

Cockfield Parish Council Meeting Report

The Parish Council met on Thursday 26th January 2012

Following the resignation of one councillor at the last meeting, the vacancy has been advertised for the required period of time. There have, however, been no nominations put forward and the Council is now considering the option of co-opting an additional member

Plans for the Queen's Jubilee are progressing and a number of donations towards the cost have been received. The Jubilee Steering Group is continuing to explore raising further funds

It was agreed that the village website will be linked to the One Suffolk parish councils' page thus broadening its profile

With regard to bus services, it was reported that, after discussion with both commercial and community transport providers, it is unlikely that there will be any change to our current provision. The main concern for users is the non-availability of the community bus link to Mill Corner at the preferred time on Wednesday lunchtime - however, alternative times are available and these are being utilised

Our community PCSO, Alex Vinter, reported one crime in the village since the last meeting. This was the theft of computer equipment in Buttons Green

In response to a request for more feedback at the last Council meeting, PCSO Vinter reported that over the last two years charges have been made in respect of two burglaries, and one instance each of GBH, criminal damage and handling stolen goods in the village

A member of the public raised the issue of vehicles speeding through Windsor Green and the resultant risks to residents. Jeremy Pembroke, our County Councillor, offered to arrange for technicians from the Highways Department to visit the village to survey this and other recognised concerns. He also emphasised the role of the Police in checking speeds

The dates of the next Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood public meetings are 20th March in Acton Village Hall and 15th May in Cockfield Village Hall at 6 pm

Janne Cutting-Keyton advised that the village litter pick will take place on Saturday and Sunday 24th/25th March. The Police have offered to provide traffic slowing measures to permit litter picking along the sides of the A134

It was reported that the purchase of the meadow and additional length of disused railway track adjacent to Earl's Meadow is progressing, but is not yet completed. Rodney Williams advised that working parties have started again, and that the embankment has now been cleared and planted with bulbs. Thanks are due to everyone who has helped

The issue was raised of dogs fouling Great Green and the public footpaths around the village. The Council appeals to all dog owners to clear up after their pets, and reminds them that this is solely their responsibility. In the meantime, the Clerk was requested to investigate what action can be taken against those who continue behave in this anti-social manner

The Council may be contacted through the Clerk, Alan Morgan on 01284 828072

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