

WESTERFIELD

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 28th April 2021

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Chairmans Annual Report 2020-2021

Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 28th April 2021

I have prepared Annual Reports each year since 2008 commenting on the previous years Parish Council work and looking forward to the following year. There was no meeting last year due to the sudden COVID restrictions preventing such gatherings and I do not intend to lengthen this report by referring to all that happened in 2019 but there are some things of importance that will be included in this report.

At our 2019 meeting I noted that there were two vacancies for Parish Councillors and we were pleased that Trevor Cade and Jason Kirk volunteered to serve in this capacity and were co-opted. During 2020 we were disappointed that after 9 years as a Councillor Charlotte Morrison resigned due to increased work commitments that prevented her from attending sufficient meetings and contributing to Parish Council business. Volunteers were requested to fill this vacancy and existing members welcomed Felicity Borwick at the November meeting.

The election in 2019 also saw the Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward represented by two District Councillors, Tony Fryatt and Colin Hedgley. With 19 parishes to serve they agreed to share attendance at Parish Council meetings and so Tony Fryatt became our main contact. Another change that occurred saw Robin Vickery resign as our County Councillor and as by-elections were not allowed to be held the County Council nominated other existing Councillors to be the member representing each Parish. Gordon Jones has been a regular attender at our Parish Council meetings since then and has taken active interest on our behalf.

Concern about the amount of traffic in the village has continued and the prospect of an Ipswich Northern By-pass attracted a large attendance in 2019 when discussed by the Parish Council. The public consultation resulted in the County Council dropping the proposal and suggesting that other means of dealing with the traffic would be investigated. Apart from the intention to reduce traffic speed on the Orwell Bridge at times of strong wind we currently have no further details.

Our County Councillor has taken up highways issues on our behalf, from possible lower speed limits, and potholes, to the possibility of a Speed Indicator Device with Number Plate recognition subject to ongoing trials elsewhere. The Highways Authority have also allocated funds towards road improvement in the village but no details have yet emerged. The Parish Council have recently requested views on traffic in the village from residents to provide further information to the Local Authority.

Supported by Suffolk Constabulary, Westerfield operates a volunteer Speedwatch team that has the use of equipment for one week each month. The equipment is shared with three other local villages and we thank Barry Reeve for organising the rotas of volunteer staff in our village. The physical presence of operators reminds drivers to pay attention to their speed and we could do more one-hour sessions during our week if more volunteers were to be available. Training is readily available - just one or two hours per month would make a difference.

There had been reports of anti-social behaviour in the village and a meeting was held with the Police and Crime Commissioner to express our concerns. This has also been discussed at Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) meetings. Our thanks to Peter Hudson for representing the Parish at SNT meetings in order to keep in touch with policing as our only formal contact is supposed to be a Police Community Engagement Officer based in Felixstowe. It was stressed at a recent meeting that it is important for separate individuals to keep records and report instances of anti-social

behaviour. It was pointed out that the appropriate authority for failing to ensure that the public have unhindered access along a public footpath is Suffolk County Council but if the issue amounts to antisocial behaviour by another person then it is a matter for the Suffolk Constabulary

Much of the Parish Council's work comes from dealing with Planning matters. The Parish Council has the opportunity to comment on all planning applications and while many improvements to properties are small or insignificant there are many that could have considerable impact on the village. Some applications consist of many 100s of pages and therefore need to be read carefully to be fully understood. The general principle is to consider whether the application complies with the Local District Plan. The East Suffolk District Council Local Plan up to 2036 has now been adopted. A similar Plan for Ipswich Borough Council is in its final stages and continues to include the Ipswich Garden Suburb Supplementary Planning Document without further changes.

