

BT's Revised Planning Application

In April BT withdrew its original planning application C08/1725, and submitted a new application, C09/0555. This contained a number of minor changes, the most significant from Waldringfield's point of view being that one of the southern exit roads has been moved, and the southeastern edge of the housing has been moved a bit away from the crossroads.

Details of the revised plans can be found on the SCDC web site (<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/devcontrol/adastralpark/default.htm>) and at SCDC offices (at Melton Hill, Woodbridge), or on a disc, from Ian Kay (Tel: 736384).

The slides used in Ian Kay's presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting in April can be found at <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC/ParishCouncil/> then click on 2008-9 Annual Parish Meeting Reports page then Chairmans report (Warning - it is 4Mb so takes a while to download!) Slides 6-12 deal with BT's revised application, and summarise the most important changes.

The deadline for the public consultation was 22nd May. Although this has passed, is still not too late to send SCDC your views. Comments should be sent to:

Head of Planning Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AU

or email: d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

(Please include the application number C09/0555, your name, address, comment and reason for interest. Also, whether you support or oppose the application – “no objection” will be taken as neutral.)

Waldringfield Parish Council's response can be found on the Parish Council web site.

Local Development Framework

The public's responses to the consultation for the two LDF documents are being analysed by SCDC. The formal submission stage starts in Sept. '09 (Core Strategy - Preferred Options) and May '10 (Site Specific Allocations - Issues and Options).

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Boundary Commission

The consultation period for the Boundary Committee's revised recommendations ended on 14th May. If you had previously sent in a response: “Your earlier representations will continue to be taken into account by the Committee.” (Megan Bayford, Electoral Commission). More information can be found at <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/future/default.htm>.

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Is it a bird?
Is it a plane?
No.
It's a kite!

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Church Field Report

Be sure to keep the afternoon of Saturday the 20th June free for the annual Fun Day at Church Field. Barbecues will be lit around 1.30pm (weather permitting) for you to cook food and some shelter from sun/rain will be available if needed. Bring your own food /drink/seats/rugs/frisbies/kites/whatever. Various activities such as football, boules, rounders and tug of war will be arranged for the energetic.

The kite flying afternoon in April was fun and although the wind was not very strong quite a lot of kites of all shapes and sizes made their appearance, some of them getting up in the air for longer than others.

The school has also made kites and hopefully some of those will be tried out at the field too.

Swallows are back at the field and a party of about ten linnets have been seen several times lately feeding in the long grass areas. These are on the RSPB red alert list. They are small twittering finches and the males have a pink head and breast. Skylarks are regularly singing over the field and may be nesting. So keep all dogs on leads please.

The barn owl nest box will be put up later this summer and a post with an owl picture on it is currently marking the spot, put up by Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Summer playtime for the children

In the last issue I was looking for signs of Spring! This time I think summer has arrived early as it is really warm at present. More consultations on BT planning application, Boundary Review have kept Councillors and Clerk very busy.

New play equipment has been ordered for the playing field with a grant from the playspace fund. We very much hope it will be in situ before the long summer holiday, so watch this space. More climbing fun for smaller children as well as five-a-side goals for the older ones.

Our noticeboard in Cliff Road had seen better days so a new one has recently been installed thanks to a locality grant from County Councillor Patricia O'Brien. Do take time to read the details on it if you don't have access to the internet.

Have a wonderful summer.

Jean Potter – Parish Clerk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Tuesdays 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December 2009

ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and there is an opportunity at these meetings for residents to put information to the Council and ask questions. If anyone wishes to see planning applications, report problems etc., please phone the clerk to arrange

Contacting the Council:

In writing to: The Clerk, Waldringfield Parish Council
64 Chilton Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 8NZ

By telephone: 01473 723409 Email pc@waldringfield.suffolk.gov.uk
or via any Councillor

As well as meeting dates, other information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link at the Waldringfield web site at:
<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/WaldringfieldPC/>

WALDRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL Jean Potter, Clerk & RFO

Your Parish Councillors:

Ian Kay (Chairman)	Alyson Videlo (Deputy)	Colin Archer
Frances Matheson	Harriet Earle	Clive Underdown
Serena Gold	Bridget Rayner	David Dale

The owls will then have plenty of time to get used to the nestbox over the winter. There will be a large box with a bachelor pad on the back for when the male owl gets refused admittance, after the eggs hatch.

