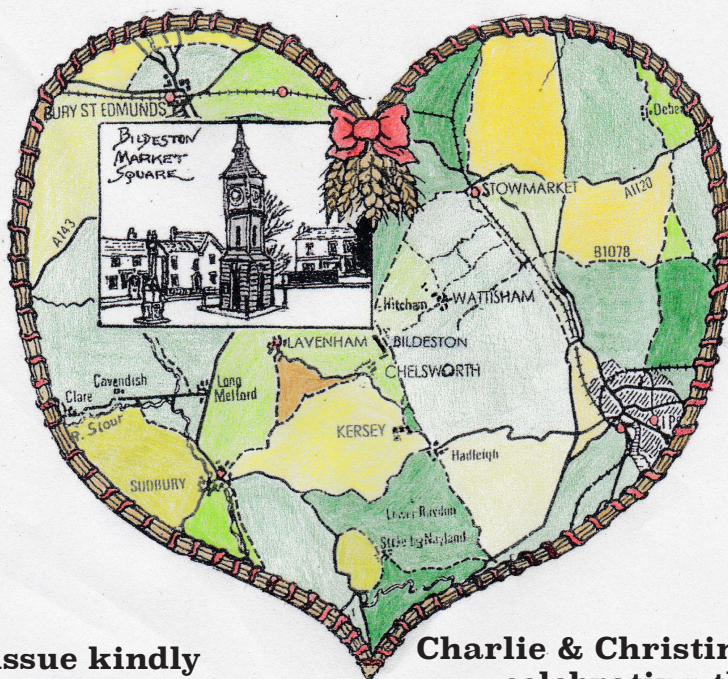


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# ED'S COMMENT

If it had been written in April, we would have read it, read it again and then decided it's an April fool! But Suffolk County Council's request for a consultation on how local volunteers can take over aspects of the council's Highways responsibilities is for real! This is what was written in last month's minutes:

*"The Clerk reported that the County Council was conducting a survey seeking the views of Town and Parish Councils about their willingness to take on services currently provided by the County Council in respect of its role as the Highways Authority."*

To be clear, here are just some of the main services the Highways Authority perform:-

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We are well aware of these times of austerity, and the way central government has cut council funding way past the bone and deep into the marrow, 77% cuts over the last few years! So what could this survey by Suffolk, seeking to save even more money, lead to? Could we see working parties humping wheelbarrows full of steaming tarmac to fill up potholes? Or could we 'work with local freight and haulage companies to ensure their HGV vehicles use the most suitable route', for example the main roads of A134 and A14 preventing the use of the B1115 as a rat run! Oh, OK, they can use the B1115, but only between Stowmarket and Hitcham one end, and Hadleigh and Semer, the other. Could we construct our own transport strategy and plans thereby enabling improved infrastructure before building developments? Could we organize our own parking restrictions and establish penalty notices for poor parking, like outside the village shop, and allow our own Parish Council to make use of monies raised? Could we report the flooding that emerges by Chamberlin Close, flows down Wattisham Road and collects by the High Street so that it is actually fixed, permanently? Could we? Actually, maybe not.

To save money it was suggested we might be asked to simply get our step-ladders, bucket of soapy water, soft sponge and keep the street signs clean. However, this is not as simple as it sounds. Street signs (rather than street names) are a minimum 210cms high which is just under 7ft tall, only reached by ladders. This is crucial because according to recent statistics around 40% of 'falls from a height accidents' investigated by the Health & Safety Executive were from ladders! According to ROSPA the most dangerous type of ladder is the step-ladder, accounting for 8,959 accidents. Our clock-winder, Jayne Harrison, must be an absolute walking miracle! Shrewdly, she does not use a step ladder! Last year's data from the government's own Health and Safety Executive showed that the highest number of ***fatal*** accidents was falls from a height (28%), followed next by being hit by a moving vehicle (17%). To be involved as a volunteer for the Highways Authority working on high signs on a road or street environment with nearby 'moving vehicles', therefore potentially puts you in both first and second place, increasing your risk of a serious accident to 45%! A step too far! No wonder the Parish Council recommended a polite no!