In 2019 East Suffolk DC offered groups of parishes to form Community Partnerships. Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere and 19 villages in the Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward form our group. First year Priorities were established and funding provided to a total of £35000. Environmental Care priorities are being considered for 2021 i) Green village initiatives to promote sustainability and a greater awareness of the environment, ii) rewilding projects, and iii) establish advice hubs for residents to get free unbiased help locally. The Parish Council are taking an active role. These initiatives embrace some things that already happen in the village such as the Station Adopter Scheme, tree planting and wild-life protection but more can be done with greater publicity and encouragement for participation by all residents. Although the Parish Council can take a lead it demands a more far-reaching involvement to really make a difference..

A presentation was expected at last years Annual Parish Meeting on what was needed to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Westerfield. Volunteers from a cross-section of the community would have been asked to get together to identify what the village does well, what needs to improve and how the future of the village can be promoted within the framework of the East Suffolk Local Plan. Preparation of a plan is unlikely to be achieved in less than two years so to have one in place before the next Local Plan review takes place should be the target. Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan would be a reference point for East Suffolk DC in their decisions on future development. Once gatherings are allowed and residents are happy to meet together the opportunity must be taken to commence this process.

COVID has affected us all and I thank all those who were prepared to help others should the need arise. Thanks to our Councillors who delivered newsletters while taking precautions to keep safe and maintain social distancing. The ability to hold virtual meetings has enabled us to participate in ways that we had not previously explored but now provide us with a way of participating with others while not having to travel so frequently. I suspect many of these methods of communication will remain.

We do look forward to regaining some of our freedom and it is with real hope that we anticipate meeting together in something like what was our "norm". The current ability to go to the paddock on Wednesday mornings for a coffee and chat with other residents is a step in the right direction. I hope next years report confirms this optimism.

Finally, thanks to our Clerk, Rod Caird, who has guided us through the difficult pieces of legislation that we have to comply with and who has managed our finances efficiently.

Peter Miller (Chairman)

Financial Report 2020-21

Income and expenditure

The precept of £9,520.77 and less than £20.00 in bank interest made up the Parish Council's income for the year. Approximately £380.00 is due to be received as a refund of VAT spent during the year.

As at March 31 2019 the Deposit Account at Lloyds Bank stands at £61,391.42 and the Current Account at £6,838.24 making a total of £68,229.69.

Payments made by cheque and not yet presented amount to £1,420.18 leaving an actual balance carried forward of £66,809.51.

The following is a summary of expenditure under various headings during the year:

Wages: £2,257.88; Admin £490.64; Insurance £426.49; Grounds £1,071.96; SALC £260.79; Audit and Accounts £484.50; Other £1396.75 (including sign refurbishment, training, and street lighting).

Future Plans

CIL payments, received from East Suffolk as a result of the levy charged on housing developers, are held as specified reserve for village infrastructure projects: **£16,801.56**

Earmarked reserve: **£35,000.00**

General reserve: **£15,007.95 NB it is acceptable for a general reserve to amount to around 150% of precept income.**

During the year the Parish Council has been developing a Draft Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan which outlines a wide range of village projects it would be possible to support, from road safety improvements to provision of more footpaths to better signage throughout the village and better design and use of both outdoor and indoor space.

It is expected that during 2021-22 with the help of public consultation a detailed list of spending priorities will be developed. It will be possible to use both the CIL funds and the earmarked reserve for these projects.

All figures and accounts are subject to internal audit by SALC and also the approval of the Parish Council.

Rod Caird – Clerk/Financial Officer

Westerfield Parish Council Planning Report for 2020-2021

Since an Annual Report was not published in 2020 this report also contains a table showing the details of the 10 planning applications received in 2019-2020.

In 2020-2021 Westerfield Parish Council have been consulted on a further 22 planning applications for the village. Of the applications considered nine were for extensions and conversions of existing properties, six were reserved matter or varied conditions on previously approved applications and two were detailed applications for single properties with previous outline permission. The Parish Council considered that many of these did not warrant objection. However, where there were significant issues that could be detrimental to traffic safety, drainage, rights of way and landscape the Parish Council made comments or objections to the District Council. One application for outline housing development in the village was considered by the Parish Council and resulted in an objection that the developments did not comply with the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and other local issues. Another application received related to a tree subject to a Tree Protection Order.

