

THE ICKLINGHAM VILLAGER

SPRING 2025

DAY OF REFLECTION. There will be a day of Reflection on Sunday 9th March across the UK for the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 Day of Reflection is an opportunity for communities across the UK to come together in reflection & commemoration for those who lost their lives & for everyone impacted by the pandemic. It is intended for the public to mark the day in ways that feel most appropriate & fitting to them, both in person & online.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 Day of Reflection & how to get involved in organising/publicising a local event can be found on a dedicated website: <https://dayofreflection.campaign.gov.uk/>.



This year, the 10th Great British Spring Clean will take place from 21st March to 6th April & we're asking #LitterHeroes across the country to show they love where they live by making a pledge to pick a bag or two.

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. In 2024, our army of amazing #LitterHeroes pledged to pick more than 400,000 bags of litter.

Together, we cleaned up the places & spaces we love, as Keep Britain Tidy celebrated its landmark 70th year of protecting the environment.

Last year we spread the word that the environment belongs to everyone! We are proud that hundreds of thousands #LitterHeroes from many different communities are uniting to help tackle litter, some of which has been in our environment since we were founded 70 years ago.

Many of our volunteers regularly find 'retro rubbish' that was dropped many years ago but is still causing harm to our environment today, releasing greenhouse gases as it slowly breaks down in our soil & water, which contributes to the climate crisis.

The good news is that litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do. It makes an immediate & visible difference to the environment where we live, work & play.

In fact around 95% of people surveyed after 2023's campaign agreed they felt they had made a difference to their local area, & 91% said they felt part of a national movement that is taking action to tackle litter.

Thank You #LitterHeroes

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

This will be carried out between 21st March and 6th April.

Areas that need attention will be identified and allocated to a group or an individual who wishes to help.

If you can identify an area that needs clearing please let me know. Rubbish bags and litter pickers will be provided. High-Vis jackets are also available.

Thank you to the everyone who has already signed up to help.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Beverley - email bac@talk21.com or Call or Whatsapp on 07748998164

Project St James VE Day Celebration Concert & Afternoon Tea
 May 11th, 3.00pm, St James Church, £10.00 per person
 The Lakenheath Silver Band & Friends in Harmony will be performing. Please contact Sue 01638 713801, Hazel 01638 714097 or Dorothy 01638 712439 for a ticket.

The Project St James Flower Club theme for this year's Flower Festival is 'FAVOURITE FILMS' 26th and 27th July FOR ANYMORE INFO ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS PLEASE CALL - Claire on 07798 790609

PSJ WILL ALSO BE HOLDING THIS YEAR A BEETLE DRIVE & HOT DOG EVENING, A HARVEST TALK & SUPPER DATES TBC

SAVE THE DATE THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL BE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WITH SOHAM BRASS BAND ON DECEMBER 7th



Surviving Winter APPEAL 2024/25

HOW TO RECEIVE SUPPORT

You may apply for support if you meet the criteria below:

- Aged 66 plus
- Not on pension credit
- Maximum income £20k individual and £24k couple
- Maximum savings £5,000
- Live in Suffolk

Please contact the organisation listed for your district council area to find out if you are eligible for support.

Three charity partners are working with Suffolk Community Foundation to manage the applications and payments. They are:

BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK
 Sudbury & South Suffolk Citizens Advice
 E: session.supervisor@sudburycab.org.uk
 T: 01787 321 400

IPSWICH AND EAST SUFFOLK
 East Suffolk Citizens Advice
 E: advice@caes.org.uk
 T: 0808 278 7866

WEST SUFFOLK
 Gatehouse Caring
 E: survivingwinter@gatehouse.org.uk
 T: 01284 703 835

CASE STUDY



Brian and Susan's health was deteriorating rapidly as they were unable to afford to keep their heating on, despite working full time their whole lives.

They asked for help from Gatehouse after seeing an advert on Facebook. The couple agreed to let the charity look for a better electricity deal for them, while Gatehouse was also able to make a one-off payment using the Surviving Winter fund. They are now in a much better place financially and on a good, fixed-price deal.

