

Badwell Broadsheet

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Suffolk Council *will* change. You have ONLY A FEW DAYS to have your say.

The government wants to change how councils work. Badwell Ash gets some services, eg planning, from Mid-Suffolk District Council, and others, eg education, from the larger Suffolk County Council. The government wants all services to be provided by one council – a ‘Unitary’ system.

The Boundary Commission for England is deciding how to divide up Suffolk to make new councils. This is the decision you can have a say about.

It is looking at two main options in Suffolk:

1/ one council for all Suffolk - ‘One Suffolk’

2/ dividing Suffolk into two areas and having two separate councils – ‘Haven’ and ‘Rural Suffolk’ (see map). This was the Commission’s stated preferred option in July.

‘There is merit in the old saying: ‘if it ain’t broke don’t fix it,’ but this is not on the table,’ said Roy Barker, District Councillor for the Badwell Ash Ward. ‘Central Government don’t want to understand the countryside, and what makes this area such a great place to live. The disruption and bedding-in time will be massive. Splitting Suffolk into two would make Haven much more viable, and Rural Suffolk - which Badwell is in – the poorer of the two. ‘One Suffolk’ would leave all the services run by the county intact.’

Suffolk County Council (SCC) want the ‘One Suffolk’ option. Jeremy Pembroke, Leader of the SCC, says it would be ‘the best and cheapest way forward.’

Tim Passmore, Leader of Mid-Suffolk District Council, said: ‘One Suffolk’ provides the strongest voice for Suffolk – and a stronger voice means more clout with central government.’

Others worry an Ipswich-based ‘One Suffolk’ might concentrate on urban, industrial and coastal problems and ignore rural issues. ‘If we are not vigilant we will end up with an urban solution for a rural area which will not serve Suffolk well,’ said Richard Ward, Director of Suffolk Preservation Society.

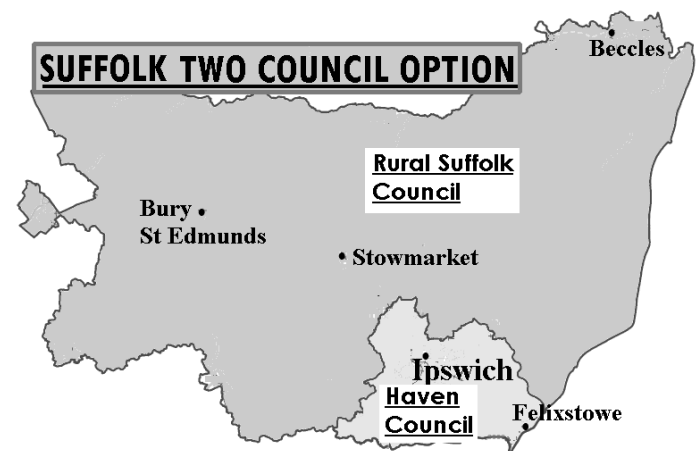
The size of such a council worries people too. “The

fact is that councils, just like any business, can get too big, and get to the stage where they cannot deliver services efficiently and are also remote and unaccountable to and from their communities,” Councillor Ray Herring of Suffolk Coastal Council said, pointing to the fact that ‘One Suffolk’ would become one of the largest councils in the country, serving 400,000 people.

Suffolk Coastal have put in another proposal, for a three way split – East Suffolk/West Suffolk/Haven.

Local MP David Ruffley said: “There should be no change to the current organisation.”

Still others complain that the Boundary Commission is rushing the whole planning decision and should take more time to look at options.



Proposed boundaries for the Boundary Commission’s 2-council option – a political, practical or economic choice?

Your views DO COUNT: In July the Boundary Commission’s plan was to move Lowestoft into Norfolk. But there was such an outcry from local people that they are looking at the options again. So writing to or emailing the committee can make a difference.

You don’t have to choose either of the two options currently being looked at. You are asked to share any views you have about Suffolk’s future.

