

Hunston Parish Meeting

Clerk's report

August 2020

Highways

Highways have finally replied to multiple contacts concerning the state and erosion of verges. Due to financial constraints they will no longer reinstate bollards, limit signs or help with anything, the Parish is encouraged to fund any work or necessary purchases. This should be done through the Council Community Self Help Scheme, which requires a dedicated 'Ranger' from the Parish who completes a Risk Assessment to be passed by the Council before allowing work to take place.

Verge ownership by the Council is between one metre and five metres on average, they do not allow bollards/posts without permission.

The verges are mown once year to a strict timetable, ours should be June.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

Hunston is classified as a Hamlet Village. The amount of development homes in these villages is 4% over 18 years complying with precise planning criteria, this is not in every village, but a percentage increase overall. Councils have to meet government targets for development within a designated time scale, there will huge development in the larger villages around, in particular Badwell Ash, Walsham le Willows, Elmswell, Diss and District and many others. This will have a profound impact on Hunston with a huge increase in traffic, which is already dangerously high.

Pakenham council is discussing the serious impact on their road system and on roads through adjoining villages, they have arranged a meeting with Highways to discuss the cumulative effects.

I have a booklet which contains maps of all villages showing the areas for development, these were on the website but it is a very user friendly way to view them. After lockdown anyone who would like to view it is very welcome.

Notice board

The lock on the official refurbished Parish Notice Board, in the North bus shelter, has been broken in order for advertisements to be posted. They are regularly removed, but this will need to be addressed once life returns to normal.