

December 2020

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

"CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS"

(COVID COMPLIANT CAROL SERVICE!)

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 2020 AT 4.00P.M. Led by Rev Canon Mark Haworth

From 1 December there will be a sign-up sheet in the Post Office with Megan. Because we have to ensure that seating is socially distanced, if you would like to join us at this service, please add your name, contact number and the number of people attending **FROM YOUR HOUSEHOLD**. **Unfortunately it is not possible** for friends to sit together. Until we see how many people have signed up we will be unable to give an accurate number of people we can allow in to the church. So, as entry is on a first come, first served basis, please add your name to the list as soon as you can.

A lot of effort is going into making this service as enjoyable as we can possibly make it. There will be readings, some traditional, some from well-known books and some humorous. There will be music traditional and modern from our organist David Hart and there will be some singing from the renowned All Saints "Lockdown Singers"!! So do come along and join us.

We would ask that you do not come along on the night on the off chance of being able to join us. If you are not on the list, then, regrettably, we cannot allow you in to the church.

THIS VERY CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT SERVICE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ANY COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MASK!

Hundon Little Helpers Update

As we are now in Lockdown 2.0 and the winter months are upon us, Hundon Little Helpers just wanted to remind everyone in the village that we are still here, with our trusty volunteers, to offer support.

Support coordinators

Mikki Curran-Cox Tel: 07918163895 Call between 9am - 12.30pm

Sharon Mott Tel: 07919408742 Call between 12.30-5.00pm

The tasks we can offer help with

Light shopping Pharmacy collections Post office tasks

Dog walking Friendly chats

Please remember the 3 simple actions to protect each other

Wash Hands





CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 5th and 6th 10am—12 noon each day

All items will be individually priced.
Please keep a safe distance and remember to wear a mask. All stalls will be unmanned and honesty boxes will be on each table.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Here are some of the items already donated—thank you.



Tickets are £1 a strip, £5 for six strips. We have a Grocery box, a Chocolate box, wine and other gifts. So please buy your tickets from any of the PCC or Jeane Douglas, Ailsa Pearmain, Margaret Langridge, Marion Rawlinson, Val Warner or Ann McGregor; this can be done on line or by phone.

Ann McGregor

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS SHOP

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From the Clerk HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

PARISH OF HUNDON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that due to the resignation of Councillor Gary McLeod, Councillor Phil Impey and Councillor Anne McGregor, three vacancies have arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 3 December 2020 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancies is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancies, otherwise the vacancies will be filled by co-option.

If an election is requested, under current legislation a poll cannot take place until 6 May 2021 as a result of the Local Government and Police and Crime Commissioner (Coronavirus) (Postponement of Elections and Referendums) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Coronavirus Act 2020.

Signed:	
Parish Clerk	
Dated 13 November, 2020	

Ian Gallin Returning Officer West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 3YU

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

PARISH OF HUNDON

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that due to the resignation of Councillor Richard Langridge and Councillor Jean Thomas, two vacancies have arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

If by 9 December, 2020 (14 days excluding Dies Non, after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancies is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by TEN electors for the said Parish, an election will be held to fill the said vacancies, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

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Request for an election – parish or town council vacancy

Please be aware that, under section 228 of the Local Government Act 1972, the names of those who have called for an election are subject to public inspection. We will not disclose any other information that you provide to us, such as your signature or email address. If you would like any further information about how we process your data, please contact the West Suffolk Council elections team.

To the Returning Officer, West Suffolk Council

Parish or town council name	
Parish or town council ward (if applicable)	

I am a registered local government elector for the above parish or town and wish to request that an election be held to fill the vacancy in the office of parish or town councillor as published in the Notice of Vacancy dated

Print name	
Signature	
Full address	
Date	

For office use only:

Elector number	
Valid request (delete as appropriate)	Yes/No
Order of receipt	

Please email a scanned copy or photograph of this request to elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Given the current circumstances, the Government has passed The Coronavirus Act 2020. This has postponed all polls, including by-elections, to 6 May 2021.

In accordance with the latest advice from the Electoral Commission, the Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), we are publishing Notices of Vacancy for all casual vacancies which arise within our area. The notice advises if any poll is called for by the electorate then it will be held on 6 May 2021. Please find attached this notice for the vacancies in your area, which should be displayed in the parish for the usual period of 14 days.

