

County Council Report for Stuston Parish Meeting

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Proposed Changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding – Following collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS and Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups, a shortfall resulting from the County's budget setting for 2019/2020 will be made up by the Health Services. SCC proposes to reduce funding to CAB Suffolk by 50% (£187k) in 2019/20. (The CAB receives funding from other sources as well, including Districts and Boroughs.)

County Council Budget – This will be debated and set at the County Council meeting on Thursday 14th February. General Council Tax would increase by 2.99% and the Adult Social Care Precept rise by 1% both of which utilise the maximum amounts allowable under current rules.

Application for A140 Roundabouts near Eye - The application can be viewed on the Suffolk planning register: <http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/>. The comment period is officially now closed but Stuston should have been notified. Details on the scheme layout can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/a140-eye-airfield-junction-improvements-and-link-road/>

BP / McDonalds Sign Application DC/19/00061 – McDonalds has applied for a 12m high 24-hour illuminated advertisement totem to be located at the A140/A143 junction. A prior application was given officer approval late last summer and the new one is for a slightly different location – see figures. The deadline for comments to Mid Suffolk Alex Scott is Wednesday 13th February!

Three Bridges Project, Ipswich - On 29 January, SCC's Cabinet agreed that the road bridge section of the Upper Orwell Crossings is not deliverable due to escalating costs but reconfirmed its commitment to regeneration of Ipswich's Waterfront.

New Eye Library Opened on January 24th - Eye has bucked the trend by opening a modern new library on Cross Street replacing a previous 40-yr old building. The library has utilised a former highways office and has now been handed over to Suffolk Libraries.

Castleton Way Traveler Site – occupancy of this site and related actions are being coordinated by the Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy and Traveler liaison service, local councils and the police. The family has been asked to leave the site and alternate accommodation is being sought.

Great East Run Entries Open - The 2019 event opened for entry on 7 January. It will take place on Sunday 22 September 2019 at the Council offices and is expected to sell out quickly with over 2,000 people already registered. Full details www.greatrun.org/great-east-run