The current East Suffolk Local Plan adopted in 2020 and this includes two sites for possible development during the period up to 2036. One of these sites is the Old Station Works near the Westerfield Business Centre where an application has been approved for mixed development for housing and light industrial or commercial use. The other site is that alongside Lower Road between The Oaks and Linden Cottage for limited housing and public open space but no formal application has yet been submitted.

The planning process for the Ipswich Garden Suburb is administered by Ipswich Borough Council and the Parish Council are consulted on applications made for Henley Gate and the Country Park as these include some small areas of land within the Parish and also have relevance to surface water drainage and rights of way.

All applications for further housing need to be carefully considered in the light of ongoing permissions in the village and the cumulative effect on the character of Westerfield.

Information on all East Suffolk planning applications is found on the website:- www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Registered Date	No	Location	Proposal	Parish Council Observations	Decision
Applications received in 2019/2020					
03/06/2019	DC/19/2094/FUL	21 Fullers Field Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AX	Retrospective application for change of use of cartlodge to residential annexe.	Objected due to change of character of development. Junction also inadequate	Permitted
05/06/2019	DC/19/2270/FUL	7 Main Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9BZ	Conversion of outbuilding to guest accommodation and erection of new swimming pool building both to be used in conjunction with the existing physiotherapy practice, and alterations to driveway/parking areas.	Objection due to escalation of use on a rural site with inadequate access for extra use	Permitted
10/07/2019	DC/19/2271/OUT	Part Land South Of Old Glebe House Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk	Erection of eight dwellings with garages	Objected as does not comply with key policies in the Local Plan. Adverse effect on flood risk. Effect on the setting of a listed building and the historic setting of the Church and village centre, and loss of habitats for wildlife. Sufficient housing is already allocated in the local plan to meet the needs of the District during the forthcoming plan period.	Refused – Subject of appeal to Planning Inspectorate. Decision is appeal dismissed

26/06/2019	DC/19/2583/FUL	Land Adjacent To Mallards 5 St Mary Way Westerfield Ipswich IP6 9BQ	Construction of one detached and two link-detached chalet bungalows with garages, and extension of vehicular access driveway.	Objected as not in compliance with the Local Plan	Withdrawn
26/09/2019	DC/19/3662/FUL	Land Adjacent To Mallards 5 St Mary Way Westerfield Ipswich IP6 9BQ	Construction of 2no. new dwellings (one detached chalet bungalow and one detached bungalow) with detached garages, and extension of vehicular access driveway.	Objected as not in compliance with the Local Plan	Refused - Subject of appeal to Planning Inspectorate. Decision is - permission given subject to conditions
03/12/2019	DC/19/4699/FUL	The Bungalow Lower Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AR	Construction of single storey extension linking main house and garage, together with part conversion of garage to form office space.	Objected as not in compliance with the Local Plan and unsatisfactory access to Lower Road	Refused Subject of appeal to Planning Inspectorate. Decision is – Appeal dismissed
10/12/2019	DC/19/4774/FUL	Oaklands Westerfield Road Westerfield IP6 9AJ	Rear and side extension, internal and external changes	No objection	Permitted
14/01/2022	DC/20/0135/FUL	19 Fullers Field Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AX	Construction of single storey extension linking main house and garage, together with part conversion of garage to form office space.	No objection	Permitted
03/03/2020	DC/20/1016/DRC	Land North Of The Mount Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk	Discharge of Conditions 3, 4 & 11 of DC/16/2765/FUL - Erection of 5 no. new dwellings	Replied supporting comments of SCC on refuse collection.	Permitted
16/03/2020	DC/20/1185/CON	Land North West Of Mill Farm Westerfield Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	Consultation - Submission of Reserved Matters (appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) for Phase 1 Core Infrastructure including primary streets, open space, landscaping, drainage, substations, pumping stations and associated works; in relation to Outline Planning Permission IP/16/00608/OUT.	Replied with copy of comments as made directly to Ipswich BC on concerns over surface water drainage and the consequent risks of flooding in Westerfield	Responded
Applications received in 2020/2021					
17/04/2020	DC/20/1496/FUL	1 Whitton View Westerfield Road Westerfield IP6 9AD	Proposed two storey side extension	No objection	Permitted
20/04/2020	DC/20/1535/CON	Land North West of Mill Farm Westerfield Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	County Council Consultation - Submission of Reserved Matters (appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) for Phase 1B Core Infrastructure including primary streets, landscaping, drainage and associated works; in relation to Outline Planning Permission IP/16/00608/OUT	Replied with comments as made directly to Ipswich BC on concerns over surface water drainage and the consequent risks of flooding in Westerfield	Responded
30/04/2020	DC/20/1627/VOC	7 Main Road Westerfield IP6 9BZ	Variation of Condition 2 on Application DC/19/2270/FUL (Conversion of outbuilding to guest accommodation and erection of new swimming pool building both to be used in conjunction with the existing physiotherapy practice, and alterations to driveway/parking areas.)	Repeated original objection due to escalation of use on a rural site and with inadequate access for extra use	Permitted
14/05/2020	DC/20/1712/VOC	Old Station Works Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk	Variation of Conditions 1 to 27 attached to outline consent (DC/18/3850/OUT) to allow for separate discharge of the residential development and the commercial development.	No objection	Permitted

