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

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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 Councillors:

Councillor Elaine Bryce
Councillor Patti Mulcahy

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, 11 April 2022 at 2.00pm**

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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>
4.	<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>

	<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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Community Partnership discussed the possibility of collating SID data across the Community Partnership area to supply to the Police.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Bid 4 - practical improvements to Gibraltar Crossroads to reduce the number of near misses and accidents previously reported at the site</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Members of the Community Partnership supported the project and considered it a valid use of funding.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Other funding</i></p> <p>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).</p> <p>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>
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	<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)
5.	<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
9.	<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>
10.	<p>Dates of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 11 April 2022, 2pm, Zoom</p>

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm



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

Core Membership – as of 1 April 2022

Name	Representing
Joanna Abbott	Town Clerk, Kesgrave Town Council
Frances Bedding	Community Action Suffolk
Cllr Chris Blundell	ESC Cllr for the Martlesham and Purdis Farm Ward (Chair)
Cllr Elaine Bryce	SCC Cllr for the Carlford Division (Vice-Chair)
Laura Butters	Community Action Suffolk
Cllr Alan Comber	Kesgrave Town Council
VACANCY	Martlesham Parish Council
Cllr Tony Fryatt	ESC Cllr for the Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward
Cllr Julie Gittoes	Clopton Parish Council
Louise Hardwick	Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG
Cllr Colin Hedgley	ESC Cllr for the Carlford and Fynn Valley Ward
Cllr Stuart Lawson	ESC Cllr for the Kesgrave Ward / SCC Cllr for the Kesgrave & RSA Division
Cllr Geoff Lynch	ESC Cllr for the Kesgrave Ward
Cllr Debbie McCallum	ESC Cllr for the Kesgrave Ward / SCC Cllr for the Kesgrave & RSA Division
Cllr Patti Mulcahy	SCC Cllr for the Martlesham Division
Cllr Mark Newton	ESC Cllr for the Rushmere St Andrew Ward
Cllr Ed Thompson	ESC Cllr for the Martlesham and Purdis Farm Ward
Cllr James Wright	Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council



Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere St Andrew, Purdis Farm and Carlford/Fynn Valley Community Partnership

Local insight summary in preparation for Community Partnership priority review, April 2022.

Prior to the April 2022 meeting of the Community Partnership, all members and Town/Parish Councils within the Partnership area were invited to share their local insight with East Suffolk Council. The aim of this was to compare data with the realities seen by key stakeholders within their communities in preparation for a Priority Review in April 2022.

Conversations ranged over four main topics – general overview, current issues, potential solutions, and views on the priorities for the coming financial year. This information should inform the priority setting and actions taken in the coming year against those priorities.

The notes included in this report have been summarised and are not exhaustive. It also includes insight from Kesgrave High Schools School Council and anonymous Youth Voice comments via the East Suffolk Council website.

For the 22/23 financial year, the Community Partnership priorities should be 'SMART' – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Bound. These details will be discussed in the upcoming meeting.

General Comments summary

Participants were asked for their views on the data pack that was provided in advance of the meeting.

1. **Young people** – the feedback from the young people was appreciated and was considered to be useful. There were requests for this input to continue. Concerns were raised about the impact the pandemic has had on young people, and questions raised about the Partnership can respond.
2. **Progress being made** – respondents felt that positive change has occurred because of the Community Partnerships so far and this should continue. It was also acknowledged there is still significant work to undertake, particularly relating to road and traffic safety.
3. **Pockets of deprivation** – it was noted that although there are areas in the CP that are affluent, it doesn't mean there are no pockets of deprivation within our area. It was suggested that consideration is given to these areas when agreeing projects.
4. **Environment** – maintaining current environmental assets, improving habitats and encouraging residents to engage with schemes was a consistent theme throughout the discussions.
5. **Everyone facing similar concerns** – covid, energy price rises, increasing costs of living and mental health were issues facing the entire Community Partnership population.

Current issues

Participants were asked to consider what are the current issues, or causes of issues, in their local area.

Issues being faced	Number of mentions
Active travel infrastructure – walking, cycling, etc	7
Mental health – waiting lists, pandemic impact, loneliness and isolation, etc	5
Roads and traffic	4
Local environment – protecting and maintaining	4
Young people – mental health, safe spaces to congregate	3
Lack of volunteers	3
Public transport in rural villages	3
Cost of living	3
Loss of pre-covid community activities	2
Communication with the public	2
Requirement for local data	1
An ageing population requiring more services	1
Covid recovery and its impact on people	1
Community dynamics relating to working from home	1

There appears to be local interest in continuing to improve the local active travel infrastructure. This was particularly prevalent in the rural communities and related to safety concerns of walking and cycling on country roads.

Mental health discussions were linked with the current CP priority of 'Isolation and Loneliness'. It is accepted that statutory services are seeing ever increasing demand for mental health services across a range of ages and backgrounds. Concerns related to mental health were also linked with young people in our communities.

Giving young people a safe and consistent space to spend time was mentioned on several occasions, both within the more urban and rural areas alike. When discussing these points, themes relating to improved mental health and 'calm' activities were mentioned regularly.

Potential solutions

All respondents were asked what practical action might be taken against these issues. The following list also includes suggestions made by Kesgrave High School Council representatives and are listed in no particular order.

1. Direct engagement with cohorts to encourage them to interact with the community more post covid.
2. IT group to enable residents to access online services that will benefit them.
3. Upskilling residents and key contacts in mental health support to embed the skills within all communities.
4. Engage Churches in the Community Partnership and support their efforts relating to isolation and loneliness.
5. Good Neighbour Schemes.
6. Make practical improvements to active travel infrastructure.
7. After school café/venue available on a regular basis for high school age young people.
8. Marketplace events for communities to meet health and wellbeing providers and other stakeholders
9. Practical improvements to the natural environment.
10. Encourage pre-pandemic community provision to restart.
11. 'Calm' community garden/space to improve wellbeing.
12. Extend the Katch on-demand bus service to Carlford and Fynn Valley villages.
13. Support current community organisations to increase their provision – eg 'Kesgrave Wombles'
14. Support healthy cooking courses for young people
15. Improve community communication tools

16. Updated data mapping for hidden needs issues
17. Small scale social events to bring people back to community settings
18. Better public transport for young people
19. Young people's counselling services
20. More recycling/bins in urban areas
21. Greater representation from Parish Councils in the CP area
22. Extend the Katch Service in to Carlford/Fynn Valley villages that use Wickham Market as their hub
23. Financially support historic CP projects that can evidence strong outcomes and value for money
24. Continue to work with schools to engage young people in the CP process
25. Review volunteering opportunities and if they're fit for purpose
26. Use of felled trees as fuel where appropriate - a 'wood bank'

There will be additional solutions available to the Community Partnership. It is recommended that more detailed work is explored on this topic in the future before allocating funding to projects.

Priorities

Overall, respondents were keen to keep the priorities as they are – isolation/loneliness, environmental care and road and traffic safety, although not necessarily in the same order. The ordering of the priorities will need to be completed at a Community Partnership meeting.

The respondents noted some other points in regards to the priorities. Three representatives noted the importance on young people, whilst four noted eagerness to support peoples mental health. The cost of living crisis and isolation in rural areas were also highlighted.

The Community Partnership priorities should be SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Bound. Detailed discussion is required to narrow the focus of each priority in order to focus resources over the coming year.