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# Bildeston Primary School

## Sporting Events

This month as a school we have participated in an U9 Basketball and an U7 Dodgeball event both of which were held at Inspire Suffolk. Whilst some of our U9 are used to attending these types of events, our U7 had their first taste of entering a competition at Inspire.

The children had been training during weekly Physical Education lessons for this event. They showed good team spirit at both competitions.



## Enrichment Events

Two of our children had the opportunity to attend a Maths Mastery enrichment event on 9 February at Kersey Primary School where they worked in teams to win crystals in a mini crystal maze activity! Two of our pupils went to an enrichment dance workshop at Whatfield Primary on 13 March where Dance East hosted a fun and energetic session for the children. Pupils from across the Hadleigh pyramid of schools also took part.



## Arctic Explorer

On Tuesday 20 February, we had a visit from Active Outdoor Discovery, to help the children to find out more about the 'Awesome Arctic'.

Adrian, who visited us has taken part in several Arctic expeditions and was able to give an insight into that unique environment. He brought his expedition kit and an emergency shelter for Goldcrest and Robin pupils to try out. During the second half of the morning, Adrian did some outdoor map and compass work with the children. They also took part in a 'mini-orienteering' activity. Great fun was had by all and we were pleased we organised some arctic weather for the children to enjoy!!

## World Book Day and Author Visit

As part of our World Book Day activities, James Campbell, visited our school. James has written the series of Boyface books. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session they had with him. Children also came to school with their favourite book and dressed as their favourite character from that book for World Book Day.

We also held a whole school **Reading Café** and invited our parents to share in some of the things the children have been learning about.



## Mother's Day Lunch

On Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 March we held our mother's day lunches and over the two lunches we served over 197 meals to some hungry mums! With the sun shining and daffodils on the table, the children loved inviting them for lunch!



## Breakfast Club

We are thrilled to say that Bildeston Primary now runs a breakfast club and it has proved very popular particularly to those parents who need to get to work early! We look forward to a bright future for our new morning club.

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Every Tuesday	1.30pm to 2.30pm	Keep Fit with Callum
Every Tuesday	from 7.00pm	Snooker Club
Tuesday (practice night & home games)	7.15pm	Carpet Bowls
Every Thursday	11.00am – 12.00	Zumba Gold with Sarah
Every Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Music Youth Group
Thursday 5th	7.30pm	Ladies Club
Every Friday	7.00pm	Friday Night Activity & Social Club

Except last Friday of the month when it is Bingo

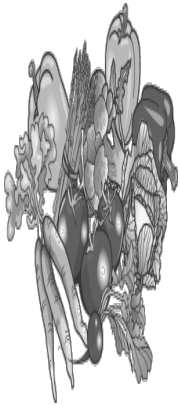
Saturday 21st	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Bowls Club Open Afternoon
Friday 27th	7.00pm	Bingo!

*for bookings contact Debbie Bailey 01449 740375*

## BILDESTON TENNIS CLUB

Bildeston Tennis Club is very well situated to the NW of the village off Consent Lane adjacent to the Sports Pavilion. There are 2 Porous Tarmacadam Courts maintained in good condition. It is a small, very friendly Members Club with modest annual subs of £35 for Family, £15 for Adult and £5 for Junior which will be maintained for this coming season. Subject to reasonable weather we hope to kick off the season in mid April; current members please note that the AGM is to be held in The Crown at 7.30pm on Mon 9th April. During the season we plan two club sessions per week, an early season Open Day with refreshments and opportunities to introduce children to tennis. Although we don't have sufficient members to enter teams in local leagues we do plan a couple of friendly matches with local clubs. We warmly welcome new members. Enquiries to: Martin Rodgers, 743120 - [mam.rodgers@btinternet.com](mailto:mam.rodgers@btinternet.com); Gerdine Cubitt, [gcubitt@fastnet.co.uk](mailto:gcubitt@fastnet.co.uk)