The annual report was given to the Parish AGM on 28th April and this can

be seen on the Parish Council website. Click on Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting to see all the reports. Finally, anybody able to help with mowing please contact Tim Burslem or me.

Christine Fisher Kay, Chair of the Trustees, Tel: 736384



Copydate for next newsletter Friday 14 August Send to Parish Clerk – details above in panel

Learning from village fires

After three recent fires in the last four months in the Parish of Waldringfield, the Parish Council (WPC) have been liaising with Suffolk County Council (SCC) over the maintenance of Fire Hydrants in the village.

Unfortunately Waldringfield Heath does not possess any hydrants as they are not on a mains water supply. Our understanding is that should a fire occur on Waldringfield Heath that a water bowser would be dispatched together with a fire engine in order to provide an adequate water supply, as happened in the Seven Acres fire. This also generally happens with bigger fires in villages like the Broomstubbs fire, as sometimes the mains supply is not as good as towns and may need supplementing.

However in the latest fire incident (hut rather than house), the appliance arrived on its own with no bowser, hydrants could not be located in the vicinity, the tide was out and there was a great difficulty with access. As it happens there was just enough water on board to extinguish the fire and ensure it was dampened fully. However, there was talk of using a neighbours pond as a water supply had the engines own tank been insufficient. Hydrants were located nearby the next morning with the advantage of daylight.

It's important to know where the hydrants are

One of the main outcomes from the fires is that the firemen do not know where the hydrants are located in the village and if a fire should occur they are very likely to ask locals for details of their whereabouts.

Please make sure you know where your nearest fire hydrant is located. Please make sure it can be seen and if necessary cut back vegetation that may be hiding hydrant signs.

The plate is yellow with a large 'H' on it and this would be attached to either a yellow post or a suitable surface such as a wall/fence or pole.

The plate has various indications on it.

1. The large black 'H' denotes Hydrant.
2. The first small box at the top indicates the parish number and hydrant number. This number is held on an electronic database at the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Brigade Headquarters.
3. The second box denotes the size of the main the fire hydrant is on.
4. The third box denotes the distance from the plate the hydrant can be

located.

5. The plate should also carry a barcode. This barcode is related to the parish Number and is zapped every time the hydrant is inspected, usually every 18 months unless a fault occurs.

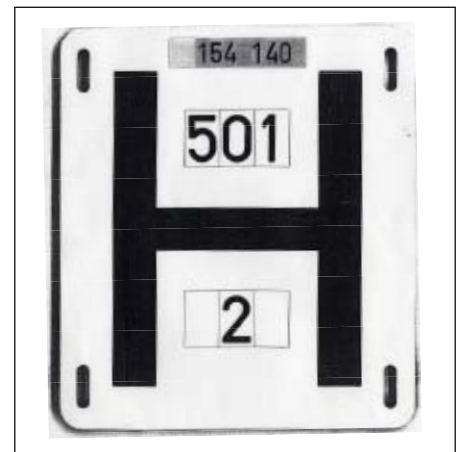
The fire hydrant itself is 400mm below ground, surrounded by a pit chamber and securely covered with a frame and cover that should clearly show 'FH' (Fire Hydrant) within it.

Should anything else be indicated on the cover such as 'W/O' (Wash Out) or 'S/V' (Sluice Valve) this means the hydrant belongs to the Water Undertaker and is usually indicated by a grey post and a blue plate.

Many of these Water Board markers are also missing, but all Fire service marker posts are painted yellow. Our understanding is the Fire service use F/H's and may be able to use W/O valves but not S/V, in the event of an emergency.

Should you wish to find out where your nearest hydrant is located you can contact either the Clerk to the PC or the Water Officer herself on tel. 01473 260588.

If you feel there is a fault with your hydrant then the Water Officer should be contacted so that she can arrange for it to be checked out.



The village of Waldringfield possesses 16 hydrants according to the SCC Water Officer who has forwarded a list to WPC and these have been investigated. A report as to the accuracy of the information has now been sent back to SCC and the Water Officer has promised that the highlighted problems have been forwarded to the maintenance officers for resolution as soon as possible.

These problems have presented themselves as:

- Hydrants full of silt with weeds growing in them, presumably not in working order.
- Fire Hydrant signs missing from where they are supposed to be located.
- Fire hydrants either missing, partially buried under verges, or possibly tarmaced over.
- The locations of the hydrants quoted on the list are so out of date that the roads no longer exist or have changed their names a long time ago.
- More signs located than quoted on the list but hydrants not visible
- Hydrants located in positions not on the list. Some of these may be private hydrants and therefore possibly not maintained by the fire service. However there is one at the entrance to Village Way that isn't indicated by a sign at present.