However, with the current government advice on social distancing remaining in place, there are a few important alterations to the process that I should like to point out to you:

With regard to collecting hard copy signatures we do not believe that it would be appropriate for people to door knock to collect signatures to request an election. We would therefore advise that electors send in their own election requests and we will collate them. During this time we will also accept election requests via electronic means (i.e. by email). Electors can send a scanned copy or photograph of the election request

to <u>elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u>. I have attached to this email a template which electors should print off, fill in and sign before returning this to us by email as explained. If specified on the form, we are able to accept one request to stand for all three vacancies. (see above for template).

If no poll is requested by the electorate, then you will be able to proceed with the usual process for co-opting a new member on to your council. In the event that we receive a valid request for a poll to be held, we will then issue you with a Notice of Postponed election indicating that the date for the poll will be 6 May 2021. We will be in touch nearer the time to issue a further Notice of Election in the usual way.



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Wishing all of our customers, staff and volunteers a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year



In a year that really has been a year like no other all of us at the Village Shop & Post Office would like to thank you for your custom and your support. The many kind words of encouragement about our efforts during the pandemic have been greatly appreciated and have motivated us to keep serving the village and surrounding areas throughout. Thank you.

And we will continue to serve you throughout the Christmas and New Year Period. Christmas Cards are now in stock and there are plentiful supplies of stamps at the post office and in the shop when the post office is closed.

There are good selections of beers, wines and spirits and fresh deliveries of milk, bread and meats will continue all the way through. Newspaper deliveries will also continue as normal.

Are you aware of when the last posting days are before Christmas? 2nd Class stamps for the UK is Friday 18th December 1st Class stamps for the UK is Monday 21st December. For those cards being sent to more distant destinations it is: Asia Wednesday 9th, Australia Friday 11th, USA Saturday 12th, Germany Wednesday 16th and France Friday 18th. For the dates for all other destinations there is a leaflet available in the Post Office.

NORMAL OPENING HOURS SHOP

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Stewart Alderman Chairman – Hundon Village Shop Committee

HELLO EVERGREENS CLUB!

It's a shame we haven't all got together since last March. We have missed you all, I hope you are all well.

We will make up for our trips out, lunches and afternoon teas when things are improved and we can all get together again.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Pam and Ann

KNITTED POPPIES

I would just like to thank all the people that bought my poppies that I have knitted, so I was able to send £100.00 for Help for Heroes on 11th November 2020.

I have had a reply from them and they were delighted with the donation.

Many thanks, Ailsa Pearmain

THANK YOU

Jean from Mill Lane would like to say thank you to each and everyone of you who takes the time to wave to her as they pass her home.

Her day starts off at 7.50am when Grace and Mae wave to her on their way to school. Many others wave to her through the window or stop to chat if she is in her garden and this really does make her day.

Jean would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and good wishes for the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Ailsa and Jeane would like to send their friends and neighbours in the village all good wishes for a very happy Christmas and a healthy Covid free New Year.

Please accept this notice in lieu of Christmas cards as we will be sending a donation of our choice to Charities as usual.

Thank you.

Jeane Douglas and Ailsa Pearmain

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Alison Law, 07821 197 107 balletshoeworkshop@yahoo.co.uk



Community Orchard – Volunteer Training and Planting Session

Saturday 5th December at 10.00 near the bottom of the allotment field



Please come and join us and help us plant the first 30 trees of our community orchard. Greener Growth are sending 2 of their advisors to ensure the event is Covid safe. They will also teach all the volunteers how best to plant and care for our trees.

All are welcome. Obviously we'd appreciate our fit allotment volunteers to come along again, but we'd also love children (with a parent!) to come and help plant a tree. You can even come and just spectate! It would give us a socially-distanced opportunity for us to talk to you about our ideas for the development of the field into a productive, wildlife and community-friendly haven in the heart of Hundon, and to get your ideas.

Greener Growth will be bringing the trees, stakes, guards etc as well as some tools, but please bring your own spades/forks if possible. Also your own gloves. Look forward to seeing you on the 5th.

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Fiona Gould and H.A.T.A.



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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 13 December 4.00p.m.

Communion Rev Simon Hill

Saturday 19 December 4.00p.m.

Christmas Reflections (Carols)
Rev Canon Mark Haworth

See separate notice for details of attending this service on front page

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK AT CHURCH SERVICES.

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Saturday 12th December

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COVID-19 SAFETY RULES WILL APPLY

FOR INFORMATION AND TABLE BOOKINGS: TEL. 01787 277810 email: ek1000@btinternet.com

TABLES £ 7.50 (+ Tombola Prize Donation) Double table £12.50 Tables provided size: 6' x 2'6" DOORS OPEN TO TABLE HOLDERS 8.45 am.