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# COUNTRYSIDE OBSERVER

I recall the “Mamas & Papas” song in the sixties including the words, *“the darkest hour is just before dawn.”* The dark pre-dawn hours strike home today as the weather threw a cocktail of wind and rain through the atmosphere. I went to see the film “Darkest Hour”, the brilliant account of Winston Churchill’s return to Westminster as the PM, whose fortitude and resilience steered us from almost certain defeat. A powerful film that does not need endless CGI effects to make its point. Thankfully Winston did not give in to the weaker minds of Westminster who wanted to negotiate “terms” with Mussolini who would act as a go-between with Hitler, just



imagine! Suffolk today lay shivering under a dark, leaden sky, browbeaten by a bitter wind that has blown all day. Storm surges laid siege to the coast, breaching the sea defences at Snape and awakening memories of the disastrous floods in January 1953 when more than 300 lives were lost. Flooding is no stranger in this part of the world. It is, after all, England’s low country, and as soon as you cross the A12 and head east towards Aldeburgh you can feel the land spreading out to meet the 50-odd miles of marshland, mudflats, creeks and shingle spits that lie between Felixstowe and Kessingland. Here you are on hallowed ground, for you have just entered the Suffolk Coast and Heaths, a much-loved Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the outermost edge of England. Its defining features are the five reed-fringed estuaries: Stour, Orwell, Deben, Alde and Blyth (Benjamin Britten’s Curlew River), each one receding into a dissolving distance whose low-lying hinterlands offer 155 square miles of gorse and heather to explore, together with ghostly glades of silver birch and ancient woods where red deer roam. Along its shores, at Southwold, Aldeburgh, Orford and Woodbridge, you are never far from a good meal and an open fire the perfect destination for a winters walk. It says a lot for this unique corner of rural England that even on the rainiest dark days there is so much to see and do. At Minsmere, the RSPB’s flagship reserve you can watch Marsh Harriers revelling in the wind, drifting and sideslipping over acres of reeds.

I remember the words of a Suffolk friend of mine. “Suffolk people talk about what they call a lazy wind,” he said. “That’s too lazy to go around you so it goes straight through you.” But when it blows you come alive and so do the huge watercolour cloudscapes, filled with the constant movement of birds. There are few places in Britain more picturesque than Constable country here in Suffolk. Set within an area of outstanding natural beauty this rural landscape was where the painter John Constable was born, and where he painted his most celebrated works. John Constable was born in 1776 in East Bergholt. Throughout his life he felt great affection for the Suffolk landscape and the villages surrounding his home, telling a friend: “I should paint my own places best, painting with me is but another word for feeling.” Of all the paintings by John Constable, perhaps the most famous is The Hay Wain. It depicts a horse and cart crossing the River Stour by a white cottage on the river bank. The place is Flatford, and like so much of Constable Country, it remains unchanged to this day. You can still explore the white cottage (which belonged to Constable’s neighbour, Willy Lott). Flatford Mill, which was owned by the Constable family and Bridge Cottage, which houses a John Constable exhibition. **Mike Biddulph**



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# Bildeston Ladies Club



Hopefully memories of 'The Beast From The East' are now fading and you all managed to stay safe. As you read this, I hope that

Spring has arrived at last.

Our March meeting was cancelled and we have invited the representative from SARS to join us instead for our AGM meeting in May when we will present our fundraising cheque for the year.

Next month we meet for a talk entitled The Essex Scrubber - I will say no more, but it promises to be a very interesting evening !!

Thursday April 5th - hall open at 7:30 p.m. for our meeting to start at 8:00 p.m.