These faults applied to more than a half of all the hydrants in the village including one that could have been used by the fire service on the night of the Broomstubbs fire and which is still unaccounted for.

WPC hope to publish an updated list of fire hydrants on the village website shortly.

What's On Directory

EVENT	DETAILS	CONTACT	
Mothers Union	Twice monthly	Secretary	736522
Craft Club in the School	Thursdays twice monthly	Shirley Fisher	736336
Parish Council Meetings	2nd Tuesday in month	Clerk	723409
Social Evenings	Tuesday 6.30pm	John Nayler	736228
Improvers Bridge (waiting list)	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jill Stredwick	736216
Art Classes	Wednesday mornings	Liz Kennedy	736637
Yoga	Wednesday 7.00pm	Jackie Brinsley	736618
Womens Institue	2nd Wednesday in month 2.30 - 4.30 pm	Gill Rea	736577
Parent and Toddler Group	Thursdays (term-time) 10.30am-12.00noon	School Hall Jenny Firth	736343
Winter Talks	1st Wednesday of the month	Sandy Wells	

CONTACT NAMES

Village Hall Bookings	Telephone	736534
Suffolk County and District Councillor	(call Clerk)	
Parish Council Clerk	Jean Potter	723409
Police	Police station	613500
	PC Mike Crisp	613500
	PCSO Amy Clarke	613500

Waldringfield Baptist Church

We invite you to join us at our Sunday services and weekday meetings

Sunday	11.00am	Morning Service Including Sunday School/Bible Class for ages 4 – 18 and crèche facilities for babies and toddlers
Sunday	6.30pm	Evening Service followed by tea, coffee and chat in the Youth Hall
Monday	7.00pm	Yoyo's (ages 10+) during school term
Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens Fellowship (first Tuesday in month)
	7.30pm	Ladies New Start (second Tuesday in month)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Thursday	9.30am	Parents and Toddlers, during school term
	6.00pm	One Way Club (ages 5 – 10) during school term
	8.30 – 10.00 pm	Men's sports evening at Woodbridge School (once a month – contact Pastor Steve Wyncoll for dates)
Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Breakfast (second Saturday in month)

Forthcoming Special Services and Events

Sunday 7th June	Young People's Day – services at normal times. Barbecue lunch following morning service. Speaker for the day: Ben Clark
25th – 28th August	Holiday Bible Club For children aged 4 – 11 from 10.00 – 12.00 each day (9.30 on Tuesday for registration)
Friday 28th August	Family barbecue, 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Sunday 30th August	Family service 11.00am

If you would like to know more details about any of the meetings, or if you are in need of transport to the Church, please contact either:

Robin Percy (Church Secretary) Tel 01473 612856
e-mail robinpercy@btinternet.com

or Pastor Steve Wyncoll, Hope Haven, Cliff Road, Waldringfield,
Tel 01473 736771 or 736285
e-mail steve.wyncoll@btopenworld.com

or Pastor Tim Mawson, Whitehaven, Main Road, Bucklesham, Tel 01473 659023
e-mail tim.mawson@btinternet.com

Website: www.waldringfieldbc.org.uk

Wheelie Bins on Sailing Club Car Park

Strange things like chests of drawers, deck chairs and large pieces of timber have been appearing in these bins. Suffolk Coastal District Council provide these bins free of charge for visitors, hut owners, visiting yachtsmen and the Sailing Club. They are not there for the use of the village householders. They are not skips, so unsuitable items should be taken to the tip. Equally the black sack area on the beach caters for the same people only.

Abuse of these facilities could result in their removal.

Liz Kennedy

Post Office – change to service

It is proposed to change the post office service from the village hall to a mobile van which will park on the Village Hall car park Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11.00 am to 1.00 pm each week. Customers will benefit from increased opening hours. The village hall will still be open at the same time so that people can wait inside. The mobile service has facility for disabled access and is planned to start on Wednesday 1 July and will offer the same range of Post Office products and services.

Bus Shelter at the crossroads

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey. The final total was 37 for and 6 against. Developments since the survey was published indicate that in future Waldringfield children will be allocated places at a number of high schools instead of just Kesgrave. We now need to wait and see how this will affect the school bus system, as of course if the bus service is withdrawn, there will not be any need for a bus shelter.