

Report for Wickhambrook Parish Council Meeting 23rd February 2023

Planning

I have been notified of the following planning application (s):

DC/23/0194/FUL– land adjacent to Bunters Gait, Nunnery Green,
Wickhambrook

DC/23/0141/LB and DC/23/0140/HH – Little Timbers, Ashfield Green,
Wickhambrook

DC/23/0245/LB – Westlea Cottage, Attleton Green, Wickhambrook

Forthcoming Elections

As many of you will be aware there will be a requirement at the forthcoming elections for all those attending polling stations to bring approved photo ID with them. This change is being introduced nationally – it is not a West Suffolk Council decision. Between 6th February – 10th March members of the elections team at WSDC will be making visits to residents to help them get registered to vote. Staff will be clearly identifiable and if there is no reply when they call they will leave a calling card, printed on pink for visibility, clearly setting out the deadline for registering to vote.

Suffolk Mind: Suffolk Needs assessment – please can you help by completing the survey and disseminating it to anyone living in Suffolk?

Join over 24,000 people taking a moment to check in with themselves. Suffolk Mind's short, anonymous Emotional Needs Survey will give you a better understanding of your wellbeing, and these answers also help give Suffolk Mind and its partners, a window into local mental health needs and strengths in our area. It will enable partners more understanding in what support people need across our county and what helps people. Click the link below to start the survey:

<https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/emotional-needs-survey/>.

"Suffolk Mind and Suffolk County Council are working together to understand wellbeing across the county. The data collected will be used by Suffolk County Council to determine what actions may be needed to support wellbeing, so your response matters."



Data from across Suffolk will be collected until 30 April 2023.

For further information, please contact Lucy Pettitt,
Service Manager (Families and Communities)
lucy.pettitt@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Locality Grant

I am pleased to have been able to support a request for funding from Wickhambrook to support the Community lunch initiative from my Locality Budget in addition to support given earlier to the WI. Spending is now complete for this financial year due to the forthcoming Local Elections but if you feel you have a scheme or a project that would benefit from a grant, please do ask as both District and County Councillors have a budget to support initiatives in their areas. Either the Parish Clerk or Jon Eaton from West Suffolk Council will be able to help you make an approach for funding.

Final Council Meeting

West Suffolk Council held its last Full Council meeting on Tuesday 21st February before the elections on 4th May. The budget for 2023/2024 was the main agenda item. The Council approved the proposed budget which gives us a balanced budget for the next two years, one of only a few Councils to achieve this across the UK.

GeeWIZZ

GeeWizz was the chosen charity for the Chair of West Suffolk District Council to be the beneficiary of all monies raised during his term of office. Sadly the charity has taken the decision to close with effect from 31st March and therefore the Chair will be directing all fund raising to the following two local charities instead - MyWISH and Gatehouse.

Sarah Pugh

West Suffolk District Councillor for Whepstead and Wickhambrook