18/05/2020	DC/20/1802/ARM	Land North West Of Mill Farm Westerfield Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/16/2592/OUT - Mixed use development of up to 1,100 dwellings, a local centre, and community centre, provision of land for a primary school, provision of sports facilities, Country Park (including visitor centre) and open space (amenity space/ play areas and allotments) and sustainable urban drainage systems; and the creation of 2No. new vehicular accesses from Henley Road, 1No. vehicular access from Westerfield Road (to serve Country Park only), pedestrian/cycle bridge over railway and vehicular bridge over railway (access only).	Replied with comments as made directly to Ipswich BC on concerns over surface water drainage and the consequent risks of flooding in Westerfield	Awaiting decision
01/06/2020	DC/20/2006/CON	Land North West Of Mill Farm Westerfield Road Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AA	Submission of Reserved Matters (appearance, layout, landscaping and scale) for Phase 1 of the Country Park comprising hard and soft landscaping, earthworks, drainage, boundary treatments and associated works; in relation to Outline Planning Permission IP/16/00608/OUT	Replied with comments as made directly to Ipswich BC on concerns over surface water drainage and the consequent risks of flooding in Westerfield This also included an objection to the layout and design of footpaths and cycle tracks within the Country Park.	Responded
17/06/2020	DC/20/2210/TPO	1 Whitton View Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AD	T1 Oak in front garden - crown lift and clean trunk by up to 4m. and clear cables; reduce laterals by 2.5m. where growing towards house.	No objection	Permitted
24/06/2020	DC/20/2309/FUL	21 Fullers Field Westerfield IP6 9AX	Construction of Carport/Garage attached to existing Annexe Building.	No objection to details of this application, but noted permission for Fullers Field development included an access to Footpath 22 north of the site not yet provided. An assurance is needed that the footpath access is installed by the end of 2020.	Permitted
18/08/2020	DC/20/3147/FUL	Penshurst Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AL	Proposed Stable Building and New Access onto Cockfield Lane	Objected due to dangers to traffic from the proximity of access to junction with B1077	Permitted
07/09/2020	DC/20/3452/FUL	The Mount Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9BE	New cart-lodge with 1st floor storage above	No objection to the cart lodge but concerns that the first floor could overlook the adjoining property.	Permitted
02/10/2020	DC/20/3643/FUL	Little Orchard Westerfield Road Westerfield IP6 9AJ	Rear single storey glazed extension similar in size and scale to that which has been previously approved, but with a lower roof.	No Objection	Permitted
18/09/2020	DC/20/3701/AME	1 Whitton View Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AD	Non-Material Amendment of DC/20/1496/FUL - Proposed two storey side extension - Alterations to windows	No objection	Permitted
12/10/2020	DC/20/3947/FUL	The Hollies Lower Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AS	Proposed two storey side/rear extensions and alterations	No objection	Permitted

