

Item 8.

I'm very pleased that the hall appears to be thriving at the moment. We have increased bookings and in particular, this year we have been a favoured location for some NHS training days which have helped to boost our funds. These may only be a temporary arrangement though, so I am mindful that we need to keep our hall competitive and use the increased funds to help boost the hall's attractiveness to future hirers.

We still need a permanent Booking Clerk. Although the role it is not hugely time consuming, it requires frequent attention at unpredictable times. I'm grateful to committee members and to Jean Ellinor for stepping in to let people into the hall when I am unavailable.

We've had another year when apart from the occasional spot of littering, there has been no significant antisocial behaviour in the hall car park this year. We will still continue monitoring and report any incidents to the police.

I want to thank the Jo Tickle, Julia Endacott, and Fiona Woods, who came to do extra cleaning tasks in the hall in September. It is very kind of them to give up their time and has made a real difference. We will try to arrange future cleaning mornings where we can share the burden.

As ever, lots of time and effort has kindly been donated by Colin Williamson, who keeps the hall well-maintained, and to David Lugo and Ian Watson for their work on the grounds. Perhaps special mention should be given to all three of their unenviable task for tackling the drains this year.

The precept of £500 from the Parish Council was most welcome. As mentioned earlier, we have been lucky to have a windfall of lucrative bookings this year, but if those had not materialised, the rise in costs could have made balancing the books much harder.

Finally, I'd like to thank Ian and Jo for their continued efficient work as treasurer and secretary, respectively. It is much appreciated.

Item 12.

Road Signage and other highway concerns. The visit from Highways officer in early October and Elaine Bryce in early October has been reported and the report outlining suggestions including reference to the HGV concerns in High Street and Westerfield Lane has been circulated to the PC and is an item for discussion within the agenda.

Speedwatch and enforcement. The team has been out on 3 occasions since the last PC meeting, all in relation to a 'Speedwatch action day' and Road Safety week. A total of 20 speeders in all. It is evident that Speedwatch activity continues to be a reminder about speed limits and along with the SID on the Main Road site has a positive impact on drivers. I have been unable to give priority to Speedwatch this year and hope to resume when the weather is better.

SID's The Main Road site now has the shared SID and will continue to do so alternating with Swilland and Witnesham until another one is purchased with funds from east Suffolk Partnership. Plans to purchase a SID for Tuddenham are as item 15 on the agenda.

SAVID Had it's AGM in Martlesham parish hall in November and the meeting focused on planning for activities during Road safety week and agreeing to encourage all member villages to sign up to the 20's plenty initiative. I have agreed to continue as chair for the group and Debach and Charsfield are planning to join. Our next meeting in February will also be face to face venue tba.

ANPR scheme. Tuddenham continues to be on the ANPR pilot rota. There was a theft of two devices from our site and Grundisburgh and SCC have now replaced these. The new rota shows the date for when the device will next be in Tuddenham. A question has been raised that the ANPR camera being solar powered needs a taller post for the whole unit to be used. Without it the device has limited time it can operate. I have been advised an additional post would cost £180. Can we consider this?

30mph Speed Signs on Road side bins. The £50 agreed at the last meeting has not been used as I have not been able to prioritise this action.

20's plenty initiative.
Quiet Lanes Project

Can the PC agree to Tuddenham signing up to this initiative? Paper circulated.
The signage is now in place

Road Safety Forum and East Suffolk Community Partnerships Budget

The Group has not met because of illness of the chair of the Road safety forum Hopefully this will be rectified in the new year. Additional funding was agreed for SAVID to complete the purchase of a further SID.

Item 13.

The garden area is now well established and being maintained by Cathy & Sandy with the help of volunteers. The fact that there is no water supply is a problem – Two Keightley Way residents have been providing access to water however this problem needs to be addressed before next summer.

The garden is being enjoyed by residents and several people have commented that it is a lovely place to go and an asset to the village.

We recently purchased some tete a tete miniature daffodils which have been planted ready for next Spring. There were more than enough for the raised beds and so some have been planted on each side of the entrance to the Children's Play area.

Due to problems with keeping the bench area tidy and free from weed, it was decided that the seating area should be paved. We have had a quote of £250 (including materials) for this work which will be undertaken soon. Thanks to David Lugo for doing preparation work to keep the cost down. This was not included in original budget so I have now added this item.

The budget has been updated to include the cost of the spring bulbs and the seating area and also includes an amount for ongoing maintenance for the next 3 years as plants will need replacing and bark will need to be renewed. We have £194.53 remaining which may be used to buy shrubs to plant alongside the raised beds in 2024. In October we obtained 500 daffodil bulbs from ESDC as part of their East Suffolk Blooms initiative.

Having obtained suggested locations, and following discussion with Cathy, four locations were chosen –
Approach to village on Main Road (near 30 sign) – 50 bulbs
Village Hall entrance – 100 bulbs
Churchyard & church Hill – 150 bulbs
Bridge Area near village sign & notice board – 200 bulbs

Permission was obtained from landowners where necessary, and the bulbs were planted in November. Thanks to Cathy, David, Holly, Sandy, Pauline & their helpers for undertaking this task. We look forward to seeing the daffodils in bloom in the spring.

Item	Budget	Actual	Difference	Comment
Sleepers 24x£40	£960.00	£858.60	-£101.40	
Fixings (bolts etc)	£100.00	£-	-£100.00	Included above
Soil	£350.00	£240.00	-£110.00	
Bark	£190.00		-£190.00	Included with plants etc
Plants etc	£500.00	£506.87	£6.87	£57 for spring bulbs
Maintenance	£100.00	£150.00	£50.00	£50 per annum for 3 years
Seating area	£-	£250.00	£250.00	Quoted but not yet paid
Total	£2,200.00	£2,005.47	-£194.53	