



## Next Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
2020 at 7pm in Dalham  
Village Hall

The meeting will begin  
with an Open Forum.  
This is a chance to meet  
parish councillors and  
talk about any items on  
the agenda.  
Everyone is welcome.

Minutes of the meeting  
can be viewed on the  
Parish Council's website  
at

[www.dalham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.dalham.onesuffolk.net)

## Your Parish Councillors

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## Parish Council Report

There have been two meetings since the last newsletter, one on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and one on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

A range of items are covered at meetings, including financial issues, highways and rights of way queries, and responding to planning applications.

The Parish Council carried out a six-month budget review in September and approved its budget for 2020/21 at the November meeting.

Most of the planning applications received are Trees in a Conservation Area applications. The purpose of these applications is to give the planning authority West Suffolk Council an opportunity to decide whether the trees included in the application should be protected by a tree preservation order.

The Parish Council has recently received notification of a planning application for the Woodyard. The application is for the two existing properties, which are subject to an enforcement order, to be used to provide affordable homes for first time buyers.

The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds of Highways Safety as the proposed access road will cross the area used by the Almshouses for parking forcing them to park on Stores Hill which will make this stretch of road even more dangerous.

## Thefts from private letter boxes

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019, someone broke into an external post box belonging to a resident in Ousden. The post was stolen along with the person's identity. Their name and address were then used to set up a bank account with

Santander and with other organisations. The Serious Fraud Office has been notified.

## District Council Update

Your District Councillor is Mike Chester. He regularly attends Parish Council meetings and you are welcome to come along to the Open Forum to speak to him.

West Suffolk Council has carried out two surveys recently. The first was a review of car parks in West Suffolk, the second was a consultation about rural issues. Residents, parish councils and other organisations were asked to give their views about issues affecting their communities. This information will be used to produce a report to Cabinet outlining the main issues and recommendations.

## County Council Update

Your County Councillor is Robin Miller. He has agreed to use his locality funding to cover 50% of the cost of the village sign.

The Parish Council has asked him about a number of highways concerns in Dalham. The Parish Council has requested that 30mph sign on Stores Hill be moved further out of the village in an attempt to slow traffic down before they enter the village, Unfortunately the criteria for moving 30mph signs have been changed by Suffolk County Council and it is unlikely that the sign will be moved unless there was a significant change such as a new development

## New Village Sign



You may have noticed that the village sign disappeared for several months. When the Parish Council checked it earlier in the year, the back of the sign was rotten and was not able to be repaired. The old sign was taken away and the design used as a template for the new sign. The new sign is made of fibre glass and will be more durable and hopefully last for many years to come.

## Planning application for Fritz Grain Store

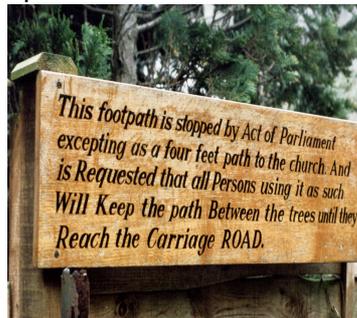
The Dalham Estate has submitted a planning application for a new grain store to replace the previous one which has been demolished. The access route for the store is past Desning Hall cottages, not the farm track near the village hall. HGV drivers have been told of the correct route and the Dalham Estate will do its best to ensure that they use the designated route.

The new store will also be fitted with modern, quieter fans which will reduce the noise impact on the village.

## Missing sign – now found

After the article in the last newsletter asking if anyone knew of the whereabouts of the old footpath sign, a resident contact the Parish Council to say that he had been storing it safely since it was taken down several years ago.

The Parish Council has spoken to Lauren Gibson Green who works for Strutt and Parker on behalf of the Dalham Estate and says they will reinstate the sign near the kissing gate at the start of the footpath up to the church.



## Dalham Estate Woodland Management Plan

The Dalham Estate will be carrying out a variety of tree works in the coming months. A lot of planting will take place to create new woodland. Trees taken out will be replaced with new trees. Some horse chestnuts will be taken out and replaced with lime trees as the horse chestnuts have got canker.



## New footpath map

Following the publication of the new Dalham footpath leaflet, the Parish Council has bought a footpath map showing the three circular routes in Dalham as well as the Three Churches and Three Villages walks. The new map is in the display board opposite the Affleck Arms. If anyone would like the old map, please contact the Parish Council.



## Village Events

**Film night** - last Saturday of each month at 7.30pm. See noticeboard at Dalham Village Hall for more details.

### Coffee mornings

Second Sunday of each month from 10.30am – 12.30pm

All the events will take place in Dalham Village Hall.

**Carol Service** - Sunday 22nd December 5pm (after the 4pm carol service)– Join us for mince pies and mulled wine in Dalham village hall following the 4pm church carol service.

For further details please contact Rachel on [editor@dalham.com](mailto:editor@dalham.com)

If you are thinking of holding a party or other event, then please consider hiring the village hall. Details on hiring the hall are on the village website ([www.dalham.com](http://www.dalham.com)) or else pick up a brochure from the hall.