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testive Menu

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Starters

Broccoli & Stilton soup with a sour dough roll Duck & Port pâté with caramalised onion chutney and sour dough toast

ked Salmon, caper, shallots and cornichon salad with beetroot puree

Poached pear and dolcelatte cheese salad. topped with candied walnut

-oOo-

Roast Breast of Turkey with stuffing, seasonal vegetables, pigs in blankets and roast potatoes Pan-seared Pork tenderloin with apple purée, mustard mash and braised cabbage

Pan-roasted Duck breast on a bed of braised red cabbage, confit potato and an orange and red wine jus

Pan-roasted Sea Bass with sautéed potatoes, garlic fried kale and white wine sauce

Vegetable Nut roast topped with apricot and goat's cheese served with seasonal vegetables and roasted potatoes

-oOo-

Christmas pudding with brandy custard Baileys and white chocolate cheesecake with a fruit compôte

Spice Apple crumble with custard Chocolate Brownie with vanilla ice cream Traditional trio of cheeses with onion compôte, grapes, celery and crackers

Christmas Day Menu

£75 per person Starters

Spiced parsnip soup with truffle oil and sour dough roll

Pan seared Scallops with a cauliflower purée and black pudding

Duck & Port pâté with caramalised onion chutney and sour dough toast

Prawn & Crayfish cocktail with granary bread

-oOo-Lemon Sorbet 000 Mains

Roast breast of Turkey with pork & apple stuffing, roast potatoes, creamed brussels sprouts with bacon lardons, seasonal vegetables, pigs in blankets

Beef Wellington with dauphinoise potatoes, seasonal vegetables and a port jus

Pan-roasted Salmon with a herb and parmesan crust, thyme-roasted new potatoes, roasi carrot purée and seasonal vegetables

Roast vegetable stack with a confit potato and Stilton cream sauce

-oOo-Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy custard Baileys and white chocolate cheesecake served with a fruit compôte

Dark chocolate and salted caramel panna cotta Traditional trio of cheeses with onion compote, grapes, celery and crackers

Following lock-down, from Thursday, Dec. 3rd the Festive Menu will be available from Tuesdays to Saturdays 12 'til 3 and 6 'til 8 up to and including Christmas Eve. A selection will also be available from our normal menu. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Enquiries by Facebook, email at theploughinnhundon@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone. PLEASE NOTE:- Following Covid-19 restrictions we are limited to table sizes of 6 persons

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We at The Plough are making preparations to cater for all those whether families, works colleagues, clubs and societies who wish to enjoy excellent seasonal fare which we have traditionally provided for the festive season.

In the meantime we will be offering a takeaway service for our very popular Sunday Roasts until we are able to reopen.

2 Courses - Choice of roasts -Beef, Lamb, Chicken or Nut all with vegetables. Choice of Sticky Toffee Pudding or Cheesecake for dessert. Adults £15, Child £9. Reservations before 9 pm Friday please.

All at The Plough would like to take this opportunity to wish our customers health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year.

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HUNDON PARISH COUNCIL - WHAT'S HAPPENED? - WHAT NEXT?

Currently, the Parish Clerk and five of the seven Parish Councillors have all resigned, leaving just Councillor Nimmons and Councillor Spooner.

When a Parish Councillor resigns, the Parish Clerk has to notify the Returning Officer on the West Suffolk Council and a "Notice" is published in media, where it can be sighted by all the Hundon Electorate (everyone on the Election Register, which is pretty much everyone), advertising that there are vacancies on the Parish Council.

This announcement remains in place for 14 days, excluding Dies Non. During this period anyone can go on to the Hundon Parish Council website, click on and download a "Request for an Election" form, fill it in and post it to Ian Gallin, the Returning Officer. (The full address is on the form).

This form asks for an Election to be held, nothing more.

This is an important opportunity for Hundon voters to state their preference for whom they would like to see representing them as Parish Councillors. The first "Notice of a Vacancy", covering the resignations of Councillor Gary McLeod, Councillor Phil Impey and Councillor Ann McGregor, expires (after 14 days) on December 3rd. The next "Notice", covering the resignations of Councillor Richard Langridge and Councillor Jean Thomas, expires on December 9th.

So, there is not a lot of time left. Also, there have to be a minimum of ten requests made for an election for each "Notice".

If the Returning Officer does not receive the necessary number of requests before December 3rd and December 9th respectively, the existing Parish Councillors can co-opt/ choose anyone they would like to fill the five vacancies and join them as Parish Councillors.