Members - £2 Guests £3

Chairlady - Jo Silburn - 01787 204184

Secretary - Jean Radley - 01449 743650



## Litter Pick report 2018

We were staggered this year by the amount of litter we collected - it seemed to be more than ever - as

the photo shows. The clock tower became full to bursting with black sacks and also various objects which clearly had been fly-tipped at the roadside. Once again we feel that the biggest cause of litter is not within Bildeston itself, but along the roadsides beginning immediately the borders of the village are reached. Travellers just seem to think that it is OK to throw their litter away. It is clear when you are involved with collecting this rubbish that much of it must be from the same people - again we have a vodka drinker who likes to wander down Consent Lane, a smoker of Benson and Hedges cigarettes and on the road towards Hitcham, evidence of a love for fast-food items, though interestingly an empty bottle of Gaviscon indigestion remedy found alongside would suggest that this really isn't a good idea!

Helpers this year numbered a record breaking 31 - too many to name all of you, so thanks to all the regular gang for turning up year after year and a special thanks to newcomers : Teresa and Alice Lester, Mick Collins, Ian Ringrose, Kathy and Peter Willingale and Rebecca Steve and young Millie Hiscock - hope to see you again next year!

Our thanks as always to Nigel & Sue at The King's Head for the provision of drinks afterwards.

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The final bequests have now been released by the solicitors administering the estate. Based on advice from the Charities Commission, the residue from the estate was passed on to the trustees of Bildeston Kings Pightle Trust to distribute and administer in line with Henry Morphew's will.

From the estate, the trustees will be releasing previously specified amounts to Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston Sports Field and the Kings Pightle.

Further specified amounts will be invested by the trustees with annual interest being used to provide an annual party for the retired residents of the village and also to provide an annual outing for the children of Bildeston. Any surplus income, at the discretion of the trustees, may be made available for the benefit of the local community, following the spirit of Henry's wishes.

For further information, you may contact either the Stuart Miller (Chair) 01449 744367 or Sue Noakes (Secretary) 01449 740778.



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- Thursday is bar games night, there's all the usual plus **Poker, Skittles** and **table top football, snooker & tennis**. **Open Deck/Vinyl night** is **19<sup>th</sup> April**. **Charity quiz night** is **26<sup>th</sup> April** at 8:30pm, please arrive by 8pm. To book a quiz table telephone Sue/Nigel on 01449 741 434. A massive thanks to February's quiz teams who raised **£72** for **Alzheimer's UK**.
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## Gardening first for Chamberlin Hall.

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world's best known designers, multi Gold Medal Chelsea winner, Cleve West.

Cleve does not often give talks, but on this occasion he was here to share his passion for the garden as a place of healing. His talk, which told of his own life growing up near the moors of southern England and his work as a designer over the years, was given in support of Horatio's Gardens – a charity which raises funds for and installs healing gardens in hospitals.

This charity is named for Horatio – a teenager aspiring to become a doctor, who was tragically killed by a polar bear, whilst on an expedition on the arctic island of Spitzbergen. You may remember this tragic story from the press at the time. Horatio himself had come up with the idea

of a healing garden at the hospital in Salisbury where his father worked as a surgeon treating spinal injuries. Cleve was the designer of that garden, which has become the first of many. Cleve was passionate and inspirational and rounded off his talk with a plea to us all to consider our human impact on the planet – and maybe even to consider becoming vegan !



## **BILDESTON BOWLS CLUB OPEN AFTERNOON**

Bildeston Bowls Club Open Afternoon is Saturday 21st April from 2pm to 5pm.



