

## **Annual Parish Council Report May 2025**

John Ross has unfortunately resigned as a Councillor and Chairman of the PC due to pressure of work. We thank him for his support and for the time and effort he has committed to the Parish Council. Chris Yeo has been elected as Chairman and he will be supported by John Parrish as Vice Chairman.

### 4-year Plan

- The Plan was adopted in January 2024 following a survey of residents in October 2023.
- It has recently been reviewed by the Parish Council.
- The Parish council is currently working on an Emergency Plan (Lead Councillor Cllr N Downing), Website Development (Lead Councillor Cllr N Downing), Amplification of the Village Hall (Lead Councillor Cllr J Parrish ) and Flooding (Lead Councillor Cllr J Parrish).

### Success of the VE Day 80 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

- Thanks to Cllr A Wignall and the many volunteers too numerous to mention who helped to make the day a success. Well done to all volunteers.

### Warm Room

- The Parish Council managed to secure funding for the year 2024/2025 from East Suffolk Council.
- The Warm Room was open 4 mornings a week for 21 weeks.
- The Warm Room once again has been very successful and our thanks go to the organisers Sally Long and Helen Kingston-Ross and their band of volunteers.

### Community Hub

The Parish Council supported an initiative to provide a Community Hub for residents following the successful running of the Warm Room 2025 to provide a space for residents to gather and socialise over a cup of coffee or tea.

### Street Racers / Antisocial behaviour

- The anti social behaviour by street racers appears to have stopped, or at least significantly reduce, although there was an incident a couple of weekends ago. The Police are fully aware.

### Planning

The review of planning applications continues to be a significant area of work for the Parish Councillors.

- 7 planning applications have been received by the Parish Council since the last APM which included:
  - **DC/25/0771/P3Q** Red House Farm - Prior Notification - Change of use of part of agricultural building to 6 x No. dwellinghouses (Class C3) and works reasonably necessary to facilitate the conversion. It was submitted as a permitted development. It transpires that the building was not just for agricultural use as it was also for livery purposes and therefore **This application was refused by ESC.**
  - **DC/25/0681/ARM** Red House Farm Bridge Road Levington Suffolk IP10 – Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/23/1138/OUT - Erection of 18 x No. dwellings (including 6 affordables) with garaging, parking, accesses and landscaping - The quantity, type and layout of buildings within the proposed development, The precise height, width and length of individual buildings, the appearance of buildings (including proposed materials) ...**The Parish Council maintains its objection to this application.**
  - **DC/24/0449/FUL** Part Land At Foxburrow Farm, Waldringfield Road, Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OBZ – Change of use of land for the storage of containers (associated with Port of Felixstowe), including erection of associated fencing. **This application was refused by ESC.**
  - The Appeal Hearing for **Eastern Structures** by the Secretary of State was turned down. The Enforcement Officer for ESC has been working with Eastern Structures to comply with the decision however unfortunately the Parish Council are still waiting for clarification that this has happened.

#### Litter picking

At the Parish Council meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May it was agreed to formally support as a Parish Council activity the work of volunteers undertaking the litter picking, cleaning of roadside signs and bus shelters and tidying verges to ensure they benefited from the Insurance cover in the event of an accident. Cllr Neil Downing is to review the risk assessment previously carried out some time ago.