However, there is one more element to the current circumstances. It requires a minimum of three Parish Councillors for Hundon Parish Council to form a quorum. At the moment there are only two Parish Councillors and no Parish Clerk. This means that the Parish Council cannot even meet, let alone pay any bills or carry out Council business.

Under these circumstances, the West Suffolk Council can "appoint" one or two persons to be temporary Councillors so that the day-to-day business of the Council can be dealt with. They will also have to try and find a temporary Parish Clerk for Hundon.

So, in summary, the Hundon Electorate has a choice. Either we can send twenty "Request for an Election" forms, ten for each "Notice", to the Returning Officer before the deadlines and ensure that we all have a say in who are our Parish Councillors, or, we can leave it to the existing Councillors to choose whom they want to join them. I hope this helps.

Richard Langridge

HGC Blog 2020

Community Projects

A few weeks ago we applied to the Broxted Solar Community Fund for Hundon for a grant to enable us to carry on with community projects. As you will have seen from last month's Hundon Herald we were awarded £1000.

At the 2017 AGM we announced our plan to plant up the grass bank in front of the Village Hall with mainly native bulbs. The use of native bulbs was to make this bank appear as natural as possible using bulbs that could be seen in the countryside growing as wild flowers, probably seen more by our grandparents before developers got involved. So many plants have been cultivated, take the daffodil, or narcissus, for instance, there are so many different types. The daffodils that will grow, hopefully, in the bank will be the same that the poet William



Wordsworth wrote about, 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud' (also commonly known as "Daffodils").

Three years have passed but finally we have achieved our aim. The area is looking even better now with the war memorial in place. Twelve of us, over two mornings have planted over 1,000 bulbs, hopefully up the right way, but you never know!! Thanks to Karen and Meg for providing refreshments to keep us going, and the Village Hall for allowing us to use the 'facilities'.

We have planted Wild Narcissus (Narcissus Lobularis), Aconites (aconitum), Wood Anemones (Anemone Nemorosa), English Bluebells (Hyacinthoides Non-Scripta), Woodland Crocus (Crocus Tommasinianus). Summer



Snowflake, (Leucojum Aestivum), Wild Tulip (Tulip Sylvestris), Snake's Head Fritillary (Fritillaria Meleagris), Wild Snowdrop (Galanthus Nivalis), Common Star of Bethlehem (Ornithogalum Umbellatum). In the spring we will be planting Cowslips (**Primula veris**), and Common Primroses (Primula vulgari) as plug plants.

The only disappointment being that when this was first planned we hoped to include many people in the planting of the bulbs, to be a real community project, but Coronavirus put a stop to those plans.

Village Hall and Shop area:

The six members of the Tubs and Beds Group have been busy throughout this Coronavirus year, keeping all the tubs weed free, planted and watered. We have cleared the small bed near the Hedgehogs Preschool entrance path of shrubs to make the path obstacle free for all to walk safely. We will be replanting in the spring but are mindful of keeping the path clear. The beds between shop and picnic

area have also been kept weed free, watered and planted. We have put preservative on the surrounding fences so we will be able to plant climbing plants. Bob Smith has very kindly built us a super bespoke planter ready to plant our climbers. Thank you very much Bob!

Saffron

In 2019 one of the only farmers who grows saffron in this country, David Smale, came to give us a talk on his journey to growing saffron. Before our last Chairman left the village he passed over to me a lot of Saffron Crocuses (crocus sativus). I have passed many of these to club members to grow on. I hope they are doing well? I didn't get round to everyone who requested them as a lot of them were very small. I planted these in my front garden raised beds to grow on and hopefully next year if they have grown sufficiently I will pass them on to other members. They are growing well so look out for these lovely flowers in the spring.

Allotment

Sometime ago we took on an allotment forming a Growers Group but as enthusiasm waned we decided to offer small



plots to members who wanted to have a go. So far the Tubs and Beds group, an off shoot of the Growers Group, have taken on a small piece and two other members are having a go. If any other members would like to work a small plot please let me know. We have managed to set up 4 water butts that are brimming full. This year tomatoes in the greenhouse have done well, also strawberries, potatoes and sunflowers have bloomed. Thank you to all those who have helped with grass cutting, water carrying, sorting the shed and erecting a gutter and downpipe etc. and a big thank you to Yvonne who has undoubtedly been working the hardest.

We are hoping that when, not if, the lockdown finishes your committee will have a meeting to review the state of play and look forward to plans for 2021.

Take Care and Stay Safe. Next Year will be better!!