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*Time to hit the send button because I'm all behind again and don't want to keep the Editor waiting. Don't forget to call in at our Spring Sale, it starts at 10am, 22nd April at The Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX. That's all folks, from me,*

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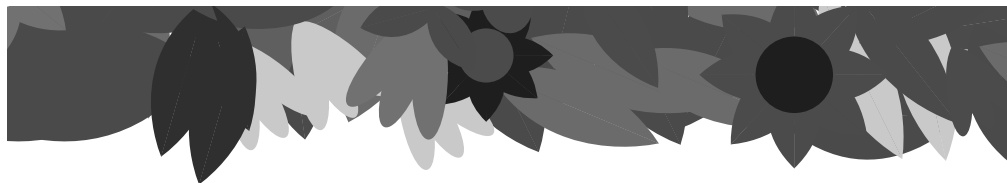
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Bar sales	£3,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,790</b>

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PA & Stage	£2,655
Insurance & licenses	£242
Event safety - First Aid & Road closure	£1,371
Catering & Bar costs	£1,561
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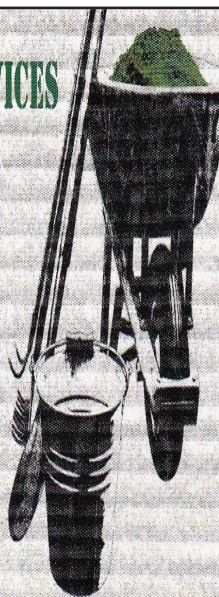
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## Parsley Risotto with Salsify and Wild Mushrooms

*with thanks to Chris Lee Head Chef at The Bildeston Crown*

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### Ingredients

- x4 shallots, finely diced
  - x2 cups of Arborio rice
  - ½ a large glass of good quality white wine
  - 1 ½ litre of good vegetable stock, warmed
  - 100g grated parmesan cheese
  - 1 onion, finely sliced
  - 50g butter
  - 1 bunch of curly parsley
  - 1 bunch of flat parsley
  - 2 medium sticks of salsify, cooked until tender in red wine, rosemary and garlic
  - 500g wild mushrooms sautéed in butter
  - **serves 4 people**
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### Method

- Peel the salsify and marinade in red wine overnight, then cook in red wine, garlic and bay leaves till tender.
- Sweat off the shallots in butter till soft with no colour, then add the rice, sweat off for one minute.
- Add the wine and reduce.
- Add a litre of stock, a little at a time, stirring until absorbed.
- Whilst the rice is still al dente, remove from the heat and spread on a flat tray to chill quickly.
- Make a parsley purée by sweating off the sliced onion. Add the parsley stalks remaining ½ litre of warm stock. Simmer until soft. Add leaves and cook for further 4 minutes and blend to a smooth purée, then chill.
- When ready, heat the parsley purée in a pan until boiling. Add the chilled rice and simmer until rice is tender.
- Finish the risotto with the parmesan cheese, a knob of butter and a squeeze of lemon.
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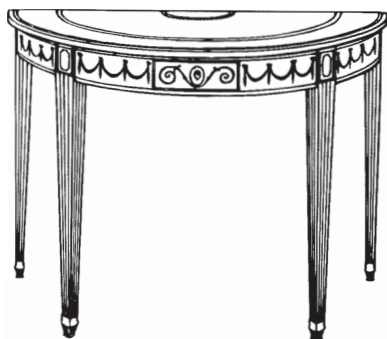
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# BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on Wednesday 14th March, 2018 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm

### In attendance:

Councillors: R Taylor (Chairman) D Dempsey, A Guttridge, A Hubbard, P Hutchings & R Lester.

Also Present: District Councillor M Creffield

Two members of the public D Blackburn (Clerk)



The Chairman, Councillor R Taylor, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### C169/17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bullen and County Councillor R Lindsay.

### C170/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations of non-pecuniary interest were made:

Chamberlin Hall Management Committee – Councillor Hutchings;

Kings Pightle Management Committee – Councillors Hubbard, Lester & Taylor;

Sportsfield Management Committee – Councillors Lester & Taylor; and

Parochial Church Council – Councillor Lester

### C171/17/18 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

### C172/17/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February, 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### C173/17/18 PUBLIC SESSION

The proprietor of Bank House Stores presented an outline proposal to place tables and chairs on the Market Square to operate as an outdoor café in good weather. The practicalities of the arrangement were considered including disposal of cups, safety, parking and ensuring that the initiative would not conflict with community fundraising events that took place, from time to time, on the Market Square.

