

# Hollesley Parish Council

## A GUIDE TO WHAT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL DOES



**December 2017**

### **Dear Hollesley Resident**

Hollesley is a very large village by area, covering heathland, agricultural land, shore line, marshes, industry and housing.

We often hear “*That’s a job for the Council*”; but which Council? Here in Hollesley there are three different ‘*Councils*’ that have an impact on the village: Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council and us, Hollesley Parish Council.

This guide will give you direction on where you can go to resolve any issue you may have. If you are unsure who to speak to, please contact us initially and we will assist you or point you in the right direction (see page three).

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# Three different Councils

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## Hollesley Parish Council (HPC)

Hollesley Parish Council is the foundation tier of the Council ladder and we play a very important role.

The Parish Council is responsible for the following elements:

- Hollesley New Cemetery – HPC manage and maintain the New Cemetery next to the church. We like to keep the grass tidy and have an uncut area to encourage wildlife, flowers and insects. We also plant bulbs in the grounds annually.
- Recreation Ground and Play Park – We maintain, improve, promote and arrange safety inspections at the Play Park and Recreation Ground. We also work closely with the Village Hall Management Committee.
- Planning Applications – We do not determine planning applications but we are a statutory consultee for SCDC and our opinion is sought for every application concerning property in the village. If you have a strong opinion about an application please let us know.
- Street Furniture provision – HPC purchase and maintain the litter and dog bins in the village. We also manage the village sign, the three notice boards and other items of street furniture.
- Hollesley Grapevine – The Grapevine is an electronic news service in a timely way, advertising items such as lost animals, fallen trees and pending planning applications. If you would like something circulated please call the Clerk (see page three).
- Allotments – HPC has approximately 20 allotments for rent in the centre of the village. Access to water is provided and rents are kept at a reasonable rate for local people. If you are interested in tending an allotments please call the Clerk (see page three)
- Grants – HPC do have the ability to give grants to village organisations. The amount of grants is kept at a sensible level and reviewed each year.
- Highways issues reporting – Although HPC are not the Highway authority we do play a vital part in reporting issues to SCC.

## Suffolk County Council (SCC)

- SCC cover the whole of Suffolk County and manage Highways (including footpaths), Education, Healthcare, Waste recycling centres, Children's Services and community safety, among many other elements.
- The County Councillor covering Hollesley is Cllr. Andrew Reid.

## Mobile Library

The mobile library services in Suffolk are managed by Suffolk Libraries. The van visits Hollesley every 4 weeks on a Tuesday, stopping at Oak Hill, Moorlands, the Shepard and Dog and Harewood House between 11.10am and 12.45pm. Services include free subscription to popular magazines (full access on line), free music streaming and downloading and CD and DVD rentals. For further details call 01473 351249.

## Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC)

- SCDC district extends from Felixstowe in the south to Chediston in the north and Hollesley lies in the 'Wilford' Ward. SCDC manage elements of our daily lives such as Council Tax, housing needs, leisure facilities, elections, some benefits and, perhaps most importantly, Planning Applications.
- The District Councillor for the Wilford ward is Cllr. Christine Block
- In addition, Suffolk Coastal Norse are contractors who deal with many tasks previously undertaken by SCDC including grass cutting, supply and emptying of dog and litter bins and refuse collection. Hollesley PC use the services of SC Norse to keep the recreation ground tidy.

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## Achievements of Hollesley Parish Council

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Over the past three years Hollesley Parish Council have achieved quite a bit...

- The purchase of the Speed Indicator Device (or SID for short) has had a measured effect on the speed of traffic through the village. Data collected from SID may be passed to the police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and Suffolk County Council (SCC) with a request for further traffic calming measures.
- Establishment of the Hollesley Grapevine has helped to improve communication in the village and notify residents of local issues. If you are not receiving the Grapevine e-mails please send your e-mail details to hollesleyparishclerk@gmail.com.
- During 2017 virtually every street light in The Street has been upgraded. These now emit a more efficient light and are timed to go off after 12.00am
- In 2016 HPC upgraded a substantial area of the Recreation Ground Car Park and in 2017 we shall also be improving accessibility to the Village Hall with permanent ramps and hand-rails at two of the entrances.

### Useful Contact Numbers

- Hollesley Parish Council Clerk – Judi Hallett – 01394 411405 / 07739 411927
- Hollesley PC E-Mail - hollesleyparishclerk@gmail.com
- SCC Councillor for Hollesley – Andrew Reid – 07545 423799
- SCDC Councillor for Hollesley – Christine Block – 01394 411660
- Safer Neighborhood Team (non-emergency) – 101
- Suffolk Coastal Norse (for refuse collection) – 01394 444000
- SCDC Planning Department - d.c.admin@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

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