Janet Burrows

FROM AILSA PEARMAIN

From St. Nicholas Hospice Care:

Dear Mrs. Pearmain,

Thank you so much for the very kind donation of £50 that you sent to St. Nicholas Hospice Care in memory of your dear friend and much loved choir member Betty Plumb. Please pass on our many thanks to all of the members at The Hundon Harmony Village Choir for their generosity and best wishes.

The support you've give us will help make a big difference to the Hospice and will ensure we can continue to provide our vital sevices to those in our care.

Once again thank you so much for thinking of St. Nicholas Hospice Care.

Best wishes, George Chilvers

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PARISH COUNCIL RESIGNATIONS

Having noted the recent resignations of 5 of our 7 Parish Councillors and now the last minute details from ex Councillor Langridge displayed on the Hundon Village Facebook page I feel the need to write to The Editor. My initial shock turned to disbelief, how in an unprecedented time when our community needs the support of our Parish Councillors, they have let us down. On reflection there have been signs over the pandemic that two of our ex-Councillors have shown their lack of community engagement and limited grasp of what should be expected of a Councillor (whether through The Herald or Facebook group).

Village Helpers- The first example was from Mr. Phil Impey on the Facebook group when he questioned why (as villagers) we were not helping the vulnerable and should all be doing our bit. Very quickly the post received a barrage of responses from disgruntled residents having to highlight the wonderfully quick response from the Hundon Little Helpers set up by what we would call 'doers', looking out for the most vulnerable in our village incidentally this group is now part of the Community Action group for West Suffolk Council (HLH initially proposed by Johnnie Walker's daughter Tamsin with the independent support of Councillors Doug Nimmons, Gary McLeod and our great volunteers Mikki Cox, Sharon Mott, Dawn Nimmons and Johnnie Walker, thank you).

Field access and wildlife area— A rather baffling correspondence in the Herald from Mr. Richard Langridge demanding the clearance of detritus around the upper access point to the football field and the following month David Newton's response highlighting his selfless task of clearing access for the good of the community for the last 30 + years, another great example of a 'doer' in the village and less so from our ex Councillor who via the Herald has been asking for 'wildlife volunteers' to essentially disturb the newly formed Hundon Wildspace area behind his property (please correct me if I misread the articles) ??

Gravestones- My friends recently (with permission) had their Gagen family gravestones restored and were taken aback by the upsetting conduct of Mr. Langridge who accused their stone mason of providing new stones in a very unpleasant manner. Please do take the time to view the stones to the rear entry of the church (end of row) as they certainly make you reflect on how lucky we are now.

Whilst two of our Councillors have stood resolute at this very difficult time ultimately, I feel an explanation from each ex-Councillor should be provided, including how leaving the PC with insufficient members to function properly until at least May 2021 could possibly be the best action for the community they served.

Richard Edwards



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I was involved in the creation and questionnaire sent to all villagers resulting in the Hundon Parish Plan* around 10 years ago. Despite being against my own personal interest I agreed with the conclusion of the questionnaire that "affordable housing" is needed on the edge of the village and not on green space within the village. Green space in the village is for the benefit of all of us and once it is gone it cannot be replaced.

The landowners' agents (Pigeon Investment Management) have tried various palm greasing techniques to gain access to public land in the village in the past. I have direct knowledge as a cricket club committee member of them doing this. We ensured this was rejected despite the promise of a lovely new club house and ground. Investors look for the most profitable place to acquire land and this is nearest to the services i.e. right in the middle of our village, the allotments (WS116) and (WS117)** the land between the Astro and Mill Lane.

Current land development options are open for public comment until December 22 and as a village we need to be telling the planners where they can build and what they build. The land owners are set for a windfall and will be pleased to receive the large amount of money they get per acre. Many times more than it is worth as agricultural. If they really wanted to help the village they should sell a portion of their land on the legal agreement that some of it will never be used for housing and is allocated as village green space in between existing and new housing so we can continue to enjoy the benefits of living in an open village, and maintaining the space and character: as the planning document states. This is often agreed at initial stages and then gradually watered down to increase profit.

Local planning rules encourage small developments of around 10 houses. We need low cost housing in Hundon so our families old or young can afford to move in or stay here. We do not need large scale town style development. We are a village and our roads infrastructure etc. will not sustain a large development.

They state in their document we have "reasonably good road access to the A143 for Bury and Haverhill" and that "junctions within the village may require upgrading to cope "We all know that there are many places on the road to Haverhill where if a car meets anything wider it is not possible to pass safely. They also seem to ignore the flooding problems on lower road, which will increase as housing development increases the speed at which rainfall leaves the land and goes in to our ditches and streams.