**It was AGREED:** That a fuller proposal be developed for the outdoor café and submitted to the next meeting.

Mrs S Ashton referred to the closure of the Sheltered Housing Scheme on Newberry Road with the withdrawal of on-site support and wondered if the Day Room could be made available for exercise classes or other activities for the benefit of the local community which, she would be happy to organise.

**It was AGREED:** That District Councillor Creffield be requested to make enquiries of Babergh District Council about the community use of the facility and if the proposal could be linked to any wider initiative in the district, whereby they would be able to provide advice and support.

### C174/17/18 UPDATE ON VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor P Hutchings referred to the use of Chamberlin Hall and its financial performance for the year to date. The table tennis and badminton evening was proving to be popular with in

excess of 25 people participating each week. There had been an increase in the membership of the Bowls Club compared with the end of the previous season and it was hoped that the promotion of Carpet Bowls during the winter months might lead to more playing Members. The playing surface of a new table tennis table had deteriorated and following representations to the supplier, a new one had been provided, meaning that there were now three table tennis tables available at Chamberlin Hall. Details were provided of a 1940's event on VE Day (8th May), which would feature a 15-piece Big Band with themed dress to be worn by attendees.

Initial enquiries had been made, with regard to installing solar panels on the roof of Chamberlin Hall.

In response to comments received from new users of Chamberlin Hall from outside the village, Chamberlin Hall Management Committee was seeking to improve orientation in the village for people seeking to find "the Village Hall".

**It was AGREED:**

a. That Councillor Hutchings and the Clerk would liaise further about information and support that may be available concerning the installation of solar panels; and

b. That Councillor Hutchings would contact the County Council about the type of signage that could be erected and wording that could be used.

Councillor Lester reported that Taylor Made Joinery had made and installed two new signs for Kings Pightle.

Councillor Taylor reported that the roof of the Sportsfield Pavilion had been repaired. Further to Minute C161/17/17, Councillors Taylor and Guttridge had met with the Maintenance Operative to discuss the feasibility of cutting the football pitch, rather than being outsourced, and of implementing new grass cutting arrangements for the rest of the site. The need to provide greater flexibility in terms of Maintenance support was discussed and the consensus was that a further part-time Maintenance Operative be recruited to help with Maintenance services.

**It was AGREED:**

a. That the Sportsfield Management Committee be invited to consider giving notice of the cancellation of the grass cutting service provided by Vertas in respect of the football pitch, whereupon, this work shall be included in the arrangements overseen by the Parish Council for maintaining open spaces at various sites in the village; and

b. That a position of Maintenance Operative be advertised in The Bugle.

**C175/17/18      CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported upon issues raised with him since the last meeting including Broadband speed in the village, ownership of land on which a footpath was situated between Chamberlin Close and Brookfield and render which had fallen off the inside of the Clock Tower. In respect to this latter point, Councillor Hubbard had met on site with the Clock Winder to examine the problem and established that because it was in the enclosed upper level of the Clock Tower, there was no danger to public safety.

**It was AGREED:** That Councillors Guttridge and Hubbard would meet on site to consider further, if any repairs are required.

The Clerk reported upon the draft recommendations prepared by the Local Government Boundary Commission on new electoral arrangements for Babergh District Council. The deadline for representations was 30th April, 2018. It was noted that under the proposals, Bildeston would form part of the North West Cosford Ward which would include parishes such as Brettenham, Hitcham, Kettlebaston and Thorpe Morieux. It was considered unfortunate that the Commission had not recognised Bildeston's significance within the network of local villages locally and had included it at the edge of a ward rather than placing at the centre of a ward.

