

# Pinewood Parish Council Newsletter

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Pinewood Parish Council would like to wish our readers a  
Happy Xmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year



**Come and help shape your Parish by  
becoming a **Parish Councillor!****

**Are you interested in trying to make a difference to your  
Parish, to your local environment, to recreational facilities,  
to local transport, to planning and housing, parking and  
speeding? If so we would love you to join us!**

**We have THREE VACANCIES – can you make a difference?**

**If you would like more details, please contact the Parish  
Clerk by email [pinewoodpc@ntlworld.com](mailto:pinewoodpc@ntlworld.com) or any of the  
Councillors or by calling 01473 692690**

The main role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of residents within our parish. As a member of the Parish Council you will share responsibility for decisions about local services which may include: Open Spaces, Play Areas the Community Hall, and other issues affecting the parish. You will be part of the decision making when the Parish Council considers whether the Parish Precept should be raised. This is our local contribution to part of the Council Tax and is used to help deliver the Parish Council's services. You can assist in bringing forward ideas for future projects for the council and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish as well as playing a part of improving the quality of life and the environment in our local area. You could be working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

Why not attend one of our monthly council meetings to gain an insight into the workings of the council? You will be surprised what the council duties are and what is discussed.

If you are interested after that, you can always contact the Parish Clerk or a Councillor directly, to gain a further insight to the workings of the Parish council, we would love to see you.

Parish Council meetings are normally held in the Pinewood Community Hall on the second Monday of the month, starting at 19.30hrs, dates are featured on page 7 of this newsletter. You can also catch up with your Babergh District Councillors and your SCC Councillor at the meeting.

**To stand for election or co-option on a parish council, you must:**

- be a UK or Commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be at least 18 years old.

**To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must:**

- be an elector of the parish;
- in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish;
- work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work);
- live within three miles of the parish boundary.

**We are a non political group.**

## Pinewood Community Hall



**Welcome**  
**New Members**

The Pinewood Community Hall can also be hired out for private parties included in the price is use of the fully equipped Kitchen. A Licensed Bar is available upon request and may be included in the hire.

**If you live in the Pinewood area you will get the cheaper resident rates.**

For further information contact Sandra by email [pinewoodpc@ntlworld.com](mailto:pinewoodpc@ntlworld.com)



### Wolsey Grange, Ipswich Future Highways Works

You may be aware that Taylor Wimpey began improvements to the local highway network for the much-needed new development at Wolsey Grange.

The site will deliver more than 300 new homes and related open space and recreation facilities, and an area for future employment has also been identified.

The road work programme was due to commence at the beginning of September and run through to mid December. However, changes to the design have been identified which will deliver improvements beyond that of those originally identified. As such, the works have been rescheduled to commence at the beginning of April 2020.

These works will increase capacity and safety measures. The provisions include new signalling, new footpaths and cycle ways, junction improvements and resurfacing.

Taylor Wimpey has planned to minimise disruption during this time as much as possible.

As plans progress, we remain committed to update you on the progress of these works.

#### Next steps

The following improvements will be carried out in Spring 2020. These timescales are subject to detailed programmes:

**A1071/Poplar Lane junction:** Over 14 weeks, an extra lane will be built leading up to the A1214 as well as an extra cycle lane. There will also be new signals at the A1071 and Poplar Lane junction which will also be resurfaced. The section of the A1071 between the A1214 and Poplar Lane will be closed during this time, with traffic diverted through London Road and Hadleigh Road, to speed up the works.

**A1214/A1071 junction:** This will start alongside the A1071/Poplar Lane junction works, and will take up to four weeks. The works will see improvements made to traffic islands at the junction with Scrivener Drive to allow two lanes from the A1071, along with resurfacing and signalling. A1214 traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction to ensure the work can be safely carried out.

### Belstead House and Belstead Meadows Planning Update

We have so far not had a response to the submission containing the objections to the proposed developments. The submitted document is available for you to read on the Pinewood Parish Council website at [www.pinewood.onesuffolk.net/parish-council](http://www.pinewood.onesuffolk.net/parish-council)



**DON'T BECOME  
A VICTIM!**  
**PROTECT YOURSELF  
AGAINST VEHICLE CRIME**

for vehicle crime prevention advice go to  
[www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)



Are you  
interested  
in starting a  
NHW Scheme  
in your road,  
if so, please visit

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To gain further knowledge of  
how NHW schemes  
work and how you can apply  
the scheme to your Road or  
Street in Pinewood.