Please go on the Portal. It is a bit complicated, probably in order to reduce the amount of objections and replies but it is essential that we all do it to ensure our village is not turned into a profit centre for people who do not live here and will never feel the effect of building on their doorsteps.

Sarah William and Jeorgie Barthorpe Mill side Mill Road

- *(<u>http://www.hundon-village.co.uk/parishplan/index.html</u>)
- ** West Suffolk Council SHELAA sites in Hundon Links to planning
- . You can comment:

#YOUR FUTURE #YOUR SAYWEST SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN

This is by way of follow up to the article on p.3 of the November Herald and to the associated entries on the Hundon Facebook page. As Gill Shepstone and Ben Sainsbury have stressed, if you wish to comment on the land development options set out in the Consultation Documents, you will need to register on-line (very straightforward) at the link already provided, and set out again at the bottom of this piece.

Unfortunately, in view of the resignation this month of the 5 of the 7 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk, there was no business carried out at the November Meeting. Therefore, the paper, prepared for the consideration of the Parish Council, in order for there to be a discussion about an official Parish Council response to the Consultation, was not looked at or discussed. In light of this, we (the authors) feel it is right to put this paper into the public domain and hope that it will not only be of interest but also encourage the villagers of Hundon to respond to the Consultation.

"Planning" Working Party

Present: Richard Langridge, Tony Leek

Apologies: Jean Thomas

At the last Meeting we discussed the latest publication of the West Suffolk Local Plan: "Your Future, Your Say", as signposted in the October Hundon Herald.

Subsequently we have been scrutinising the on-line Consultation Documents.

- Nothing has changed to the Strategic Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) since the Feb: 2020 update.
- **2**. The "Issues & Options" consultation will close December 22nd. The responses will be considered during 2021, leading to a list of "Preferred Options" being issued towards the end of 2021 for more consultations.
- **3**. The final "Local Plan" will take about three/four years to produce and will guide future development until 2040.
- **4**. Ultimately, all the Plans/Issues and Options/White Papers are aimed at making it easier and quicker for Local Planning Authorities and Developers/Landowners to push through Planning Applications, at the expense of almost certainly, diminishing the voice/input of the local community.
- 5. It is intended that Hundon remains classified as a Local Services Centre, based on the amenities we enjoy. However, it is worth noting our classification rests on our accumulating "6 points". It could be argued that two of those points depend on our having a "Convenience local shop" and a "Permanent Post Office".

Our Village Shop is run by volunteers as a service to the community. Indeed, in the five years prior to 2019, it made a loss which was absorbed by the Village Hall and Playing Field Charity.

Similarly, our "Permanent Post Office" is not at all permanent. It could not exist without being subsidised by voluntary contributions from the community .It is suggested

that this be put to the LPA with the aim of reducing our point count to four and thereby making us less attractive for development.

- **6**. There are four "Options" set out for us to consider and comment on as to where we would like "growth" (House building) to take place:
- **6a.** Focus growth on entirely new settlement. This might be the best long term solution, providing it does not take place on Hundon's doorstep!
- **6b**. Focus growth on Towns and Key Service Areas (not Local Service Centres). This would be our next preference as it would take place adjacent to established amenities and services, similar to the current building taking place on the fringe of Haverhill. It would also take the pressure off Planning Authorities to achieve their housebuilding targets by building in Hundon!
- **6c.** Focus growth on Towns, Key Service Centres and Local Service Areas, including possibly Hundon. If the Local Planning Authority (LPA) decide they want to build in Hundon it will be very difficult to resist. Our best option will be to try and ensure that any development in Hundon is limited to a number of dwellings which could be easily absorbed within the Village without destroying the character and environment that we currently enjoy. And always ensuring that wherever any such possible development takes place, adequate services (drainage/sewerage/roads/etc) are included. It is entirely possible that, under these conditions, a dozen new families could be beneficial to the life of our Village.
- **6d**. Disperse growth around the district, including villages where possible. Not a very practical, cost effective idea given the rural nature of our district involving lack of public transport, narrow, poorly maintained roads, and basic infrastructure.
- 7. West Suffolk Council is currently committed to building a minimum of 16,000 homes by 2040. Of these 16,000, 13,400 have already been allocated or given planning permission, which leaves 2,600 still to go; a relatively small number.
- **8.** There are a number of other issues to be considered such as, climate, population demographics, employment, transport, retail, etc:.
- **9**. The key issues are set out in "Issues and Options, Part 3, Settlements". It is important to note that no decisions have yet been made on whether or not the sites in this document will be taken forward to the next stage. That is why it is so important that everyone makes their views known to the West Suffolk Council (WSC) on these possible sites.

