



August 2024

The sun is still out, Latitude is but a memory and now long summer days stretch ahead. 🌻🌻🌻

Village Matters

Parish Council Business –

The Parish Council has said goodbye and a huge and heartfelt thank you to Cllr. Russell Pearce who has served the village for so many years as Councillor and Chair. There'll be more news soon of how the Parish Council intends celebrating Russ and everything he's done for Yoxford.

Congratulations to Cllr. Dave Tower who was elected as the new Chairperson and to Cllr. Ian Patterson who was elected as Vice Chair.

Donkey Meadow –

Yoxford Parish Council has been approached and offered first refusal on a purchase of Donkey Meadow; an area of land of about an acre sloping down to the river on Little Street almost opposite Strickland Manor Hill. It is currently owned by the Town Land Trust as a benefit for the church, and in recent years has been let.

The land is being offered for sale at a price of £25,000, with an additional clearance cost estimated at £23,500 and legal fees of £2,500. It will also require permanent ongoing maintenance and upkeep from the Parish Council budget. These costs are not yet known. There are also strict rules on how the land can be used by the Parish Council and what monies can be used to both buy and re-purpose it.

The Parish Council currently has general reserves of approximately £19,000 (the financial records of the Parish Council are available on its website). These reserves are slowly decreasing as the funds are used to top up the shortfall between the Council's income and outgoings.

Other projects that the money might be used for include resurfacing the car park at the Village Hall, relocating the play area to beside the Village Hall, as well as sundry improvements to the village.

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The Parish Council is seeking Yoxford residents' views about the following two questions:

1. Are you in favour of the Parish Council purchasing the land known as Donkey Meadow?
2. Do you have any ideas of how it might be used if it was purchased?

Your views will be considered by the Parish Council before it reaches its final decision. Send your response to the Parish Clerk.

Extraordinary Meeting: August 15th 7pm at the Village Hall

Three planning applications will be discussed. Please see Noticeboard or village website for full details.

The applications can be viewed on the ESC website here:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

Yoxford Village Hall

Do you have any time on your hands and are wondering what to do? Consider joining our new Events Team to develop a schedule of great events for the village to enjoy? Contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat and more information.

Join us if you can for our organised monthly events:

- **August 17th: Saturday Film Club**
The Lesson
Doors open 6.30pm.
Film starts 7pm.
- **August 30th: Pub Night 6-11pm**

The Hall's licensed bar will be open for all above fund raising events.