## **A12/A14 Meeting at Capel St Mary.**

This was convened on 11<sup>th</sup> October by James Cartlidge MP for residents in Pinewood and the villages which border these two major roads. On the panel was a representative from Suffolk Highways, Mary Evans, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, Simon Amor, Head of Planning and Development Operations for the Eastern Region, Highways England, John Ward, Leader of Babergh District Council and a Chief Inspector from Suffolk Police. The meeting was very well attended with many residents from the neighbouring villages. It was organised as a question and answer session.

The Copdock Mill Interchange junction was discussed. It is hoped that RIS (Road Investment Strategy) funding will be available from next April and that improvements to Copdock should be the first to be announced, before the end of the year. The Suffolk County Council priority is from Seven Hills to Copdock.

It was agreed that the A12 needs major investment. The unsuitability of the Capel, Higham and East Bergholt junctions were of particular concern because of the short length of the slip roads at these locations. The volume of traffic now makes them dangerous for road users trying to access the A12.

It was accepted that closures of the Orwell Bridge cause great disruption to the whole of the Ipswich Fringe area. I was able to comment on the effect that it has on Pinewood and beyond. A study by UCL on ways to mitigate the effects of these closures is expected in the coming months. Changing the wind speed limit is being considered as is the possibility of ways of keeping it open for some traffic.

A Belstead Councillor raised the issue of the noise created by the concrete surface of the A 14 which passes by that village. Simon Amor said it did not come within the designated range for noise reduction. It was agreed that a further meeting to discuss this problem would be arranged. After the meeting I pointed out to Simon that I had been present at the original meeting 2 years ago at Belstead and that the noise was not just an issue for the residents of Belstead Village but also for many of the residents of the more than 2,000 homes in Pinewood. Hopefully this could make the case for noise reduction more viable. He said Pinewood could be included in any future discussions. I have since contacted him to confirm this and he has done so.

A resident of Pinewood spoke about the Belstead development and the lack of a traffic Survey. Mary Evans said she would speak to him at the end of the meeting. I also spoke to her and said that we had asked in our submissions on this development for new traffic surveys to be done during term time and not during school holidays. She said she would look into the matter but we have not heard from her yet.

Excess speed on local roads was mentioned as an increasing problem. This includes motor bikes racing on the A137! The effect of the loss of local bus services on the more rural communities has had a detrimental effect on these communities, resulting in a feeling of isolation.

Many residents and communities are very concerned about the great amount of housing that is proposed for this area and John Ward was questioned very critically about this. He said that decisions had been taken to have major housing developments close to major road networks, hence the concentration in this area of Babergh. He was left in no doubt that our road network is already suffering from a high level of congestion without the extra burden that more housing will bring. Though people understand that more homes are needed this area in Babergh seems to have more new building than many other areas affected by decisions made the Planning Department and Planning Committee of the District Council.

This meeting was certainly a worthwhile exercise to gauge local opinion on road and traffic issues that effect communities large and small in this area of Babergh. In fact it seems that whatever the size of the community many of these problems are common to us all.

Beryl Calver



## Local Policing Information

### Only Call 999 In An Emergency Or If You Witness A Crime In Progress

Did you know that you can report non-urgent issues much quicker by using the web based reporting system on the Suffolk Police web site. Our SNT remain active in the local area and remain focused on the following key areas:

Increasing patrols and enforcement to combat drugs and alcohol related issues in the area. Working to control issues of young drivers who meet up at the Tesco site who travel Pinewood creating mayhem by speeding, playing loud music and using vehicles with high noise emissions from the exhaust.

There remains a focus on speeding in all areas of Pinewood. Vehicles speeding nationally has risen hence a crack down on this behaviour is at the forefront of Police operations.

Anti Social Behaviour is at the top of the agenda as the summer period comes to and end.

Latest crime figures released by the Police UK web site for the Pinewood area are available at [www.police.uk/](http://www.police.uk/)



### SUFFOLK POLICE ARE RECRUITING

#### **Walk a new path with Suffolk Constabulary**

If you would like to apply, please complete the [eligibility criteria form](#) here. The job of being a police officer will take you beyond your own expectations and give you more variety, challenge and reward than you could ever expect from any other career.

Ultimately, your role will be to prevent and solve crime. But it is also about working in partnership with communities to make a real difference and improve the quality of life for everyone, making your local community feel safe and protected.

### Parking in Pinewood

Student briefings, as mentioned in the previous newsletter were carried out due to be carried out in November by Suffolk Police. These briefings were to target Parking and other aspects of anti social behaviour such as littering etc.

