



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

**Action Notes of the Meeting held on Monday 10 January 2022 via the Zoom
video conferencing system**

Core Membership:

ESC Councillors – Chris Blundell (Chair), Tony Fryatt, Colin Hedgley, Stuart Lawson, Mark Newton, Ed Thompson

Town and Parish Councils – Joanna Abbott (Kesgrave Town Council Clerk), Geoff Caryer (Grundisburgh Parish Council), Alan Comber (Kesgrave Town Council), Mike Garnham (Little Bealings Parish Council), Richard Nicol (Swilland & Witlesham Parish Council), Jan Pedgrift (Charsfield Parish Council), Sue Prentice (Great Bealings Parish Council), Pauline Procter (Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council), James Wright (Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council)

Others present – Luke Bennett (ESC Partnerships Manager), Andrew Jolliffe (ESC Communities Officer), Matt Makin (ESC Democratic Services Officer)

Item	Discussion
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Elaine Bryce (Suffolk County Council) and Louise Hardwick (Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG).</p>
2.	<p>Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 11 October 2021 were agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Community Partnership Board Update</p> <p>The Community Partnership received an update on the last meeting of the Community Partnership Board from Luke Bennett (LB).</p> <p>LB provided an overview of the following points discussed at that meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation received from Suffolk MIND on Mental Health and Wellbeing • Updates from the Felixstowe Peninsula and Lowestoft and northern parishes Community Partnerships • The presentation received on the Community Partnership Board’s priorities • The Peer Challenge of Community Partnerships and Draft Action Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upcoming Community Partnership Forum on 25 March 2022 <p>LB highlighted that the Community Partnership Board had created a Mental Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group and encouraged people to register to attend at the Community Partnership Forum on 25 March 2022 via https://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/the-east-suffolk-community-partnership-annual-forum/.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Funding Proposal Bids</p> <p><i>Bid 1 – hi-visibility vests for Primary School children</i></p> <p>Chris Blundell (CB) introduced the proposals, which sought £3,000 to provide hi-visibility vests for children at six primary schools in the Community Partnership area.</p> <p>CB noted that there had originally been interest from other schools in the area, but these had since received equipment from other sources.</p> <p>On the proposition of Colin Hedgley, seconded by James Wright it was by a unanimous vote RESOLVED that this funding be allocated by the Community Partnership.</p> <p><i>Bid 2 – purchase of a Speed Indicator Device for use in Rushmere St Andrew</i></p> <p>James Wright (JW) summarised that £3,730 was sought to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for use in Rushmere St Andrew. JW highlighted that speeding was a serious issue in the area and had been identified as such both anecdotally and the neighbourhood questionnaire, backed up by data from the Police and Suffolk Highways.</p> <p>Tony Fryatt (TF) asked if the maintenance costs for a SID had been taken into account and JW confirmed they had.</p> <p>On the proposition of Alan Comber, seconded by James Wright it was by a unanimous vote RESOLVED that this funding be allocated by the Community Partnership.</p> <p><i>Bid 3 – purchase of a Speed Indicator Device</i></p> <p>Colin Hedgley (CH) introduced the bid for £3,250 to purchase a SID for use in the Carlford and Fynn Valley area. CH said that an additional SID would assist in the sharing of devices between the villages in the area and make a significant difference.</p>

TF added that the data from the SID bought by Debach Parish Meeting had highlighted data which showed the scale of the issue in the area; TF said it was important that data from SIDS was linked with the Police to actively address speeding issues.

Pauline Procter (PP) noted that SIDs helped to pull together concerns as part of collective work on speeding; she acknowledged their expense but considered they had an important role.

The Community Partnership discussed the possibility of collating SID data across the Community Partnership area to supply to the Police.

On the proposition of James Wright, seconded by Mark Newton it was by a unanimous vote **RESOLVED** that this funding be allocated by the Community Partnership.

Bid 4 - practical improvements to Gibraltar Crossroads to reduce the number of near misses and accidents previously reported at the site

Richard Nicol (RN) outlined a bid for £2,500 to make improvements at the Gibraltar Crossroads with the B1078, detailing the junction layout and the anomaly of an unrestricted speed section that included the junction. RN confirmed that Suffolk County Council had agreed to the suggested improvements, but funding was required to be able to make them; RN summarised the match-funding secured for the project.

Members of the Community Partnership supported the project and considered it a valid use of funding.

On the proposition of Tony Fryatt, seconded by Colin Hedgley it was by a unanimous vote **RESOLVED** that this funding be allocated by the Community Partnership.

Other funding

CB outlined that following the agreements made earlier in the meeting £2,970 remained in the Community Partnership's 2021/22 budget, which needed to be allocated before 31 March 2022. CB invited PP to outline a proposal on a replacement SID for Suffolk Safer Village Driving (SAVID).