12/11/2020	DC/20/4471/AME	Beestons Farm Sandy Lane Westerfield Ipswich Suffolk IP6 9AP	Non-material Amendment of DC/18/4566/FUL (Single storey extension constructed in materials to match existing.	No objection	Permitted
09/11/2020	DC/20/4512/FUL	Westerfield Business Centre Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AB	Upward extension, refurbishment and conversion of former joinery workshop to form 5no. business units.	No objection	Permitted
23/11/2020	DC/20/4694/FUL	Bartley Barn Lower Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AR	Submission of details relating to fenestration changes and increase in residential amenity area, Bartley Barn, Lower Road, Westerfield (benefits from grant of prior approval reference DC/18/4739/PN3) dated 7th March 2019.	No objection but permission must allow use of FP18, maintain the watercourse flowing through the site and provide access to pumping station	Permitted
22/12/2020	DC/20/5222/FUL	Land North East Of The Mount Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9BE	The erection of 4no. bungalows with garages and shared driveway	Objected as not in compliance with the Local Plan	Awaiting decision
27/01/2021	DC/21/0140/FUL	Plot 8 Development Site Fullers Field Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AX	Construction of detached dwelling with detached cart lodge building on a site with planning permission for a similar development.	Objected as the application does not accept that a public footpath exists to the North of the site and the Fullers Field development requires a public footpath access to the east of this plot that has not yet been provided by the developer. This application should be refused until these footpath issues are resolved.	Permitted
20/01/21	DC/21/0264/VOC	The Mount Church Lane Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9BE	Variation of Condition 2 on Application APP/J3530/W/17/3167309 (The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the erection of 5 dwellings at The Mount, Church Lane, Westerfield, Ipswich IP6 9BE in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref DC/16/2765/FUL, dated 5 July 2016 subject to certain conditions)	Commented that VOC2 should require a replacement hedge on line of visibility splay to maintain rural landscape on village entry. In addition no work to be done on the hedge during the nesting season.	Permitted
22/01/22	DC/21/0311/FUL	Land East Of 5 And 6 St Marys Way Westerfield IP6 9BQ	Erection of 1no. new dwelling, with detached double garage, and extension of vehicular access driveway.	No objection but noted that access details were unclear from the drawings	Awaiting decision
10/02/2021	DC/21/0649/FUL	Land East Of 5 And 6 St Marys Way Westerfield Suffolk	Erection of 1no. new dwelling, with detached double cartlodge, and driveway.	No objection but noted that access details were unclear from the drawings	Withdrawn
22/03/2021	DC/21/1399/VOC	Willow Tree Farm Sandy Lane Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AP	Variation of Condition 2 of DC/19/0983/FUL - Extension and alterations to Willow Tree Farmhouse including forming annexe accommodation.	No objection	Awaiting decision

Reports from Westerfield Church and Village Charities

St Mary Magdalene, Westerfield - Church Report 2020 -2021

Report from Rev Charlotte Cook

I am delighted to be writing this first incumbency report to you all for the activities in 2020-2021.

While we may feel as if there is not that much to report due to the variety of lockdowns that we have faced over the last year, the benefice of Westerfield and Tuddenham with Witnesham has achieved an incredible amount.

I want to firstly thank all those whose hard work sustained and supported the benefice in so many ways during the vacancy, various lockdowns and welcomed me so wonderfully in September 2020.

During this year we have found new ways of worshiping in person and online, new ways of keeping in contact, learning more about the Christian faith, continued to hold meetings and run the life of the churches to sustain our presence in these wonderful villages. A huge thank you to all those who have worked to achieve this.