Parking Initiatives are being taken seriously and there remains much work to be carried out by associated agencies concerned, to bring these issues to a sensible conclusion.

There are still many resident concerns voiced in the most affected areas and of late many issues have been raised by residents to the Parish Council, these have been further forwarded to the agencies involved in bringing this parking issue to a suitable and meaningful conclusion.

Representatives meeting and working on the parking issues are from Pinewood Parish Council, Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council, Suffolk One along with Suffolk Police.

Teaching Staff from Suffolk One are also being proactive and responsive in walking the areas to monitor inappropriate parking and, as witnessed by some residents, have spoken to Students when they returned to pick their vehicles up at the end of the day to point out areas of concern.



Wasted Medicines

This medication was left behind by a UK NHS patient who moved away. It was returned by a relative. It includes nearly £1000 of diabetic items, £100 of nasal sprays and much more. All unused, all wasted. The cost of this pile would pay for an NHS nurse for almost one MONTH. The NHS cannot survive this abuse. But this keeps happening OFTEN. If you do not want to take some of your meds, please tell your General Practice.



### **SUFFOLK HIGHWAYS**

We often receive reports of privately owned hedges, overgrowing onto the highway. If a tree or hedge is within your property, you have a duty of care to ensure that these are cut back, particularly at junctions or accesses. For info and to report, visit <https://suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport>



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### **Fly Tipping in Pinewood**

Recently there have been instances of Fly Tipping occurring in Pinewood. If you discover fly-tipped waste:

**Don't touch the waste** - it may contain syringes, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.

**Don't disturb the site** - there may be evidence that could help identify the fly-tippers and lead to their prosecution.

Do visually try to work out what the waste consists of and how much there is - take photos if it is safe to do so. Make a note of the day, date and time you saw the tipping, its exact location and whether it's in or near water. Keep any notes you make, even scribbled ones, as they can be very valuable as evidence. Contact us at Babergh District Council as soon as possible so that we can investigate.

**If you witness someone fly-tipping**, make a note of how many people are involved and what they look like, what has been dumped - how much and what it looks like also details of any vehicles involved including make, colour and registration number if possible and call 999 if the incident is still in progress.

**Be very careful**. Remember that fly-tippers are doing something illegal – they are unlikely to welcome people observing them or taking notes or photographs.

**Call 0300 1234000** to report the Fly Tipping

As well as being an eyesore and a nuisance, on most public land it is an offence under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 not to clear up after your dog after it has fouled. The District Council has powers to issue 'on the spot'

Fixed Penalty Notices of £50, or to prosecute in the criminal courts, which could lead to a fine of up to £1,000.

Dog fouling should be wrapped and disposed of in one of the many dog or litter bins in the district, or by placing it in your black wheelie bin.

If you witness offenders, please contact:

**<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/environment/dog-control/dog-fouling/>**



### **Pinewood Parish Litter Pick** **Please Register to Join us in** **February next year**

The Litter Pick Volunteers met on 21<sup>st</sup> September and they picked litter along some of the key main roads in Pinewood, these being Scrivener Drive, Ward Road and Shepherds Drive. The roads which branched off these roads were visited as were the green areas along the way. In all twelve large black bags were filled, along with large pieces of wood and other rubbish including shopping trolleys. The nine volunteers who worked the areas made a great difference to the road side view of our parish. Maps of areas were supplied and when our pickers returned to base they were able to enjoy a nice drink and a snack before leaving.

The next pick will be held in February next year and will take place between the hours of 10am and 12.30pm. Do you think you could make a difference to the area whilst out for a stroll with friends? If you do contact us please leave your name, address, email address, and how many persons are interested. The pickers in the September event were all from the Pinewood area around the Scrivener Drive /Ward Road area, it would be great to get some volunteers from the Thorrington Park area involved in the February litter pick.



### **Volunteers still Required** **to deliver our Newsletters** **every two months in and** **around the Belmont Road area**

The available areas are Belmont Road and adjoining roads, Woolverstone Close and Appleby Close areas.

If you are interested in helping us contact **[pinenews@btinternet.com](mailto:pinenews@btinternet.com)** or speak to the Parish Clerk at the Community Hall



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### Pinewood Parish Council Meeting Dates 2019/20

Meetings take place at the Pinewood Community Hall starting at 19.30hrs

All Pinewood residents are welcome

The Second Monday In December	09 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
The Second Monday in January	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
The Second Monday in February	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Pinewood Parish Council - Contact Address

Pinewood Community Hall, Laburnum Close, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 3SL.

Office normally attended between 9am & 5pm, answerphone on 01473 692690 is available at all times.

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