PP noted that one of the SIDs used by SAVID was nearing the end of its useful life and required replacing; PP suggested that a mobile SID could be purchased which would be of a similar cost to the SIDs funded earlier in the meeting.

	<p>Following discussion, CH and TF said that they would be able to each match-fund £500 towards the new SID from their Enabling Communities Budgets; CH would be able to allocate from his 2022/23 budget and TF would be able to allocate from his 2021/22 budget.</p> <p>On the proposition of James Wright, seconded by Mark Newton it was by a unanimous vote RESOLVED that funding of £2,970 for a new SID to be used by SAVID be allocated by the Community Partnership.</p> <p>ACTIONS AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That £3,000 of funding be allocated to provide hi-visibility vests to six primary schools in the Community Partnership area • That £3,730 of funding be allocated for the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device to be used in Rushmere St Andrew • That £3,250 of funding be allocated for the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device to be used in the Carlford and Fynn Valley area • That £2,500 of funding be allocated for practical improvements to Gibraltar Crossroads to reduce the number of near misses and accidents previously reported at the site • That £2,970 of funding be allocated for the purchase of a new Speed Indicator Device to be used by Suffolk Safer Village Driving (SAVID)
<p>5.</p>	<p>Data on the Community Partnership Area</p> <p>AJ presented the updated East Suffolk Profile for Q3 2021/22, which had been compiled by the Suffolk Office of Data and Analytics (SODA).</p> <p>The presentation covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population key facts for the Kesgrave, Martlesham & Purdis Farm, Rushmere St Andrew, and Carlford & Fynn Valley Wards • Population key facts for the Community Partnership area • Population trends for East Suffolk • Deprivation key facts and statistics for the Community Partnership area • Health and social care statistics for East Suffolk, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Life expectancy ○ Mental health ○ Childhood weight ○ Disability and social isolation ○ Benefit claimants • Education statistics for the Community Partnership area • Housing prices and affordability for the Community Partnership area • COVID-19 vaccination statistics for the Community Partnership area

	<p>AJ confirmed that a further update of the East Suffolk Profile would be available at the next meeting of the Community Partnership. In response to a question from CH, AJ said that he would ensure a clear definition on deprivation was included with that update.</p> <p>The Community Partnership discussed hidden needs in the community; LB outlined that a task group of the Community Partnership Board was looking into hidden needs and would feed in to work to drill down into smaller population groups.</p>
6.	<p>Peer Review Challenge of Community Partnerships</p> <p>LB provided an overview of the visioning event held at Trinity Park on 5 November 2021 and the peer review challenge process that had been followed. LB summarised the outcomes of the panel and its key recommendations.</p> <p>LB explained that an action plan had been produced in response to the peer review challenge and would be discussed at the next CP Chairs meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Community Self Help</p> <p>AJ provided an overview of the Community Self Help Scheme and gave examples of the work that could be undertaken. AJ considered the scheme to be of benefit to town and parish councils as training and equipment was provided for operatives, which meant works could be undertaken in a safe manner. Kesgrave Town Council had already accessed the scheme.</p> <p>AJ advised that Luke Merton from Suffolk Highways was happy to discuss the scheme with interested town and parish councils.</p>
8.	<p>Highways Signage</p> <p>CB noted issues previously raised in respect of highway signage in the Community Partnership area and suggested that these issues could either be directly reported to Suffolk Highways or taken to the Road Safety Forum that had been established at the previous meeting. CB added that road signage cleaning could be undertaken as part of the Community Self Help Scheme.</p> <p>The Community Partnership discussed the issues and frustration was expressed that the repair and restoration of signage had not been given a higher priority by Suffolk Highways. AC noted that East Suffolk Council was bringing services currently delivered by East Suffolk Norse back in-house and that the Police and Crime Commissioner was looking to increase his Council Tax precept to support the 101 service.</p> <p>It was agreed that these issues would be brought to the Road Safety Forum.</p>

	<p>ACTIONS AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That issues regarding highways signage be raised at the Road Safety Forum
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AJ highlighted the success of the Road Safety Week held in November 2021; there had been a significant number of volunteers for the event which had provided clear signage in key areas. AJ outlined that five Speedwatch events were held in as many days.</p> <p>AJ provided an update on the SPOT Wellbeing project that had been funded by the Community Partnership; four of the six courses had been completed and 90% of participants considered that their health and wellbeing had improved during the course. The remaining two courses would be taking place in the Carlford and Fynn Valley area and were already fully booked.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Dates of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 11 April 2022, 2pm, Zoom</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm