

## Cockfield Parish Council Meeting Report

The Parish Council met on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. Due to the volume of business, the meeting was adjourned at around 10 pm and reconvened on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Our County Councillor, Jenny Antill extended congratulations to Cockfield School on achieving a 'good' OFSTED rating

Our District Councillor, Clive Arthey, reported that the Great Blakenham 'energy from waste' plant has now been officially opened

PCSO Andrea Campbell reported that there has been one crime, a common assault, since the last meeting. Outbuilding break-ins continue to be a concern in Babergh, and the Police are carrying out plain clothes and unmarked vehicle patrols

Suffolk Police hold a market stall in Sudbury on the first Saturday of every month at which crime avoidance advice and equipment are available. Additionally, the County Police and Crime Commissioner and the Acting Chief Constable will be holding open forums throughout the county

The first stage of the 2015 Suffolk Village of the Year competition took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately we did not progress to the next round, but, although the result was disappointing, it was felt that the judging visit went well and portrayed the village in a good light. Thanks were given to Councillors Morley, Morgan, Ruffell and Williams for their efforts on the day. To date, no feedback regarding the judging has been received – District Councillor Arthey agreed to follow this up on behalf of the village

Work on the pavilion continues and is close to completion. The new sewage plant has been installed and work is progressing to improve the drainage on Great Green. This involves clearing undergrowth and roots around the overflow to the pond. Prices have been obtained for further maintenance work to the outside of the pavilion and the Parish Council was pleased to note that the Community Council has agreed to provide funding towards this

It was agreed that a permanent site for the beacon will be provided at the north-west corner of Great Green, with a facility to move it to the centre of the Green when it is to be lit

To conclude the ongoing discussion regarding the need for a dog bin on Great Green, it was agreed that the Council will procure a black lidded wheelie bin to be placed on the north side of the Green for this purpose

The questionnaire inviting views about updating the play equipment on Great Green was published in the August edition of Green Links. We ask everyone to complete and return the form so that in considering our approach we get the opinion of as many of you as possible

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the new starting time of 7.00 pm

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