Since my arrival in September a particular highlight for me was the range of services that we were able to offer over the Christmas period of 2020, where over 1,000 people watched online services, Facebook videos, attended drive in services, carols on the hill or services in person in church. Again, thank you to all those who made this possible.

Together we continue to work to enable access for all people in Westerfield, Tuddenham and Witnesham to hear about the Christian faith and to engage with the life of the parish churches.

I look forward to what this coming year will mean as we continue to work together in new ways as we seek to achieve all that God will ask of us.

With my prayers as always.

Charlotte (Contact email: vicar@wtandw.org.uk)

Further information can also be obtained from the Westerfield Church Wardens

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Westerfield Village Hall Charity No 1086331

Westerfield Village Hall Due to coronavirus the hall has only been used once 2020-2021 year to date ' Thanks to the government help to small business we have managed to obtain a payment of £10k to help with day to day costs during the last year. The hall has been made covid ready when rules allow us to open but numbers will be limited to 14 persons within the main hall. We plan to open the hall for the elections on May 7th using the main hall and a one way system in the front door and exiting on to the car park. No date has been agreed for the AGM it is hoped to hold one later in the year We hope to open for coffee mornings later in the year.

C Farrow Chairman

Bridget Collett Education Foundation Charity No 310435

The Foundation is governed by regulations set out in a Scheme dated 5 February 1981, being a revision of the original arrangements under the will of Miss Bridget Collett dated 23 September 1662.

Objectives and Process of Applications for Grants

The Foundation seeks to provide a degree of financial assistance to children and young people up to the age of 25 in some degree of need, in order to obtain optimum benefit from their educational opportunities.

Achievements in 2020

The number of grants to individuals approved in 2020 was 28. Thirteen of these were for children attending local primary and secondary schools. Fifteen were for students attending universities or colleges of further education. The Foundation will continue to provide a grant for the Westerfield Scout Group to help with the ongoing costs of running this organisation once covid restrictions are lifted. The Trustees continue to offer funding for children attending Henley, Witnesham and Otley Primary schools and Deben High school, whose family means are limited, for school trips.

Charlotte Morrison (on behalf of the Trustees)

Reports from Village Groups and Organisations

Westerfield Art Club

Activities have been suspended due to COVID restrictions

Westerfield Bowls Club

2021 has arrived and with a fair wind we are set to emerge from the Covid cloud. We have maintained a club membership of 70 bowlers and our finances remain in good order. We continue to improve our ground and facilities and thanks to our groundsman, the green is in immaculate condition.

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming club and new club members are always welcome, especially residents from Westerfield village. The season starts on Saturday 17 April with a friendly roll-up at 2 pm followed by further friendly roll-ups each Saturday throughout the season. Why not come along and try out the game. There will someone from the club to welcome you and show you how the game is played. Numbers who can attend during the early part of the season will be restricted to comply with Covid guidance, so please contact me at anthonydbaker@ntlworld.com if you wish to join us on a Saturday afternoon.

We recognise that we are part of Westerfield village and we will work with the Village Hall Committee to ensure that amicable arrangements continue to be maintained.

Tony Baker (Secretary)

Wednesday Coffee Morning

The Wednesday Coffee Morning with a regular attendance of 25 to 30 came to a halt with the spread of COVID 19 so the opportunity to share with each other in the village was lost. However when the coffee Station offered coffee and cakes from their mobile business many have taken the opportunity to call in for a take-away. Since limited outside getting together has become possible the better weather has combined to make the paddock a place for small groups to enjoy the coffee and cakes in pleasant surroundings. The Coffee Station and local residents now enjoying this facility are hoping that this will be a way forward for the Summer months and a start of getting back to face-to-face conversations together.

Westerfield Events Group

The inability to meet together has prevented any activity in the past year and it is not yet clear when further events may become possible. This provides an opportunity to consider what may be offered in the future by this group and also for other members of the community to make suggestions and offer organisational assistance in future events. If anyone would be able to contribute to village events this would really be appreciated.

Olive Miller (Committee member)

Fit Villages (Pilates, Chi Kung and Yoga)

Activities have been suspended due to COVID restrictions

Westerfield and District Gardening Club

Club activities for the year from March 2020, were greatly impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. Our last 'live' meeting took place on the 4th and then we shut down.

In January this year we started holding Zoom meetings, the first four hosted by former Thompson & Morgan plant hunter and now TV gardener, Michael Perry; more are planned. Hopefully we can restart live meetings again later in the year but the size restriction of the Village Hall might impede this. We will continue to find interesting speakers, one way or another, to interest our members, who were very pleased to be back in touch, albeit virtually.

Sadly, we lost our dear friend and founder-member of the Club, Monica Ford, in January. She will be very sadly missed.

Michele Doick

Westerfield Horse Show

There is not much to report on from last year as like most other events we had to cancel the 2020 Horse Show.

However, we did manage to raise just over £2000 for Macmillan Cancer support in 2019 and we are in the process of seeing how we can put on what will probably be a scaled down show on 26th June 2021 to again support Macmillan Cancer Care. Sadly, I don't think it will be practical to have our usual doorstep collection of donated items for our tombola stall, which Westerfield residents have so kindly supported for many years but we would always welcome donations of cash that could be dropped into Mrs Partridge at Westerfield Hall and we will pass these onto the charity as being funds raised by the show.

Our aim will be to hold a more normal show in 2022 which will include a full welcome to spectators to enjoy the wide range of horse and pony related activities and events and where they'll be able to take their chance on the tombola stall and pick a delicious cake of their choice from the heavily loaded cake stall

Sue Leggett (Westerfield Horse Show)!

The United Benefice of Westerfield and Tuddenham with Witnesham Mothers' Union

We had two meetings in the Church when allowed to do so within COVID restrictions but otherwise it has been a period of keeping in touch with members by phone, email and newsletters.

We are looking forward to resuming our regular meetings as soon as it is deemed safe to do so but in the meantime it is hoped that an outdoor meeting in June will be an opportunity to meet together.

Rev'd Catherine Forsdike (Branch Leader) 01473 252904

1st Westerfield Scout Group 2020-2021

Due to the events of the past year, the following reports are shorter than usual.

As a Group we are always on the lookout for Adult volunteers to help us deliver our programmes and to take the Group forward, contact details are on the website www.westerfieldscouts.org.uk

Cubs - There are 13 Cubs, a mix of boys and girls, plus 4 Leaders.

The last face to face meeting was in early March, which was an Air rifle competition held at Leiston. Due to COVID meetings stopped soon afterwards.

In January 2021, we began fortnightly 'Zoom', online meetings. By now, Scouting HQ has made a number of video clips & programme ideas we can use or adapt. We have held four so far, with good attendance, Chinese New Year, making paper cut-outs, traditions of Shrove Tuesday and even making pancakes with parental support. We have specifically tried to maintain Scouting 'inter-active' sessions (and not to be 'school-like' as they are having to be on-line so much) and have other fun challenges ahead in the programme. It has been a period of learning & adaptation for us all! The cubs that opted to be part of the Westerfield Station Adoption scheme, were delivered a kit of either a bird or bat box to make at home, for the area, working towards their creative & environmental badges, under their parent's supervision. That & together with the recent Easter Design challenge set by Charlotte should be keeping them busy & complete some of their badgework!

We will continue with online meetings until the May half term and then we hope to start face to face again.

'Akela', Joan Gibson

Scouts - There are 16 Scouts and 2 Leaders, plus David, one of the Cub leaders regularly helps. A couple of the scouts will soon be leaving as they are reaching the maximum age.

