

Parish Report March 2020

Palgrave Parish Council

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Local Highways Projects – including school keep clear zig-zag markings, safety at St John’s House corner on Lion Road, and traffic calming on the local access road off Priory Road:

1. A proposed Traffic Regulation Order has been issued including ‘keep clear’ markings on the east and west sides of the Palgrave primary school, these can be painted on as proposed or in part or not at all and there is no cost.
2. An estimate for professional services and construction costs for new warning signage on Lion Road are in the range of £3800-£4800.
3. An estimate for installing a “NO ENTRY” restriction with a new Build-out at the northern junction of Priory Road, Palgrave are: Professional Services in the range of: £6000 - £8000; Construction costs in the range of: = £4000 - £6000. Total £10,000 - £14,000 (includes design, site visits, consultation, advertising, legal process and implementation).

Both scheme estimates assume that the funding mechanism would NOT incur VAT, and would require a significant (probably up to 50%) contribution from parish funds (details on the relative contributions needed from parish and my local highways budget are yet to be confirmed).

Consultation Open by East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust on a new Orthopaedic Centre at Colchester Hospital - closes 1 April. Respond to www.esneft.nhs.uk/publicconsultation/ OR attend a public meeting: 19 March 6pm – 8pm [Stowmarket Community Centre](#)

School Transport Opt-in – This is a reminder that eligible students/ parents need to opt in to receive Council Funded School Travel for 2020/2021, starting on 4th March with a deadline of 31st May 2020. Please refer to www.suffolkonboard.com/optin or <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel>

Street Lighting – Capital Investment for LED Conversion - Cabinet has approved a capital investment of £9.822m to convert all County Council owned streetlights to dimmable LED. The conversion will result in approx. 80% less energy use than standard lights. Assistance is available for parishes also.

Suffolk Walking Festival - the three-week festival begins on 9th May and offers over 100 walks and events such as a photography scavenger hunt in Orford; and a spooky head-hunt in Ipswich! Tickets must be purchased in advance - www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk.

Civil Parking Enforcement Commences on 1st April – Local authorities take over responsibility for enforcing public parking in Suffolk and for Traffic Regulation Orders. Note that school entrance markings across the County will be enforceable as ‘No Stopping Mon- Fri 8am – 4.30pm’.