**It was AGREED:** That the draft recommendations on the electoral review be noted.



## **C176/17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Creffield reported on the following:

- The District Council had set its budget for 2018/19 with an increase of 3.25% in Council Tax with the backdrop of further reductions in funding from central government which would reduce to zero in 2019/20.
- The existence of a Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub which was contactable through Babergh District Council where suspicions about adult or child abuse could be reported.
- Babergh's Affordable Housing Programme with advice available from 0300 123 4000 or [www.babergh.gov.uk](http://www.babergh.gov.uk);
- Further information was being sought about the public survey concerning the proposed merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

## **C177/17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor Lindsay had submitted a written report on the following matters:

- The County Council had set its budget for 2018/19 with an increase of 4.99% in Council Tax which would still require cuts in many services.
- The Raising the Bar strategy for 2018 to 2020 had been published. This was the third phase of the strategy launched in 2012 to raise educational standards in Suffolk with the ultimate goal being to place the education system in Suffolk within the top 25% nationally.
- A new contract to provide intensive therapeutic support for adolescents funded by a social impact bond with private investors providing investment capital and receiving a return if the venture was successful.

## **C178/17/18 INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Clerk reported on a number of administrative and governance matters.

### **It was AGREED:**

- a. That the Suffolk Association of Local Councils be appointed for the purposes of conducting the internal audit of the 2017/18 accounts and internal control arrangements;
- b. That the Council confirms that it has conducted a review of its internal control arrangements as per the report circulated prior to the meeting and notes the need to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations and the annual reporting requirements in respect of the Community Infrastructure Levy;
- c. That Standing Orders be approved unamended;
- d. That Financial Regulations be approved, subject to amendment of Financial Regulation 2.2 to permit a cheque signatory to review bank reconciliations throughout the year, and Councillor Lester be appointed to fulfil this role;
- e. That the General Risk Assessment be approved and adopted;
- f. That the Risk Assessment for the Maintenance Operative be approved and the Clerk meets with the Operative to go through the document, as soon as practicable;
- g. That the Calendar of Meetings for 2018/19 be approved;
- h. That the fees and charges in respect of the Cemetery remain unchanged for 2018/19;
- i. That the draft agenda be approved for the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday, 25th April, 2018 at 7.30pm; and
- j. That the Council does not prepare a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan at the present time.

**C179/17/18 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS****It was AGREED:**

a. That the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Amount incl.VAT</b>
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£163.06
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£18.00
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£59.60
P V Harman	Sportsfield Pavilion works	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£1,265.00
Speedar	Batteries	Traffic Calming	To be paid when invoice received
Babergh District Council	Bin Emptying	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£531.70
Suffolk County Council	Street Lighting	Street Lighting	£2,030.98
Robin Taylor	Domain Issues	ICT & Website	£310.54
Vertas Group Ltd	Grass Cutting	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£163.06

Note: The Sportsfield Pavilion works to be funded from the Henry Morphew Sportsfield Fund).

b. That a Henry Morphew Sportsfield Fund be established for holding funds from the Henry Morphew bequest; and

c. That the following receipt be noted:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Amount (Inc.VAT)</b>
Kings Pightle Trust	Bequest	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£5000.00

**C180/17/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS****Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation**

Reference	DC/18/00941
Address	Newbury House, 34 High Sreet, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EY
Proposal	Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1 (Cherry) - Reduce of overhang to the rear of garden back to the fence line approximately 7.8m high. Removal of overhang of No. 1 large lateral to the garden to balance. T2 (Hazel) - Reduce the tree down to approximately 1m above fence. T3 (Holly) - Reduce by approximately one third and shape to remove Hazel growing through it. T4 (Laurel) - Reduce down to approximately fence height to encourage new thicker and denser growth.
Representation	No objection

There were none.

**C181/17/18 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Hubbard reported that it was expected that the new noticeboard would be fixed to the Clock Tower before the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Hubbard reported that there had been a change of operator of the Curry Van and that it was proposing to trade on Monday evenings. It appeared from a report on social media by the new owners that the electricians had blown on the Market Square. Councillor Taylor undertook to investigate the precise nature of the problem.

