

Memory Lane Steering Group

Brief outline of items discussed

Felixstowe Group - Despite increase in hire of Salvation Army Hall from £25 per session to £70 group will for the time being continue meeting at this venue. To monitor accordingly.

Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin - no increase in hire fee £25

Both groups meet on fortnightly basis in morning. Both well attended by people with dementia and their carers. Currently no waiting list at either venue.

First aid training to be offered to volunteers of both groups as well as course on dementia.

Both groups need more volunteers to help with various tasks to spread the load and cover holidays/sickness

To promote both groups plus need for volunteers at Felixstowe Peninsula Community Partnership Health and Well Being Fair at Orwell Hotel on 14th March 2024. Also explore other initiatives including Doctor surgeries signposting newly diagnosed patients where help and support is available. Currently this is not always the case leaving patients stressed as to what happens next.

Friday 8th December 2023 10.00am until 2.00pm Both groups to meet for Christmas social at Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin. AGM to follow

Memorial Hall Management Committee

Cllr Anne Owen and myself attended.

British gas to at last change meter in order a smart meter installed.

Air conditioning - Heat has been unbearable at time, particularly during recent show. Options to rectify situation to be explored

Sewer work to be carried out 9-11th October. Yvonne to be available should any issues arise. Users of hall to be advised regarding parking.

Ladies toilet sink had flooded. Tony Rodwell has repaired.

Christmas lights switch on followed by carols, hot soup and rolls - Tuesday 5th December. Event will conclude in time for PC meeting.

Pantomime - 21st-24th February 2024

Next management meeting 30th January 2024

Cross Parish group

Cllr Robert Parker and myself attended Group's first meeting held on 18th September at, Kirton/Falkenham Pavilion.

As well as our own parish represented, also representatives of Waldringfield, K & F, Trimley St Mary, Bucklesham, Levington/Stratton Hall were present. Hemley and Nacton - no one available.

Group to meet as and when joint strategic matters occur

Current issues identified and discussed -

Water sourcing at Levington - report distributed by myself to T St Martin Cllrs.

Lorry park at Levington - report distributed accordingly

Local plan - short email to be sent to ESC regarding current time scale of next local plan.

When will call for sites be made? When will formal and informal meetings be held to discuss proposals? When will public consultation begin? When will new Local Plan be adopted?

Response received from ESC Planning Manager -

The Council is not currently planning a review of the Local Plans. The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan was adopted relatively recently in September 2020 and the focus is currently therefore on implementing the policies in the plan.

Other joint strategic matters tabled for future - Bucklesham School - continue to voice concern speed currently on main through road to Brightwell remains at 60mph.

Rights of way issues at Brightwell and other areas throughout all parishes. Improvements needed to encourage physical activity and general health and well being.

Felixstowe Peninsular Community Partnership

Meeting attended 11th September included

Community Issues, including Youth Voice themes plus progress on Task and Finish Groups -

Ease the squeeze/cost of living

Active adult/active youth

Community Health Fair

Outcomes of above reports and actions link distributed to T St Martin Cllrs

Next meeting Monday 4th December at Felixstowe Library

Task and Finish Group - Active Adult/Active Youth

Following initial meeting attended and subsequent costings of various activities to support initiative, follow up meeting attended to agree 2/3 to take forward and associated actions, summarise actions and report back to FPCP

Active adults -

Outcome -

6 months support to reduce cost to encourage more participants to try New age kurling

Keep on Moving seated dance sessions

Active Youth

Outcome -

Swimming lessons for non/poor swimmers in primary school age children - Leisure Centre responsible for setting up and provide monitoring

Teen Shelter at Skate Park, Felixstowe - part of wider skate park project.

- Communities Officer to clarify various points and report back

Community Hedging for wildlife - Suffolk Wildlife , Foxburrow Farm

One day course which focused on maintenance rather than just planting

Information included -

History of hedging

Wildlife benefiting from variety of species

Correct maintenance ensures healthy hedges for wildlife.

Flailing, cheapest and most used option. Works well if carried out correctly including not left too long a period which then results in a rather butchered look.

Coppicing and hedge layering less likely as labour intensive therefore costly.

Maintenance carried out from 1st October

Species identified and advised on best to plant