It is important also to understand that Hundon is not alone in being "threatened" with hundreds of new houses. Many other villages in the County have similar proposals against them.

It is also worth noting that if the Parish Council puts its objective views forward, it may have no greater influence on the outcome than any individual's, but conversely it is likely to be regarded as very odd if the Parish Council does not express its own view. It is the message not the messenger that counts.

Generally, the density of housing is assumed to be 30 dwellings per hectare (NB.2.47 acres = 1 hectare) but this can be changed depending on local circumstances.

10. Hundon Village is described on pages 102 - 105 of the Issues and Options, Part 3, Settlements section. A number of sites have been submitted to the Council by landowners and developers for potential in the Local Plan, all are shown on the SHELAA Map.

There are currently four sites shown in Hundon with potential for development. They are shown by name, number and plan in s.4.9 of Part 3 of the Issues and Options Consultation. It would seem appropriate to assess the pros and cons of each site. There is a separate section which asks what improvements, services and facilities are needed to facilitate growth in Hundon.

10a. Land between Valley Wash and Church Street, also known as Field adjacent to Mizon Close, ref: WS200. 3.65 ha. 66 indic cap.

This site is under single ownership and is partially adjacent to the settlement boundary (Galley Lane).

Capacity is currently limited to 10 dwelling.

For: Although outside the village settlement area, this site falls within existing residential dwellings.

The triangular is contained by roads on two sides and existing housing on the other, so, development "sprawl" cannot happen.

The land within the site has no recent history of agricultural use.

Relatively few existing dwellings would be affected by residential development on this site.

Against: Building on this site might increase the runoff down to Valley Wash which would have to be taken into account.

Any required vehicular access on to Church Street would probably require upgrade of the road in a north westerly direction.

10b. Land at Mill Road, ref: WS115. 14.11 hec. 254 indic cap.

For: Because of the size of the site, the eventual number of dwellings possible and the anticipated profit, the landowner's agent, M/s Pigeon, has indicated that there could be certain gains for the village. This is usual for speculative development such as this. As yet, the landowner's agents have not been specific on dwelling numbers, nor affordable housing unit numbers.

Against: Even allowing for 40% of the site to be used for infrastructure and other purposes, WSC calculate the possibility of 254 dwellings on this site over time. This would almost double the size of the village and its character for good or ill.

A Pigeon Site Plan has been seen which indicated an initial development of about a dozen houses but also showed a further development of eighty houses. A request for a copy of the site map was refused. Any initial development would appear to be a very thin edge of a very large wedge. Once this site, WS 115, is included in the new Local Plan it will have been earmarked for housing development so that eventually the entire site could be

populated with housing.

As with any development on the four sites, the natural slope will increase the run off of surface water on to Lower Road, Valley Wash and Mill Road. The current drainage system cannot cope and WSC have indicated that there may be no obligation on the Developer to rectify existing problems.

Any required vehicular access to Mill Road and/or Church Street would certainly (in view of the numbers) require an upgrade.

The land is Grade 1 Agricultural and any planning permission would both take away that use and also set a worrying precedent for the agricultural land which surrounds the village.

10c. Land between Church Street and Lower Road, ref: WS 116. 2.75 hec. 83 indic cap.

For: This land belongs to the Rogeron Trust who have recently given the Hundon Allotments Group permission to plant an orchard and develop the lower area of the site for the benefit of the community, with the intention of reserving the higher ground as a place to build houses, the sale and management of which, would provide the Trust with an increased income with which to benefit the community. The Rogeron Trust have tabled an indicative plan showing about 27 dwellings, incorporating an almshouse scheme, to the north of the site.

Against: The original charitable purpose of this site was to provide an open space for the benefit of the village. It is currently a "green lung" at the centre of the village. It has previously been underused for allotments, but now a very active group has plans underway to maximise use of the site for, inter alia, allotments, orchard and wildflower meadow for the benefit of the village.

Of the four possible sites in the village, development on this site may have the greatest adverse effect on existing neighbouring houses.

There are a number of comments on the SHELAA plan for this site listing the need for "Further assessment", particularly relating to the proximity of the flood plain, being within the conservation area, etc, ending with a summary stating, "There are a number of constraints on the site which may delay the delivery of the site".

