelopment of the old Council site at Melton Hill for housing.

Planning - The final version of the Issues and Options documents will be circulated for consultation/comment in July, for 8 weeks. Thereafter, we have until May 2019 to pass through all the regulatory hoops to enable it to become our new Local Plan. At the same time, we will have to adopt the many changes that are likely to be made to the NPPF and ensure that our planning policies are up to date.

Creation of East Suffolk District

Now that the proposal has been ratified, we have the enormous task of bring all the activities of the two Councils together. Work is under way to ensure that we become one functioning team in time for the District elections in May 2019, with one officer core and one constitution.

One big decision has to be made at the earliest stage – how many Wards, and hence, how many Ward members. The final decision will be made by the Boundary Commissioner in the Autumn. He has asked us to submit our proposals and there has been considerable discussion around these issues. The final figure agreed was for a total of 55 wards – a reduction of 35 on the current numbers. As a result, the current Warding pattern has to be changed. Again, the Boundary Commissioner would like our views. The proposals developed will be discussed / endorsed at a joint Council meeting on 30 April.

The proposals for our patch are as follows. A New Ward comprising:

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- Grundisburgh,
- Culpho,
- Otley,
- Clopton,
- Witnesham,
- Swilland,
- Charsfield,
- Dallinghoo,
- Debach,
- Burgh

The proposed name for the new Ward – Carlford since these parishes represent almost the entire Carlford diocese. There will be one Ward member.

Recycling Right?

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. This facility is designed to only accept and process certain materials. If the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.

To ensure the correct items are put into their recycling bins, residents are being asked to remember the following points to combat contamination:

- Food waste, glass, electrical items, and batteries are just some of the common contaminants found. These items can't go in your recycling bin at home but they can be recycled elsewhere. Information on where they can be recycled are in the leaflet and online.
- Textiles and clothes can no longer go in the recycling bin, either bagged or loose. Instead people are asked to donate their clothing to charity shops, or to take it to their nearest recycling banks.
- Some people are even putting used nappies in their recycling bins. These must always go in the rubbish bin.
- Anything smaller than 4cm, such as loose bottle tops or shredded paper, won't get recycled they fall through the sorting process. However, bottle tops can be recycled by simply washing and squashing plastic bottles and putting the tops back on.
- Aluminium foil needs to be rolled into a tennis ball size before being placed in the recycling bin.

While it is great we are recycling more than half of our household waste here in Suffolk, this campaign will hopefully help people better understand what can be put in their recycling bins and what can't. Contaminating your recycling bin isn't a small problem and this year it's costing Suffolk taxpayers over £500,000 just to remove the wrong stuff. This money could be better spent supporting services elsewhere. It's therefore vital that we all do our bit and help get our recycling right. For more information about what can be recycled in your blue bin, please visit www.suffolkrecycle.today

The remainder of this report can be seen on the Clopton website.



Communications: Annual Report for Clopton APM 17 May 2018

Clopton Website: www.clopton.onesuffolk.net - This year Community Action Suffolk, which owns and manages the OneSuffolk website system (of which the Clopton website is part) was forced to upgrade the website software. The previous system was outdated and the software suppliers would no longer support the old version. All village websites were upgraded over several days in January and, in February, the Parish Clerk and I went on a free half day training course to bring us up to date with the new software. The new website has an updated look and is now, after a few weeks of tweaking, running smoothly. I am waiting to see what action, if any, I need to take concerning GDPR. A representative from OneSuffolk has advised that any action would probably be minimal. The website maintenance charge, payable by the Parish Council, has risen to £60.00 p.a.

Clopton eNews: cloptonnews@gmail.com - Delivery of Clopton eNews emails via Google Groups has been running smoothly this year, with none of the "spam" problems experienced in previous years. There are currently 98 recipients of the Enews in Clopton plus all those in Grundisburgh who receive the "What's On" emails. Our alliance with Grundisburgh has provided us with news of events in other villages and we hope they also enjoy our emails. I am waiting to see what actions, if any, I might have to take to comply with GDPR but think this will be minimal.

Clopton Annual Newsletter - This year will see the fourth issue of the Clopton annual newsletter. The time taken to compile and print the Annual Newsletter is extensive and I have considered providing a digital copy only. However, some residents of Clopton are not signed up to Clopton eNews, some do not have Broadband or do not own a computer, so would not have access to the information. A paper copy of the annual can also be useful to all residents as a handy list of contacts and local information. A digital copy is posted to the Clopton website for those who prefer to recycle their copy.

