



## September 2024

Is Autumn really with us so soon? I hope that you're enjoying as much warmth of the waning sunshine as you can. I'm wearing shorts still and refuse to give in! 😊

### Village Matters

#### Parish Council Business:

At September's meeting, the Parish Council co-opted Dr. Angela Roper and welcomes her to the team.

After discussions at June, July and August's meetings, further deliberation occurred at September's Council meeting where, after lengthy debate, it voted 6:3 against the purchase of the land known as **Donkey Meadow**. Council was particularly grateful for the contribution of villagers who emailed their thoughts and ideas or attended and spoke during the meeting.

Parish Council voted unanimously to fund the **Youth Club** run by staff from the CYDS Project, for this term and so, every Thursday from 6-8pm, the Village Hall will continue to host the group.

The volunteers at **Yoxwood** will be taking delivery soon of five new benches, made from recycled plastic. Funded by Yoxwood and Parish Council funds, one will be sited at the Teenage Shelter, which Council hopes will help to attract young people to enjoy this gorgeous spot.

Implementing new **traffic measures** in the village hasn't been straightforward but, Council is pleased to share that, after many months of discussion and investigation, an order is now being processed by Suffolk County Council for additional signage on Fish Shop Hill and Old High Road. Funding for this work will come from our County and District Councils and so our thanks go to Richard Smith and Julia Ewart for their support. On Old High Road, a warning sign advising drivers of oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road will be installed, along with refreshing the existing SLOW markings. A new SLOW road marking will be installed next to the sign.

On the A1120, between the start of the 30mph sign to Strickland Manor Hill, all the SLOW markings will be refreshed. In addition, seven new 30mph roundels will be installed at the village entrance and at each repeater signs. Further information will be shared when it comes in. Yoxford Parish Council hopes that these measures will have a positive impact on reminding drivers to drive carefully through the village. Conscious that there

is always more that can be done, other additional measures are also being explored.

Council has opted in for a third year to the Suffolk Climate Action Team '**Keep the Heat**', programme which gives community groups and parish councils the free use of cameras and thermal equipment to help with heat loss surveys in your local community. Dates are to be finalised but, if you'd like your property surveyed (free of charge), please contact the Clerk who'll add you to the list and be in touch once further information is available.

After succeeding in receiving a huge bag of bulbs last year, Council was unsuccessful this year in its application to East Suffolk Council's (ESC) 2024 '**East Suffolk Blooms**' scheme. Those applicants who were unsuccessful in last year's round were prioritised. We will be receiving a packet of wildflower seed donated by one of ESC's Waste Disposal partners, Biffa, and will plant those wisely!

#### Extraordinary Meeting: September 26<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Join us for our organised monthly events:

- **September 27<sup>th</sup>: Pub Night 6-11pm**
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>: Quiz Night. Fully booked. Reserve list only.**
- **October 18<sup>th</sup>: Film Club Swede Caroline. Doors open 6.30pm**

With the exciting news about the provisional re-opening of The Kings Head on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sole Trustee will cancel its pub night to support the return of one of the village's pubs. Its village pub night will return on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Cheers 🍻

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

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