10d. Land at Mill Lane, ref: WS117. 0.53 hec. 16 indic cap

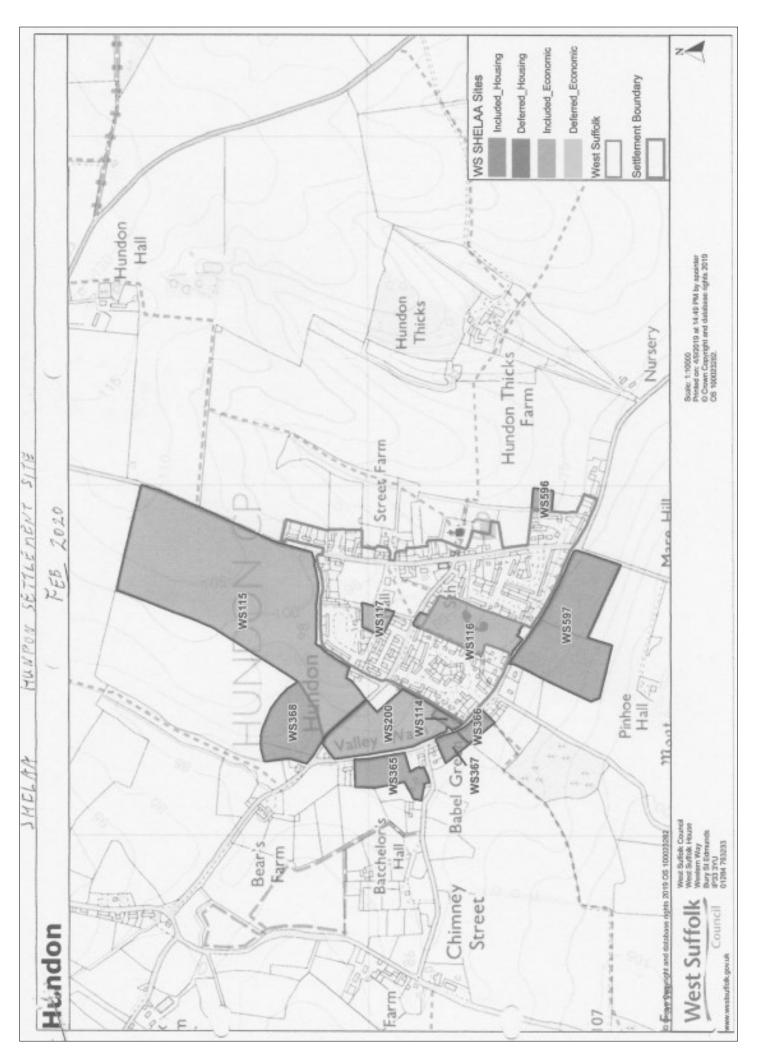
This is an open space owned by the Suffolk County Council.

For: This site is within the village settlement plan, has no recent history of agricultural use and could only accommodate limited development.

Against: Originally it had been suggested that a bigger primary school might be built here.

Currently, as far as we know, the SCC have no immediate plans for developing this site but that could easily change. Further information needed.

11. There are a number of other sites in Hundon which have been deferred due to policy restraints i.e. Sites ref:



WS 365, WS 366, WS367, WS 368, all of which are not adjacent to the settlement boundary, and/or more than 50% of the site is within a Flood Risk Zone category 2 or 3. Site ref: WS 597 is deferred due to not being available.

12. We also discussed the desirability of a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan can become a very important part of the planning process. It sets out the overall aspirations of the community for their village and is an official document which has to be taken into account by the LPA. However, it will almost inevitably take several years to draw up a final version and, for it to be considered a valid document in the planning process, it has to have been updated within two years of the time at which it is considered in conjunction with any particular planning application. It cannot be applied to any situation retrospectively.

The drawing up of a Neighbourhood Plan is beyond the remit of this Working Party and will need the dedication of several members of the community over a period of several years. Having said that, the LPA is obliged to offer advice."

As you will appreciate, in normal times the Parish Council would have been expected to hold a public forum for discussion of this very important matter, in association with an exhibition by the West Suffolk planners. In lieu of that, sadly, it has to be dealt with on-line.

We thank you for your involvement.

Richard Langridge Tony Leek Jean Thomas

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https://www.htpfederation.co.uk/index.php/hundon

Explore our website, visit our class pages and contact our School Office via email at admin@hundonschool.co.uk or by telephone on 01440 786217 so we can contact you with further details as soon as we can.

NB: You must make an application for a full-time place even if your child is already attending a nursery class in an infant or primary school or a Children's Centre next to a school site. Please note that a place for your child at your catchment school is not guaranteed.

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