Surviving Winter helped to vastly improve their situation and Brian and Susan are now able to enjoy their retirement.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCY 999 Suffolk Police (non-urgent) 101
 NHS 111
 Crime Stoppers UK 0800 555 111
 GAS EMERGENCY 0800 111 999
 Electricity Emergency 105 (including Powercuts)
 ANGLIAN WATER EMERGENCY 0800 771 881
 Dental Emergency 111

West Suffolk Councillor Susan Glossop
 07473041394
 West Suffolk council 01284 763233

St James Church Wardens Dorothy Handford
 01638 712439 & Sue Marston 01638 713801
 All Saints CCT 0845 303 2760 Jane Hatton

Market Cross Surgery 01638 713109
 Guildhall & Barrow Surgery 01284 812510
 Milk Delivery Plumbs Dairy 01223 893033
 Window Cleaner Rise & Shine 0771 055 7898



**Church Services at St James
 CHURCH SERVICES**

9th MARCH Holy Communion 9.30am
 23rd MARCH Service of The Word 9.30am
 13th APRIL Holy Communion 9.30am
 20th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY 11.00am

Please check Church Notice Board for more information or contact the Church Wardens
ALL WELCOME

**PROJECT ST. JAMES
 RECIPE BOOK**

The Recipe book was launched at the Christmas Concert, both were a great success with over 60 people attending and many sales of the cookery book. Over 100 have been sold
 To get your copy please contact Claire on 07798 790609 still a few available only £5.00 !



LIBRARY VAN DATES

The Mobile Library will visit on March 1 & 29, April 26, May 24, June 21, July 19 calling at West Street at 1.30pm, The Hall Close at 1.50pm The Village Green at 2.10pm The new mobile Manager is Tony Please note

NEW TIMES FOR STOPS



SAVE THE DATE - OUR LOCAL COUNTY SHOW
THE SOUTH SUFFOLK SHOW IS ON MAY 11th 2025

Icklingham Parish Council
www.icklingham.onesuffolk.net
 Clerk - Justin Hook
 email: icklinghampc@gmail.com

Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue or add an item to the agenda, should contact the Parish Clerk via email in writing.

*Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Monday bi-monthly (March, May, July, September & November) in the Old School Hall, The Street, Icklingham.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
NEXT MEETING: MARCH 17th at 7:30pm

Councillors 2024-2025

- CLlr Darren Baugh - Chairman (Planning, VAS & Alice Dix Charity)
 email: darrenbaugh@aol.com
- CLlr Veronica Halford - Vice Chairman (Planning)
 email: veronica.halford89@btinternet.com
- CLlr Karrie Baugh (Planning)
- CLlr Raymond Moss (Planning, Asset Inspection)
- CLlr Joe Fisher (Planning)

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors, if you are interested & want to get more involved in your village please contact the clerk at icklinghampc@gmail.com or come along to the next meeting!

GUINNESS ARMS
Events at the Guinness Arms

Quiz Night - Every Monday from 7:30pm
Wine Tasting - Thursday 27th March
Mothering Sunday - Sunday 30th March
Easter Weekend - Friday 19th to Monday 21st April
Fish & Grill Nights - Visit our website for dates!

For more information about our events or to book visit our website www.guinnessarms.com

GUINNESS ARMS, ICKLINGHAM, IP28 6PS | 01638 597547

A L L O T M E N T S A V A I L A B L E !
 Elveden Estate has an area for allotments available in Icklingham. For more info please contact Sarah Shepherd by email: sarah.shepherd@elveden.com

Icklingham Parish Council

Draft Minutes from Parish Council Meeting Monday 20th January 2025.

These draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 17th March.

Present: Cllr Darren Baugh (Chair), Cllr Veronica Halford (Vice Chair), Cllrs Karrie Baugh, Joe Fisher & Raymond Moss. Cllr Susan Glossop, Clerk Justin Hook, Andrew Blenkiron (Elvedon Estate), Beverley Curtis (The Icklingham Villager) & 2 members of the public.