*Della Hughes
27 April 2018*



Church of St Mary the Virgin

Report for Parish Council Annual Meeting May 17th 2018

A project to make kneelers for the church was started this year. Twenty kits have been purchased. The Village Fete fund donated money for nine kneelers and eleven have been purchased by families in memory of relatives. Most of the kneelers are being worked by members of the Hobbies Group.

The bats are still causing problems with excessive fouling throughout the church in the summer months.

The bells continue to be rung regularly by our own Clopton band each week and by visiting ringers. They were rung fifty six times by seventy three different people. Ringers came from London, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Hertfordshire, East Yorkshire, Devon, Essex, Norfolk, Derbyshire and Northamptonshire. One new person started to learn.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride saw nineteen riders visit the church and three people rode for Clopton.

Six boxes of food were given to the Salvation Army Hostel in Ipswich after our Harvest Service.

The Remembrance Service in November was held at the 493rd Bombardment Group memorial off Snipe Farm Road.

Carol Singers sang around parts of the village and raised money for the East Anglian Children's Hospice in Ipswich.

The annual Candlelight Carol Service had a congregation of one hundred and forty people breaking all records! The collection of £368.95 went to the Salvation Army Hostel for the homeless in Ipswich.

Prepared by Doris Main

Clopton Heritage Group



Clopton Local History Recorder

Report for Clopton Parish Council Annual Meeting May 17th 2018

The Heritage group only held one event this year. This was an open evening for people to look at all the materials collected so far. The meeting was well attended and several people whose ancestors lived in Clopton came to look at the displays and donate materials. Spreadsheets were designed listing all the houses in the village. We hoped to find who was living in the houses in the past by using census and electoral roll records and also recording the present day occupants.

The records kept in the church are used regularly by visitors trying to trace their families. The church is always open during daylight hours and people are welcome to visit at any time.

The website continues to attract lots of 'hits' and several people (mainly from America and Canada) have asked for help in tracing ancestors.

The full copy of the Recorder's report is sent to the Suffolk Record Office each January and is available for the public to see.

Doris Main

Clopton Midsummer Fete

Following a lack of response to requests for volunteers to help with the 2018 fete, it was decided not to proceed.

Clopton Village Hall

Clopton Village Hall Management Committee - Report to Clopton Annual Parish Meeting 2018



Work of the last year has concentrated on maintaining the standard of the hall and continuing to make improvements.

The main items are:

- Residents will have noticed the much improved grass cutting of the field. This was carried out by people in the village rather than an outside contractor which meant that the cutting could be timed to fit the growth pattern and events planned at the hall. The cutting was also more frequent and brought a small increase in cost.
- Completion of installation of swings on the playing field alongside the existing play trail. These are one toddler swing and one open swing for older children (no adults please!)
- A plaque fixed to the hall wall acknowledging sponsorship for the play equipment and swings.
- Replacing the wooden kitchen door to match the windows and other doors replaced previously.
- Installing a drainage gully at the end of the path to the main door where we previously always had a large puddle after any rain. This has solved the problem and has kept the hall floor cleaner.
- Adding a key box by the main door to provide flexibility in giving access to hirers.
- Replacement of the electricity slot meter with a new design to take new £1 coins, and providing a small stepladder to reach the meter and switches safely.
- Adding a clothing and shoe bank to the recycling area.
- Further work on the hedges and shrubs to improve density and make them easier to maintain.

General situation:

Maintenance costs have risen in the past year and will clearly rise further. This is against a background of static income from hirings and the committee is considering fund-raising activities to compensate.

There are also some major expenditure items that will be required in the next few years, most notably on the heating system as the boiler is now quite old and on the exterior woodwork of the hall, which is deteriorating.

Diana Dawson
VH Management Committee
17 May 2018

W J Steel & Poor's Charity no 211366

Report to Clopton Annual Parish Meeting 2018

Minutes of the W.J.Steel and Poor's Charites Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018 at Sommar House, Clopton, at 10.15 am.

Present : Rev Clare Sanders, Doris Main, Sue Christensen.

Apologies : None.

Minutes of the last meeting on Friday 28th April 2017: Already circulated.

Matters arising : A donation of £100 was sent to Woodbridge Lions Club for their Christmas parcel scheme, as agreed at the last meeting. However, an email was received from Ian Gander, treasurer of the |Lions Club, explaining that the Lions Club has now joined forces with the Salvation Army to distribute Christmas parcels to 'deserving' adults/children in the Woodbridge area and that there would be no guarantee that any of the recipients would be Clopton residents. As this contravenes the terms of the Charity, the donation was returned, and Doris and Sue made up and delivered parcels to the Clopton residents who have received them from the Lions Club in previous years. The total amount spent on six parcels was £86.30.

