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Kesgrave,  
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Martlesham, Carlford  
& Fynn Valley

## Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership

**Chair:** Councillor Chris Blundell (East Suffolk Council)

**Vice-Chair:** Councillor Robert Whiting (Suffolk County Council)

**East Suffolk Councillors:**

Councillor Chris Blundell    Councillor Geoff Lynch  
Councillor Tony Fryatt        Councillor Debbie McCallum  
Councillor Colin Hedgley    Councillor Mark Newton  
Councillor Stuart Lawson    Councillor Ed Thompson

**Suffolk County Councillor:**

Councillor Robert Whiting

**Partnership Organisations:**

Local Town and Parish Councils  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical  
Commissioning Group  
Community Action Suffolk  
Business Community  
Youth Community  
Environment

Members of the **Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership** are invited to a meeting to be held via Zoom on **Monday, 4 January 2021 at 2.00 pm**

The meeting will be broadcast to the public via the East Suffolk Council YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/FfXhw3Fm0ms>

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| <b>5</b> | <b>Update from the Environmental Care Working Group</b><br>To receive an update from the Environmental Care Working Group on the progress made since the previous meeting |              |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Discussion of Possible Future Projects</b><br>To discuss any possible projects that would meet the current priorities of the Community Partnership                     |              |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b><br>To be discussed at the meeting   |              |

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**Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn  
Valley Community Partnership**

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 via the Zoom  
video conferencing system**

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Councillor C Blundell (Chair) Councillor T Fryatt

Town and Parish Councils – J Gittoes (Clopton Parish Council), M Williamson (Martlesham Parish Council), J Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

Partnership Organisations – L Butters (Community Action Suffolk)

Others present – J Beck (Planner (Policy and Delivery)), A Jolliffe (Communities Officer), M Makin (Democratic Services Officer),

Item	Discussion
<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>J Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council)  M Brown (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)  L Hardwick (Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group)  Councillor G Lynch (East Suffolk Council)  Councillor M Newton (East Suffolk Council)  Councillor R Whiting (Suffolk County Council)</p> <p>James Wright from Rushmere Parish Council attended the meeting on behalf of Mirabel Brown.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Appointment of a Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>The Chair nominated Councillor Whiting to be Vice-Chair of the Community Partnership; he advised that he had spoken with Councillor Whiting prior to the meeting, who was happy to be nominated.</p> <p>The Community Partnership agreed that Councillor Whiting be appointed Vice-Chair.</p>



<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Notes of the previous meeting</b></p> <p>The action notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Cycling and Walking Strategy - Overview</b></p> <p>This item was introduced by Andy Jolliffe who invited Jason Beck, from East Suffolk Council’s Planning Policy team, to give a presentation on the Cycling and Walking Strategy.</p> <p>Jason Beck explained that East Suffolk Council was looking to build upon the Cycling Strategy created by the former Waveney District Council and extend this across the whole of East Suffolk and expand it to include walking.</p> <p>Jason Beck detailed the project outcomes and demonstrated the map-based initial consultation currently taking place. The consultation had opened on 19 October 2020 and was running until 30 November 2020.</p> <p>The Chair invited questions.</p> <p>At the request of Andy Jolliffe, Jason Beck highlighted the Community Partnership area on the map and outlined the patterns emerging in the area.</p> <p>Jason Beck confirmed that issues could be raised on a place by place basis following the end of the consultation period.</p> <p>James Wright raised a specific issue within Rushmere St Andrew; Jason Beck advised James to submit this issue as part of the consultation and agreed to look into this issue once submitted.</p> <p>The Chair encouraged Community Partnership members to submit issues in their areas.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on existing Community Partnership projects</b></p> <p>The Chair invited Andy Jolliffe to provide an update on the projects that had been funded by the Community Partnership. Andy confirmed that £28,080 of the Community Partnership’s 2020/21 budget had been allocated, with £6,920 remaining for allocation.</p> <p><u>Chinwag</u></p>

Andy Jolliffe advised that he had met with staff at the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, who were eager to begin the project; the project was restricted by the upcoming national lockdown but the Community Centre was looking to develop the project and bring in other parts of the local community, and look at different themes for each session.

#### Talking Benches

Funds had been transferred and the funding allocation meant that five benches could be purchased. An expression of interest email had been sent out with a deadline of 14 December 2020 to ensure all Parish Councils could discuss the offer. Two expressions of interest, from Martlesham Heath Householders' Association and Charsfield Parish Council, had been received.

#### Great Bealings Speed Limit Scheme

The Community Partnership's contribution to the project was being transferred to Great Bealings Parish Council on 4 November 2020.

#### SPOT Wellbeing

The programme had been discussed but the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the upcoming national lockdown meant it was not viable to start the programme at this time. It was intended that the programme would be started in January 2021, depending on the COVID-19 situation.

#### Environmental Grant Scheme

The scheme had been launched on 2 November 2020; the deadline for expressions of interest was 14 December 2020 and the panel would be meeting on 7 January 2021. One expression of interest had already been received.

#### Meet-Up Mondays

A new event at Café 66, Kesgrave had been launched four weeks ago, in compliance with social distancing measures. The group was growing organically and was being accessed by individuals who had limited or no interaction with others during the week. Andy Jolliffe advised that work was taking place with other venues and Community Action Suffolk to establish further events.