Agenda Items 1. Chairman's welcome, opening remarks & to receive apologies for absence The chair opened the meeting & welcomed all those in attendance. Apologies received & accepted from Cllr Noble.

2. (i) To receive members Declarations of Interests - none received.

(ii) Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation &/or requests which have been received - none received.

3. To approve & adopt the minutes from the Council meeting held on the 18th November 2024 Council resolved to approve & adopt the minutes, the Chairman signed them.

4. To receive County Councillor's report from Cllr. Colin Noble None received.

5. To receive Borough Councillor's reports from Cllr. Susan Glossop & Cllr Colin Noble Cllr Glossop's report had been shared. Cllr Glossop confirmed that after talks with SCC & National Highways, the point has been reinforced that the A1101 is not to be used as a diversion route. SCC has decided to put themselves forward for the Governments initial plans for devolution, which would see a new authority, merging district & county councils for greater streamlining & budget saving. Town & parish councils would likely remain the same, with some changes to a centralised planning team & parish councils no longer being consultees on planning applications. SCC's rationale was it's better to be at the table for the first round, to have greater control in shaping the way forward. There is information on the SCC website & SALC are giving regular updates. Another major change would be the creation of a new Norfolk & Suffolk Mayor, not like a town mayor, instead a single person to be the strategic consultant between the new authority & central government. Action: Clerk to send links to devolution updates.

6. Public open session up to 10 minutes - questions & issues on matters arising from the agenda & from the village

i. Resident: What is happening with the village gates?

On agenda for later in the meeting under item 7a.

ii. Resident: Does the council want meeting minutes published in The Icklingham Villager? Council resolved to include meeting minutes in The Icklingham Villager.

iii. Resident: Has council seen the revised plans for the Plough?

Covered later in the meeting under item

6i. iv. Resident raised issue of motorcycles on West Street track, causing annoyance, riding over the bridge to Cavenham Heath. Cllr Baugh confirmed council were aware of this ongoing issue & have had many discussions with authorities previously. Very little can be done to police or enforce. The bridge is now a bridleway, making crossing on a motorcycle illegal - but to police, you would need photographic evidence, in order to enforce. The bottom of West Street is a highway & so technically a 60mph speed limit. Physical restrictions cannot be in place, as they would restrict access for disability equipment. Residents advised to be careful when challenging, as riders have been known to become aggressive.

7. Planning: Council to discuss the following planning applications: i. DC/24/0896/RM The Plough Inn 62 The Street Icklingham Suffolk IP28 6PL Reserved matters application-submission of details under DC/19/2145/OUT - the means of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for a. conversion works to public house (class A4) to create two dwellings (class C3) (following demolition of existing extensions); b. construction of 7 dwellings & c. associated landscaping & car parking, as amended (Granted by the Secretary of State under APP/F3545/W/23/3324114) Some confusion over what this involved. Clerk had an email stating reconult, with original & revised sets of plans. Andrew Blenkiron advised Reserved Matters, so just discharging previous matters.

ACTION: Cllr Glossop to speak with planners.

8. To receive updates on the following matters:

a. Highway gates installation update Clerk - Gates had been ordered & now delivered & awaiting fitting. Clerk & Cllr Baugh visited installation sites & established gates were very small compared to signage being installed in front of, therefore impact would be minimal. Manufacturer will take gates back & provide larger gates at a cost of £923 for delivery of new & collection of old. Clerk establishing if new Street Furniture license required. Clerk confirmed old signage quite worn & Cllr Glossop suggested Brecks signage no longer relevant. Council resolved for Clerk to investigate further, if old signage can be removed, with new wider gates, incorporating speed roundels being fitted in their place. Cllr Glossop confirmed monies had already been issued for the gates.