There was a brief discussion about traffic speeds through the village. It was noted that new batteries had been obtained for the Speed Gun and Community Speedwatch operations were likely to re-commence shortly.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

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This free workshop will take place at Orchard Barn, Bildeston Road, Ringshall IP14 2LY on 2 May 2018 from 2 to 4pm.

Places are limited and so we ask you to email [sarah@orchardbarn.org.uk](mailto:sarah@orchardbarn.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

## CLERK'S COLUMN

### Maintenance Operative

The Parish Council is seeking to recruit an additional Maintenance Operative to carry out grounds and general maintenance duties in the village. We are looking for someone with strong practical skills who is both flexible and resourceful. There will be no fixed pattern of work but the postholder should expect to work longer hours during the summer months in mowing grass, strimming etc.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk or one of our Parish Councillors by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. Their contact details are available on the Bildeston Website [www.bildeston.org](http://www.bildeston.org);



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### Forthcoming Meetings

The programme of meetings for the next few months is as follows:

<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting of Electors</b>
<b>Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018</b>	<b>Annual Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>

All meetings are held at Chamberlin Hall and begin at 7.30pm. In particular, we would be pleased to see you at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April, when reports are submitted by various groups across the village and there is an opportunity to raise any issue affecting the village.

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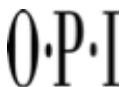
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\*Peter Murphy was born in Leeds and was educated at the University of East London. He also trained with iconographer Guillem Ramos Poqui in London. He was Vice Chairman of the Society of Tempera Painters and is a member of the British Association of Iconographers for whom he runs workshops. He has been commissioned by a number of churches in the UK and has also been employed by a number of museums and has undertaken three major commissions for Hereford Cathedral. Website: [petermurphyicons.co.uk](http://petermurphyicons.co.uk).



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**SERVICE SCHEDULE – APRIL 2018**

<b>April 2018      NB – Services in bold are Benefice Services</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Day	11.00 am	HC by extension	Bildeston
8 <sup>th</sup> April Easter 2	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April Easter 4</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Benefice Holy Communion</b>	<b>Whatfield</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> April Easter 5</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Deanery Holy Communion</b>	<b>Bildeston</b>

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**Jim Haley tel: 01449 740716 email: bildestonbc@gmail.com**

**Service every Sunday morning at 10:45**

**Lunch Club: at 12:30 on the first Wednesday of each month –**

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**Community Coffee Centre: Every Friday from 09:15 to 11:30am**

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**‘Men’s Breakfast’ - last Saturday of each month at 8am**



**Bildeston Community Coffee Centre**

Baptist Church 9:15-11:30 ..... **Every Friday**

**Lunch club**

Baptist Church 12.15 for 12.30pm start.....**1st Wed every month**

**Craft it Together**

01449 740716/741606 for details.....**1st Monday every month**

**Strollers & Striders**

Baptist Church Car Park 10.00.....**Every Monday**

**Bildeston Contemporary Choir**

Bildeston Primary school 7.00pm.....**Every Monday during term time**

**Baby & Toddler Group**

Baptist Church 9.15 to 11.30.....**Every Tuesday**

**Mens Breakfast**

Baptist Church 8.00am.....**Last Saturday every month**

**Ladies Club**

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Thursday 5th**

**FOBS Quiz Night**

Hitcham Village Hall 7.00pm.....**Sat 7th**

**Bildeston Tennis Club AGM**

The Crown 7.30pm.....**Mon 9th**

**Parish Council Meeting**

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Wed 11th**

**Bildeston Bowls Club Open Afternoon**

Chamberlin Hall bowling green 2.00 to 5.00pm.....**Sat 21st**

**Bildeston Community Cycle Ride**

Market Square 6.45pm.....**Tues 24th**

**Parish Council Annual Meeting of Electors**

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Wed 25th**

Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **May**

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