#### Mental Health First Aid Training

	<p>It had originally been intended to run a two-day face to face course, however it was now possible to deliver the training online over half a day. Conversations had taken place with the training provider and it had been confirmed that up to 50 people could be trained through this method. Andy Jolliffe sought the views of Community Partnership members on whether to run the course in January 2021 or towards the end of November 2020 ready for the easing of the national lockdown.</p> <p>The Chair invited questions and comments on the existing projects.</p> <p>Community Partnership members supported running the Mental Health First Aid training in January 2021, considering the amount of uncertainty around the end of the upcoming national lockdown.</p> <p>Andy Jolliffe confirmed that the Mental Health First Aid course would be promoted through direct posting to certain organisations and parish councils to identify individuals in their communities who would benefit from the training. Andy Jolliffe added that advice would also be sought from Community Action Suffolk to ensure no-one was missed.</p>
6.	<p><b>Discussion around the Community Partnership’s priorities</b></p> <p>This item was to provide an opportunity to informally discuss the Community Partnership’s priorities. Andy Jolliffe highlighted the work completed on the social isolation and loneliness priority and considered that the Community Partnership began to look at its environmental care priority, suggesting that a working group could be formed to do this in detail.</p> <p>Members of the Community Partnership discussed what the environmental care priority meant, raising the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planting of native hedgerows and trees as part of housing development</li> <li>● Co-existence with the climate emergency declarations made by Suffolk councils</li> <li>● The environment in relation to the government’s White Paper on planning reformation</li> <li>● Environmental focus in Neighbourhood Plans</li> </ul> <p>Mike Williamson explained that Martlesham Parish Council had formed a working group in response to the climate emergency declaration, which had produced a presentation on the subject. Mike Williamson confirmed that he would share this with Andy Jolliffe.</p>



	<p><b>ACTION</b> Mike Williamson to send climate emergency presentation to Andy Jolliffe</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillor Fryatt, James Wright and Andy Jolliffe would form a working group to look at environmental care in detail and seek specialist knowledge on the subject.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Councillor Fryatt, James Wright and Andy Jolliffe to form a working group to look at environmental care in detail and seek specialist knowledge on the subject.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates of next meeting:</b></p> <p>A provisional date of 4 January 2021 at 2pm, via Zoom, was set as the next meeting date.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Matt Makin to liaise with Cllr Blundell and Andy Jolliffe to confirm the next meeting date and communicate this to the Community Partnership.</p>

The meeting concluded at 11.08 am





**Key outcomes of the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board meeting held 7 December 2020.**

**1. Recap:**

All eight Community Partnerships are represented on The Community Partnership Board by their respective Chairs.

The Board is currently focussed on these issues across East Suffolk:

- Transport
- Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Covid Impacts

The Community Partnership Board meeting agendas / papers / minutes can be viewed [HERE](#)

**2. Progress on Transport Priority**

A Transport Task Group had met on 26.10.20 to focus on i) Active and Sustainable Travel ii) Community Transport solutions ii) Rural Transport

The Task group recommend a twin track approach to the Transport Priority:

Short Term:

- Develop short-term ‘quick win’ deliverables.
- Identify, develop and seed/match fund pilots and trial projects to test ‘proof of concept’ and assess their viability to be scaled up across the area.

Medium – Long term:

- Study transport and travel issues & gaps in East Suffolk to provide rigorous data and intelligence on which to base future work.
- Work with strategic partners to redesign parts of the system, and collectively lobby to influence for change.

The Board agreed to this approach, and the Task Group has now taken the role of the Transport Programme Steering Group to help problem solve the transport priority. The three key elements for success are:

- i) The steering group – now scheduled to meet 27.01.21
- ii) A programme manager – who will start 01.02.21 (following an offer by EDF to provide a member of their staff to carry out the role for the Task Group)
- iii) A delivery budget – **the Board allocated £80k from its 2020/21 budget to fund this.**

The Travel and Transport improvement Programme proposal can be viewed [HERE](#)

The Board also agreed to support Suffolk County Council to trial an innovative new “Katch” EV Taxi bus service between Framlingham, Wickham Market and Campsea Ashe Station from January next Year. **The Board allocated 40k** from its budget towards this trial.

The Katch proposal can be viewed [HERE](#)

The full report from the Transport Task Group can be viewed [HERE](#)

### **3. Update on Social Isolation and Loneliness Priority**

To date, a total of £135,000 had been allocated to projects aimed at tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness. In addition, £100,000 was allocated by the Board at its meeting in September for the Bounce Back Fund which, although it emanated from the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group, has strong links to the Isolation and Loneliness theme in that it is intended to enable VCSE groups, including youth groups and community buildings, to recommence their activities safely and securely.

The Board received a brief update on the four projects funded by them to support the reduction of Isolation and Loneliness in East Suffolk:

- Hidden Needs Grant Programme
- Small Grants (Covid Community Fund),
- Grandpads
- and the VCSE Bounce Back Fund.

The full report, with details of projects that have received grant funding to end November 2020 can be viewed [HERE](#)

### **4. Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group Report**

The Covid impacts Task and Finish Group had met again on 13th October 2020 to focus specifically on 'Vulnerable People and Places'. Having received a report from that group highlighting a range of potential needs and existing solutions, the Board agreed to:

- endorse the package of projects identified by the Covid Impacts Task and Finish Group to respond to the issue of 'Vulnerable People and Places'.
- mandate the Task and Finish Group and partner organisations to develop these projects and report back to the March Board meeting
- **allocate up to £20,000 towards the EAST (Everyone Active, Supported, Together) Box project** aimed at older people who live alone (or care for someone in the household) and who are vulnerable due to social isolation and/or loneliness.

The full report from the Covid impacts Task Group can be viewed [HERE](#)

The proposal for the EAST (Everyone Active, Supported Together) Boxes can be viewed [HERE](#)

Luke Bennett, Partnerships Manager. 17.12.2020