ACTION: Cllr Glossop to confirm hers & Cllr Noble's contributions.

b. Quiet lane sign replacement (Temple Lane) Clerk Revised signage to be fitted by 14th Feb.

c. VAS data report - Cllr Fisher Cllr Fisher advised average incoming speed of 26mph & outgoing speed of 30mph at the Plough. Highest recorded incoming speed of 70mph & outgoing speed of 104mph. 87% of vehicles doing 30mph or less incoming, with 10% doing 31-35mph.

d. VAS repair - Clerk liaising with manufacturer ElanCity re: repair. Some testing to perform to establish where the damage occurred & resolution required.

e. Dogs on leads signage quotes (West Street) Clerk - Council deemed this issue unenforceable. Item closed.

f. Basketball resurfacing - Clerk Play park inspections reporting patches/repairs made in different material, & edges breaking up as no edging stones in place. Clerk meeting with contractor to discuss on 22nd January.

g. gov.uk domain and emails - Clerk Emails set up and running well. Cllr Moss still to get set up. Next step is to movE website over to new domain.

h. Street Light upgrades - Clerk WSC reporting this work complete.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm which street lights. Cllrs to advise if complete.

9. SCC - Suffolk Local Transport Plan 2040 Public Consultation. Consultation closed November 25th 2024. Item closed.

10. To receive Clerks report: Clerk reported new parish council Facebook page set up and running and that the old Facebook profile will be retired. Lots of work to be done to get the website updated. Banking - all forms completed, waiting for final parts in order for Clerk to access online banking and start making payments. USAF - Clerk reached out to old community liaison contact, no response. Need to try establish new contact.

15. Play park inspections Cllr Fisher reported that all items identified were reported as very low to low risk. Main issues were build up of algae and basketball surface, which is already an action. ACTION: Council to organise cleaning of the equipment in the Spring.

16. Speeding in the village Council to discuss current measures and future options to help reduce speeding in the village

a. Data collected by Suffolk Police Clerk contacted Suffolk Police after November meeting to confirm what can be done. Suffolk Police responded with the below :

We currently have a speed enforcement site along this stretch of road - outside the disused pub The Plough Inn - from which we carry out both hand held and van enforcement. We collected Speed Detection Radar (SDR) data in September 2024. Based on levels of speeding this site has been categorised as a Priority 4, which means we aim to enforce here once a month, and it was last enforced on the 4th of December.

b. ANPR units Clerk contacted Suffolk Roadwatch to enquire about having an ANPR unit fitted. There are lots of things to consider, siting, need, resident approval etc. Cllr Baugh to look at the form and liaise with Clerk to complete.

c. Replacing redundant VAS units - £2266.79 for one, £4533.58 for two Council resolved to reschedule this item to the new financial year when external funding may be available.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on March 17th at 7.30pm.

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June, 30th August, 27th Sept, 25th Oct.



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LAST BUT NOT LEAST have you a special person you want to thank, wish Good Luck, Happy Birthday, Getting Married, say Get Well Soon or a new arrival ? Well this is the space for you – just email bac@talk21.com or Whatsapp 07748998164 & let me know your special message & it will appear here free of charge!

A project that ended last December, called the Brecks, Fen Edge & Rivers where local people were interviewed about their memories of growing up/working on Breck's rivers. The project has gathered: tales of swimming, fishing, boating, baptism, places people went for recreation and how these rivers were also important for trade, transport and industry.

A few photos have been put on the Village notice board by the Guinness Arms for anyone who's interested.

There is also a website www.osbrecks.co.uk and a YouTube channel with lots of interesting items on it.

Well worth a look. Thanks to Karen Nolan for this item.



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THE DOG POO FAIRY

Whatever some people may believe, there's no such thing as the dog poo fairy. This light-hearted campaign packs an important message. **So please bag that poo - don't throw it in a bush - take it home - any rubbish bin will do!**

Together let's put an end to this offensive, harmful litter.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LADY WHO PICKED UP 6 DOG POO BAGS THROWN INTO BUSHES ALONG THE BACK FOOTPATH RUNNING FROM ROAN TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS A COMMON PROBLEM AND THERE ARE STILL DOGS FOULING FOOTPATHS AND OWNERS NOT CLEANING UP AFTER THEIR PETS.

What are the consequences for not cleaning up after your dog ? Dog fouling and the law - The Public Space Protection Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land that is open to the air and to which the public have access. Inconsiderate dog owners could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1000 if there is a conviction in the courts.