

Parish Report for the Bungay and Saints' Division for the months of July & August 24
from County Councillor Judy Cloke

It was never my intention not to issue a report at the end of July, but it just happened I'm afraid. July wasn't the best month I have had.

Bungay:

In July I attended the regular Stakeholder meeting. We recapped the previous meeting which involved various reps from the Town's schools, the consensus being it had been a really useful and informative meeting for all. Discussions took place about what topics could be considered for future discussion – ongoing ASB being one of those. Content for the next magazine was discussed.

In August I attended a further parking planning meeting in Bungay with some Town Councillors, officers from ESC and our Highways engineer Wayne. Various proposals were put on the table and will be referred to full council for discussion.

You may be interested to know I have been trying for some months (since before Easter) to get Blood Donor sessions started at the Community Centre. There is a lack of this provision locally and whilst the building is ideal – in my view- fitting the sessions in can only be done on certain days because of other hirers and the organising team is painfully slow in responding to emails, so opportunities for them to visit and inspect keep slipping by. It is very frustrating.

I have attended very few PC meetings in the last two months partly because of various family commitments but also because August is not usually a month for meetings, but I did attend two in Homersfield, specifically about the play area and Church wood. I did attend Ilketshall St Margaret Flower Show – always a good event – and tried to get to the Garden Party on Saturday, but wasn't able to do so.

Cabinet duties

Besides Full Council in July I attended my first Cabinet meeting and continue to receive monthly briefings and updates from the Highways and flooding teams. Today I am going to Denver Sluice and the St German's pumping station to learn more about how they operate to protect the Fens and the Great Ouse catchment, of which we in Suffolk are a small part - something else I have learned.

Some reports have been published recently regarding the flooding caused by Storm Babet and I have attached these. There are more to come. It takes a long time for these to be prepared because of the amount of work involved. I am confident we have a very experienced and competent team working on these.

Suffolk wide:

I have attached some recent news releases which you may find interesting.

Also – our local Highways Engineer, Wayne Saunders has been promoted, to be Mark Kerridge's assistant. Suffolk Highways is currently interviewing for a replacement, whoever they are, he will be their line manager, so we will still keep in touch with him.

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