

WEST SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SUSAN GLOSSOP

RISBY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual report 2023

Committees on which I serve.

Development control
Cabinet member for Economic growth
Officer's appeal committee

Outside bodies

Newmarket BID
Bury and Beyond Destination Management Organisation
West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Trust
East West Rail Consortium growth
One Haverhill Partnership Board
Feoffment Trust

93% Attendance record for all Council meetings

Council tax April 2023 - 2024

Council tax band D

West Suffolk	£192.06
Police and crime commissioner	£262.62
Suffolk County council	£1496.43

Locality budget spend from April 2022– April 2023

Lackford Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations	£500
Ingham outside church lighting	£900
Culford St Mary's clock	£400

Risby, Lackford, Ingham, Culford/West Stow, Flempton/Hengrave

All received £200 each towards King's coronation celebrations.

Planning Applications

On a much smaller scale, but possibly of more importance to residents several individual planning applications have been made. Most of the applications have been approved enabling people to build extensions or make alterations to their property. Not all applications go smoothly however, and I would strongly advise people wanting to put in an application to talk to the Parish Council who make comments pertinent to each application. It is worth having some pre-application advice from Planning Officers. I am also readily available to discuss any individual plans with anyone in the village and I frequently act as a go-between between resident and Planning Officer to try to resolve any problems on an informal basis.

Garden Waste Collection

The cost of a brown bin £47 per year for 2023

link for signing up online: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Work on the next local plan for 2024 – 2040

We are continuing to work on the next Local Plan and will respond to any government changes to the NNPF (National planning policy framework) which are expected in June that will inform the Local plan. Consultation is expected at the end of this year, but this will be firmed up following the elections and the formation of the administration.

The Local plan preparation has caused residents some concerns so I arranged for David Roach portfolio holder for the next Local plan to attend the parish council meetings on two occasions to address the residents' concern.

All applications in Risby have not been included in the preferred allocations of sites RV23a already approved and completed.

Reason for omission

WS1059, WS1060 WS1061 WS459(A) all sites within the Breckland Special protection area and /or associated buffer.

Issues raised by the Community:

Many of the issues have been highway issues which the Suffolk County Councillor addresses. There has been much concern about the speeding of the traffic and the very large lorries using the roads through the villages and not the directions diversion routes when the A14 has been having refurbishing work carried out overnight.

Fly tipping

Speeding traffic through the villages

Maintenance of public rights of way

Dog fouling

Flooding has been a big issue.

Public footpaths overgrown with weeds.

Tree maintenance without planning permission

Highlights from West Suffolk 2021-2022

Please note the annual report will be available in June and I will send a link to the online version.

9 million investments to West Suffolk council zero carbon ambitions by 2030, this to include income generation, greener vehicles and buildings as well as extending its solar rent and roof schemes for business.

1.3 million investments will be made into parks and heritage assets such as Moyse's Hall and West Stow and maintaining areas like Brandon country park.

Delivered a strong response to COVID-19 meaning quality services were still delivered, the most vulnerable helped and many of our businesses given access to funding and support. We were one of the top councils in the country in this respect helping West Suffolk businesses access around £120 million in grants and business rate relief. Reduced homelessness and the risk of homelessness thanks to a holistic approach that helps people move on, and forward (as well as engendering public support for our approach).

Continued to deliver our successful growth agenda by investing in an incubator building for the manufacturing and engineering sector centre in Bury St Edmunds – only made possible by our forethought, investing in infrastructure and forging partnerships to develop business parks linked to the skills agenda.

Town Centre

Work has been completed on the plans with a £8.4 million scheme to redevelop the Post office building with the redevelopment providing retaining the historic Victorian façade and the rear of the building developed into retail with 12 apartments above and the link between marketplace and the Arc has been widened and is now opened with new shop fronts onto St Andrews Street.

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