The District held a Scout Air Rifle competition in Leiston on Saturday the 7th of March. We entered two teams of three, one of our scouts was the best overall shot of the day. Sadly, shortly after this we had to discontinue with face-to-face scout meetings due to Covid 19. We did run a few ZOOM meetings, then a virtual camp at Easter, where the scouts were challenged to do a two-night camp in their own garden and if possible, cook one breakfast and an evening meal outdoors, several of the Scouts rose to the challenge. Following this we did not meet again for the remainder of the year, but from the start of 2021 we are running fortnightly ZOOM meetings, we have run these as fun nights rather than any serious learning and are planning to restart face to face meetings again in May.

A late update on the above reports - 7 Cubs and 7 Scouts attended a programme event at Hallowtree campsite on Easter Monday afternoon, organised by the County, it was open to all Cubs and Scouts, but primarily for those who had not done any face- to- face meetings during the past few months.

Peter Runnacles (Skip) Scout Leader

Westerfield Tennis Club

The COVID lockdown prevented us being able to meet at all during 2020 and restrictions still exist so the 2021 season has not yet started. We normally play on the second Monday of each month and as restrictions are gradually relaxed it is hoped that as from June 14th there will be an opportunity to play. Once this is confirmed previous members will be contacted by email but if there are others who live in Westerfield and would like to have a good and sociable evening playing tennis then call Karen Davidson on 01473 218943 for further details.

Karen Davidson

Westerfield Women's Institute

Unfortunately we have been unable to meet during the past year but we have kept in contact by mail and phone calls. Our members have been filling their time with various craft activities and in the summer gardening was a popular activity. The craft group have been in contact and met when permitted in gardens. Sadly we have lost two of our long time members due to ill health, Molly Clegg and Monica Ford. Monica's death meant we had to find a new treasurer and despite several pleas we were unable to fill this post. Therefore with regret we had to suspend the WI. Property and paperwork will be stored for 3 years at a member's home and the monies have been sent to the regional office and will be kept for three years. If a new committee is formed everything will go to the new group. If not the money goes to the region and the goods are disposed of. The committee have been working behind the scenes with our Adviser to effect the suspension. We did, however, plant a tree in January in the paddock, a flowering cherry and Marta, Margaret Barbour and her husband John helped to do this.

Lynda May Secretary, Westerfield WI

Websites and Contacts

Westerfield Parish Council Web-site

This can be found at www.westerfield.onesuffolk.net and contains agendas and minutes of parish council meetings and reports as well as other information.

How to contact the Clerk to the Parish Council

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Email – westerfieldpc@gmail.com

How to contact your Parish Councillors

Graham Austin, Field View Cottage, 9 Lower Road, IP6 9AS

Tel 219642

Felicity Borwick Old Glebe House, Main Road, IP6 9AG

Tel 211438

Trevor Cade, 6 Fieldfare Way IP6 9FB

Tel 280562

Peter Hudson, 14 Fullers Field, IP6 9AX

Tel 0776 4448615

Jason Kirk, Woodstock, Main Road, IP6 9AG

Tel 517736

Peter Miller, Longways, Main Road, IP6 9AJ

Tel 212316

Michael Noble Hollybank, Church Lane, IP6 9BE

Tel 218358

How to contact your Suffolk County Councillor

Currently vacant until Elections on May 6th 2021.

How to contact your East Suffolk District Councillors for Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward

Tony Fryatt. Allby Green, Woodbridge Road, Debach IP13 6BU (Contact:

Tony.Fryatt@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

Colin Hedgeley The Coach House, Playford Mount, Great Bealings, Woodbridge IP13 6PH (Contact:

Colin.Hedgeley@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

How to contact Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

Woodbridge SNT, Suffolk Constabulary,

Theatre Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4NE Telephone 101

Westerfield Village Web-site www.westerfield-village.co.uk

This site is affiliated to the "Villages On line" group and contains details of the village and its activities. It is kept up to date by Val Byrne so please help her by forwarding anything of interest about the village and what is going on. The number of hits being made shows that it is being read by many people, both local and from further afield. Recent enquiries have ranged from information about lost relatives known to have lived in Westerfield, to any information about a Gloster Meteor Crash in the village in 1951.