

County Council Report for Palgrave Parish Council

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Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding – Following collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS Ipswich and Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups, a shortfall resulting from the County's budget setting for 2019/2020 will be made up by the Health Services. SCC proposes to reduce funding to CAB Suffolk by 50% (£187k) in 2019/20. Therefore CAB funding from the combined SCC/ CCGs source will remain the same as previous at £374k. (The CAB receives funding from other sources as well, including Districts and Boroughs.)

County Council Budget – This was set at the County Council meeting of Thursday 14th February. General Council Tax will increase by 2.99% and the Adult Social Care Precept rise by 1% both of which utilise the maximum amounts allowable under current rules without referendum

Speed Limit Extension – The response from Suffolk Highways proposing 40 mph extensions on Lion Road and Rose Lane is noted and could be funded through my local highways budget.

Traffic Calming and Access Road - following a review by the Head of Highways and Cabinet Member it is clear that a 'no-entry' prohibition from the north into the access road is not supported. I have subsequently met with highways officers to discuss this outcome and way forward including the build-out. This scheme would entail a short 'one-way' system where traffic from the south would give way to traffic from the north however the number of car parking spaces lost could be more than previously assumed (about 5 but tbc).

Speed Surveys - Highways has suggested undertaking speed surveys at two points (on approach from Denmark Hill, and on the access road itself). Once these are completed all options for traffic calming in this area can be looked at again with the benefit of survey data.

Great East Run Entries Open - The 2019 event opened for entry on 7 January. It will take place on Sunday 22 September 2019 and is expected to sell out quickly with over 2,000 people already registered. The run will follow the same route that it took in 2018, starting on Russell Road between Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council offices and finish at the Ipswich Town Football Club stadium. Full details <u>www.greatrun.org/great-east-run</u>