Trustees : Rev Clare Sanders has become Ex-officio trustee in place of Rev Jane Hall. The term of office of the Co-optative trustee (Doris Main) runs until 2022, and that of the Nominative trustee (Sue Christensen) until 2020.

Financial report : The income for the year ending 31st December 2017 was £17.72.

The balance in the bank was £30.82, and the value of capital £536.27.

Expenditure was £86.30.

Donations : As in previous years, no applications for grants have been received from residents of Clopton. Over the last few years, donations and grants have been paid for from accrued income from investments, and there is now only £30.82 left in the bank account. It was decided to gradually sell units of the COIF Charities Investment Fund to supply sufficient funding to continue to provide Christmas parcels and make other grants if required. There are sufficient funds to maintain this for about seven years. The charity will then be closed.

Any Other Business : There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

Sue Christensen, Trustee

Regular Events at the village hall

Badminton - Every Monday - 7pm
New Members welcome - just turn up!
Contact: Bob Tye: 01473 737275



Suffolk Village Spinners and Weavers

Every Tuesday (in school term time)-1.30pm to 3.30pm
Contact: suffolkspinners@gmail.com



Hobby & Social Morning

Every first Wednesday of the month - 10.00am til noon.

Bring along your current hobby or craft and have a natter at the same time!

Coffee/tea/biscuits provided, £2 p.p. towards hall fees.

Contact Della 01473 737805



Clopton coffee morning -

Every third Wednesday of the month - 10am to noon.

Come along for a chat, meet your neighbours, catch up on the news.

Tea, coffee, biscuits all included, free of charge.

Contact: Doris: 01473 737602



Pilates Classes - Every Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning in term-time at Clopton VH.

Wednesday - 2pm to 3pm,

Thursday - 9.30am to 10.30am.

Instructor: Katharina Hesse

email: kat@rhythmoflife.org.uk for details

Ceilidh (country dancing) - 7pm til late

Every third Saturday of the month (September to May)

Hosted by: Ceilidhs On The Move - A different band and caller every month.

For details of bands and ticket prices see webpage:

<http://www.suffolkfolk.co.uk/cotm.html>



Mobile Library

Library

The Mobile library visits Clopton every fourth Thursday from 13.20pm to 13.45pm stopping at the corner of Shop Road with Rouse Hall Estate.

for more details visit: <http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/mobiles-home>



Buses in Clopton

The bus which runs through Clopton is the number 70 or 70A.

Timetable can be seen at: <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/buses/>

Bus stops are at the corner of Shop Rd with the B1078, and at Potash Corner (junction of B1078 & B1079).

Clopton Village Hall

Manor Road, Clopton, IP13 6QN

Hire charges :

*Weekdays - £15:00 per hour
(9am to 5pm)*

Weekends and evenings - £20:00 per hour

Discount of 30% for Clopton residents.

Bookings: cloptonvillagehall@gmail.com



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Clopton Heritage Group:

Contact: Doris Main : 01473 737602

W J Steel & Poor's Charity

Contact: Sue Christensen : 01473 737686

Village Hall Maintenance Committee:

Chair: Diana Dawson 01473 737417

Treasurer: David Hayhow 01473 735739

Bookings: Della Hughes: email: cloptonvillagehall@gmail.com

Caretaker: Alan Backhouse

Committee Members: Sue Christensen, Doris Main, Richard Taylor

Suffolk Coastal District Council: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>

Suffolk County Council: <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Waste & Recycling: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/>

Suffolk Coastal's waste and recycling services are operated by **Suffolk Coastal Norse** (formerly Suffolk Coastal Services), a subsidiary of Norse Commercial Services, <http://www.ncsgrp.co.uk/>

If you have any questions about your waste and recycling services contact Suffolk Coastal Norse on **01394 444000** or email scs@ncsgrp.co.uk.

Community Action Suffolk - www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Community Action Suffolk IT - broadband provider - www.suffolkonline.net

One Suffolk - Online community - www.onesuffolk.net

Green Suffolk -Recycling,making a greener Suffolk - www.greensuffolk.org

Age UK - help with all age-related matters - www.ageuk.org.uk/suffolk

Suffolk Constabulary www.suffolk.police.uk

The Clopton Annual is funded by Clopton Parish Council. It aims to provide local news, useful information and details of who to contact about events in Clopton. If there are things missing that you think might be useful to other Clopton residents, please send in the details for next year's edition.

If any details are incorrect please let me know.

During the year you can keep up to date with events by checking the "What's On" pages of the Clopton website: www.clopton.onesuffolk.net and subscribing to the Clopton email service, Clopton eNews - just send your name and email address to:

cloptonnews@gmail.com and ask to be included.

Della Hughes