Please send these to the **Boundary Committee for England, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 2HW**, or email reviews@boundarycommittee.org.uk to reach them by **26 September.**

Thank you, Malcolm Frost

Many parishioners would like to thank Malcolm Frost for all his hard work and improvements in the cemetery. Mr Frost has been cutting the grass and the hedges and generally clearing the grounds, and his work is appreciated by the Parish Council and individuals alike.



Mrs Hunter and Willow Class. Thanks to all the children for their interesting questions, and to Megan and Alec for their excellent note taking.

Our New Headteacher

Another school year begins and Badwell Ash CEVA Primary School has a new headteacher, Mrs Angela Hunter. Under the terms of the new federation, Mrs Hunter, already headteacher of Walsham-le-Willows CEVC Primary School, is currently spending half a day at each school.

Mrs Hunter was interviewed by Willow Class for the Badwell Broadsheet.

Meredith kicked off the questioning by asking Mrs Hunter about her favourite school dinner (roast dinner, and apple pie with custard). The children also found out that Mrs Hunter favours cats, swimming, cauliflower, Thorntons chocolates, Harry Potter books and the colour lilac.

She admitted to James that she didn't like football much, but told Samantha that she liked swimming with her three children. Sophie discovered that Mrs Hunter likes singing in the car when no one can hear her, while Chiara heard that she listens to Scouting for

Girls when her children are in the car too. Alec was shocked to hear that Mrs Hunter likes mornings so much she gets up at 5.30am.

Mrs Hunter is settling well into Badwell Ash. She teaches each class one morning a week, which is helping her to get to know everyone's names. She told Griffin that Badwell Ash was a lovely school, and she told Lewis that the best thing so far was getting to know everyone. Rachel found out that her favourite subjects are geography and literacy, while Kieron discovered she liked playtime and being in the fresh air.

'The most important thing for children to learn is self-confidence and self-respect,' said Mrs Hunter.

Badwell Ash on the Internet

- The Badwell Ash internet site is getting over 200 hits a month. Take a look – the site has useful facts, phone numbers and links to everything from bus timetables to the council. There's a bit of local history, and lists with contacts for classes, clubs and groups in the village.
- <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BadwellAshCommunityForum/>
- Any businesses or services based in the parish can be included on the site for free.
- The website is for the community. If you would like to add anything please get in touch by emailing the site or see the contacts on page 4.

Police ask for public's views

Suffolk Constabulary is keen to hear your views about policing in the county and has introduced a Public Survey 2008/2009. In particular, it would like to know what you think its priorities should be and whether it is dealing with those issues that are important to the communities it polices.

The survey can be completed online at :- <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/MidSuffolkCentral/> or contact Badwell's local Police Community Support Officer, PCSO 3148 Vince Clarkson, who can get you a copy (phone 01284 774100). Please complete and return this short survey to help the police understand your views. With your help they will be able to provide a service that is responsive and driven by the people of Suffolk.

Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Monday 1st September, 2008. WPC Clare Wayman, reporting on behalf of Suffolk Constabulary, said that since 1st March there had been only one reported crime in Badwell Ash and that was a theft of domestic heating oil from a property in Back Lane.

After a site meeting with Suffolk Housing Society, and receiving recommendations from Suffolk County Council (SCC), the council now plans to erect a 5m lamp-post near the flank wall of 7 Orchard Close, and not a wall bracket as earlier planned. Further discussions are needed with the housing society and SCC, but it is hoped the new light will be operating very soon.

Planning applications No.2854/08, Sylvan and No.2912/08 land adjacent Oakleigh, Long Thurlow, and 2546/08, 4 Back Lane and 0891/08, land adjacent Donard, Back Lane, Badwell Ash were discussed, with the Council offering no objections.

It was reported that the Council's external auditors had completed the audit of the annual return and were satisfied that the Council's accounts were in order and

that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

The next parish council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd November** in the Village Hall, at 7:30pm. All members of the public are invited to attend and an opportunity will be given to address the members if required.

