

Mr. Gray asked if the Parish Council considered conservation matters when discussing planning applications and was reassured by the Chairman that conservation areas were taken into consideration.

Mr. Gray expressed concern over the amount of new developments in Egremont Street, but was assured that this was not the only area in the village. Cllr. Thake informed the meeting that central government dictated that there should be 53 houses per hectare, and that County Highways assessed that each three bedroom house should provide parking spaces for 1.5 cars. Cllr. Thake also explained that Mr. Gray could attend Development Committee meetings and speak if he had a complaint about any planning issue, and also assured him that comments by members of the public were taken into consideration.

Mr. Gray reported that a log near a ditch by Seldon Waver was being used by youths as a meeting place, and was now littered with cans and bottles. The Clerk would inform the police of this.

132 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Kemp presented a locality grant cheque for £5,200 to the Council.

Cllr. Kemp reported that work was still being undertaken on the infamous hole in the road, and that temporary speed cameras were now in place on Lower Road.

All residents were being urged to have a "jolly green Christmas" and to recycle as much as they could over the festive period.

133 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Young had received copies of the Minutes of the meeting to discuss the Western bypass and was perplexed to see that no elected representative attended from Babergh.

Cllr. Young had attended a recent meeting where it was stated that most residents were opposed to rises in Council tax, as they saw no improvements to the services. Council tax on second homes was discussed and it was pointed out that all facilities were available to the properties year round.

Cllr. Young had met with the Vice-chairman from Suffolk Acre, who would be happy to attend any Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would contact her in the new year.

Cllr. Young had attended a recent meeting in Ipswich on Discrimination.

The introduction of car parking charges in Sudbury had been discussed at Babergh District Council and both District councillors felt that the public would ultimately end up paying for any charges introduced and car parks operated by contractors.

Cllr. Thake again stated his disapproval of officers and councillors meeting at the Gold Club, and other expensive locations. He felt that it was a joyride for the councillors and officers and was a wasted expense by Babergh District Council.

134 CLERKS REPORT

Mrs. Phillips had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Clerk would contact her after Christmas.

Letters had been sent to the owners of the land at Post Office Lane, New Cut, and to the rear of Crownfield Road. Replies had been received from both.

A letter had been received regarding the proposed footway on Hunts Hill, stating that it was a category 1 scheme and had now been passed to the relevant person at Suffolk County Council.

The new seats were now in place at the cemetery and Greyhound Road.

Cllr. Thake would be attending a meeting with Malcolm Firth to discuss problems with the Environmental Health Department.

The Clerk would telephone Hunts Hill Stores and chase up the order for the Christmas tree.

135 FINANCIAL MATTERS**a. Account Status**

Income	851.99
Expenditure	4754.52
Cash in hand	57270.52
Petty Cash	205.36
Youth Facilities Park	132.25
High Interest Account	15006.71
Total (not including yfp)	72482.59

b. Payments Received

Organisation payments for Village Hall	610.05
Village Hall Bookings	96.00
Burial payments	27.50

c. Accounts to be paid

Mr. W. Dane	248.64
Asset Management Limited	150.00
Inland Revenue	266.52
Mitchell Engineering Limited	1269.00

d. Payments made out of Council

Mr. W. Hickford	1966.25
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PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

e. **Any other financial matters**

Allsorts wished to purchase a new fridge and asked if the Parish Council would donate half towards it. They had seen one for £89. Agreed to donate half the cost.

New dog bins were required for the area round 161 Kings Road and also on the Rec. The Clerk would order these.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Young

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

119 PLANNING MATTERSa. **New Applications****B/03/01816/RES Land to rear of 14-22 Stanway Close and Newfield House, Bells Lane**

Submission of details under OPP B/00/1363/OUT – the siting, design and external appearance of and the landscaping of the site for the erection of a single-storey dwelling and attached double garage.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/03/01561/CLB Glemsford CP School, Lion Road

Application under Regulation 13 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Building in Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 - Erection of building for use as storage and maintenance. Demolition of existing shed and outbuilding.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Gurr

B/03/01870/FHA 94 Kings Road

Erection of two-storey side extension, and lean-to roof over existing porch and bay windows.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lord

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/03/001904/FHA 75 Kings Road

Erection of two storey side extension.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/03/01663/FUL Land adjacent Former Horsehair Factory, Bells Lane

Erection of terrace of 2 no. 2 ½ storey and 3 no. 2-storey dwellings and conversion of existing 2-storey building to 2 no. residential flats with alterations to existing vehicular access (as amended by details dated 1/12/03)

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Lay

B/03/01945/TCA St. Anthony's, Skates Hill

Felling of 1 No. apple tree, thinning of 1 No. sycamore tree, removal of 2 lower branches and thinning of 1 no ash tree and removal of branch of 1 no cherry tree.

Agreed to recommend this Application for approval

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Knox

B/03/01752/FUL The Briars Residential Care Home, Hunts Hill

Erection of two-storey rear extension as amended by letter and plan received on 10th November 2003.

Agreed to recommend this Application for refusal, citing overdevelopment and a dominant building in a conservation area.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Lay

SECONDED: Cllr. Watkinson

b. **Applications Granted**

B/03/01447/FUL Land to rear of Nos. 13 and 15 Whitlands

Renewal of OPP B/00/000624/OUT - Erection of a detached single-storey dwelling with detached garage and construction of vehicular access.

B/03/01398/FHA Peggles, Schoolfield

Erection of rear conservatory.

B/03/01336/RES Land adjoining 30A Hunts Hill

Submission of reserved matters under outline planning permission B/02/00353/OUT - Erection of single-storey dwelling.

B/03/00701/FUL The Cock Inn, Egremont Street

Retention of external lighting as amended by plans received 2nd September 2003 from agent.

B/03/00931/FUL 17 Bells Lane

Conversion of outbuilding to two-storey dwelling.

B/03/00932/LBC 17 Bells Lane

Application for listed building consent - conversion of outbuilding to two-storey dwelling.

c. **Any other planning matters**

The Chairman had met with building consultants and planners regarding the proposed community centre. A feasibility study now had to be undertaken, before matters could progress any further.

137 YOUTH FACILITIES PARK AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

It was agreed to accept the terms of the letter received from Babergh regarding their contribution to the Youth Facilities Park.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

It was agreed to now go ahead with a formal acceptance to buy the land to the rear of the Village Hall.

PROPOSED: Cllr. Watkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. Young

107 ANY OTHER MATTERS

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00 pm
Next meeting 6th January 2004**

Signed Date and Min No.