Andrew Catchpole, Clerk to Badwell Ash Parish Council

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Members of the Parish Council: Arthur Diaper (chairman); Richard Pratt (vice-chairman); Clive Bassett; Simon Guise; Karl Hortt; Penny Kirby and David Smith.

Under 5's ask for help

Badwell Ash Under 5's has been given the generous gift of a lovely wooden playhouse. 'The only thing is,' said leader Dianne Moore, 'that we can't put it up until the base is prepared.' The group has the patio slabs required for the job, but they need someone who knows what they're doing to lay them in the group's outdoor area.

Anyone willing and able to help please call the Under 5's on 259004 (manned 9-12am, otherwise on answerphone).

Badwell Ash local organisations, clubs and groups

Organisation	Contact	Phone	Meets when/where
Art Club	Adult Education ,Thurston	232204	Tuesday, 1:15 - 3:15pm, Village Hall
Bowls Club	David Frost	259548	Tuesday, 7:30pm, Village Hall
Circuit Training	Neal Bassett	259897	Thursday, 7:00 – 8:00pm, Village Hall
Gun Club	Tony Turp	259547	Saturday p.m. Fortnightly, Back Lane
Parents and Toddlers	Dianne Moore	07703- 367756	Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00pm, Village Hall
St Mary's Church	Angela Brooks	259587	see church noticeboard
School PTFA	Natalie Drake	258298	see school noticeboard
Silver Ash	Jenny Jones	259609	Tuesday, fortnightly,RicherClose Common Room
Under Fives	Dianne Moore	07703- 367756	Weekdays, 9:15 -12:00pm, Village Hall (12:00-13:00 Lunch Club)
Women 's Institute	June Ley	259645	2 nd Thursday each month, Great Ashfield Hall
Youth Club	Stacey Hawes	07845 -119579	Wednesday, 7:00-9:00pm, Village Hall

Dates coming up...

- Sep 23 Community Forum/Village Hall Meeting**
8.00 White Horse Pub
- Oct 9 WI: Wartime Women of Bury's Guildhall: Mr Blackwell**
7.30: Long Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield
- Nov 11 Parish Council Meeting**
7.30: Village Hall
- Nov 13 WI: Annual General Meeting**
7.30: Long Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield
- Dec 5 School Christmas Play and Christmas Fair**
Production starts 6.30, Fair begins afterwards
- Dec 11 WI: Christmas party**
7.30: Long Thurlow Hall, Great Ashfield
- Dec 14 Benefice Eucharist**
10.00: St Mary's Church

The Badwell Broadsheet

The Badwell Broadsheet is published in association with the Badwell Ash Community Forum and is kindly funded by the Badwell Ash Parish Council. We will distribute as many copies as possible, otherwise please pick up a copy at the shop or the pub.

Articles, information about local events, notices and feedback are welcomed.

The Broadsheet also welcomes advertisements. £20 for minimum 1/8th page advert for three issues.

For any of the above, please contact the temporary editor Sarah Brown at 259625 or sarahbrownfleming@hotmail.com, or leave written notices with Ashley Simpson at the White Horse.

Can you help the Broadsheet?

The Broadsheet has a distribution of 350 copies and is looking for volunteers to distribute issues in certain areas of the parish. The Broadsheet is bi-monthly and posting copies would take less than half an hour of your time. We'd particularly like to hear from people who could distribute to:-

- *Hunston Rd end of The Street to St Mary's Crescent
- *North end of The Street to the pub
- *St Mary's Crescent
- *Badwell Green
- *East end of Long Thurlow to Willow Close

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Community Forum Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September
White Horse Pub 8.00pm
Be There!

Tuesday Toddlers

The Parent and Toddler Group has moved from Wednesday to **Tuesday** mornings. The group welcomes new faces – not only toddlers and parents, but also grandparents, child-minders and other carers.

10 – 12am Main hall of the Village Hall

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