

**Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish Council
Reports for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Chair's report for the year

Welcome back all of you. Following the elections on 4th May, we have new council representatives at East Suffolk – welcome to Anthony Specca and Toby Hammond. Sadly, Judy Cloke was not re-elected, although she remains our representative at Suffolk County Council. Judy has worked very hard for our community and others that she represented at local council level, notably researching issues and speaking in support of our community at Planning Committee and when residents of Ditchingham were flooded out on Christmas day in 2021, Judy was out there on the day and into the evening, working to resolve issues immediately affecting her constituents. I hope we can build an equally positive and constructive relationship with Cllrs. Specca and Hammond in the future. I am very happy to report that 4th May also marked the date of the referendum for our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and this was approved by a very healthy majority of those who voted. Thanks go to Cllr Tracey Blunn who went to Lowestoft with her husband to witness the count. It now has legal standing when we and/or ESC consider planning applications in our Parishes and will be formally adopted by ESC in June. Huge thanks go to members of the NDP team who have worked over several years to bring this to its successful conclusion. The Fox inn was made a non-designated heritage asset (NDHA) in the NDP, and along with the Village Hall and the Playing Field (pending) has separately been awarded the status of Asset of Community Value. We said goodbye this year to Rev. Phillip Miller and his wife Natalie as they moved on to a new Parish and we welcome Rev. Mark Bee, who will be officially licensed and installed on 8th June at St. Andrew's, Westhall. Sadly, we seem to have come to an impasse with Sotterley Estate regarding our licence for the Playing Field and, consequently, fund raising; if anyone has any ideas on how we might move this forward or needs more information on the current situation, please speak to Steve, our Clerk, or any of our Councillors. The Jubilee Oak was planted last Autumn in Ellough Churchyard and to the best of my knowledge, was thriving in its gently protected environment. We also planted three trees on the periphery of the Playing Field, and I still have the commemorative plaque for these in the corner of my kitchen, so let us see if we can make arrangements to put that in place in the next month or so; we had planned to do this as part of our 'Picnic on the Playing Field' Jubilee or Coronation celebrations but as these both ended up being held in the Village hall (waterlogged grounds were our nemesis), there has been no ceremony for this. Let's make it a June agenda item, please. Cllr. Gartley resigned and Cllr Potter didn't seek re-election this year, both of them having brought their own unique qualities to the Council; they are very much missed and I wish them well. We have held successful litter picks in spring and autumn, and now have our own equipment – grabbers, bag holders and very important when clearing verges on the A145, high-viz vests. Special thanks to Cllr. Chipperfield and Sotterley Estate for managing and supporting this initiative, and also thanks to Cllr. Chipperfield for her monthly contributions to the Sheaf parish magazine on our behalf. With financial support from ESC and SCC, we have new signage alerting drivers on the A145 to the proximity of a children's playground. Unfortunately, we are still having issues with the SID signs that were ordered in the latter part of 2022 and this remains an unresolved issue. A new coffee machine was delivered to the Village Hall in November 2022, paid for out of residual lunch club funds that the Parish now hold to be used for events in and benefiting the residents of Shadingfield. Last, but not least, my thanks again to our Clerk, Steve Blackburn, who has been and invaluable support and asset again over the past 12 months, being instrumental in allowing us to adopt the General Power of Competence. The Chair thanked Pat and Paul Evans for cleaning and decorating the bus shelter in time for the picnic.

Caroline 'Cally' Ellis

Chair, Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham & Ellough jt. Parish Council

Wednesday 18th May 2022

Shadingfield, Sotterley, Willingham and Ellough Joint Parish Council
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2021/22	General	Earmarked	Total
RECEIPTS				
Precept	7,292	7,410.33		7,410.33
Cemetery Fees	2,450	1,000.00		1,000.00
Picnic		0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous Income		1,850.00		1,850.00
Earmarked Funds - Receipts			1,360.65	1,360.65
VAT Recovered	1,669	418.72		418.72
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,411	10,679.05	1,360.65	12,039.70
PAYMENTS				
Administration				
Staff Costs	4,070	4,841.99		4,841.99
Payroll Costs	90	90.00		90.00
Mileage	181	138.55		138.55
Printing Stationery & Postage	132	85.01		85.01
Insurance	562	575.08		575.08
Hall Hire	2	138.00		138.00
Web Hosting	50	50.00		50.00
Membership & Subscriptions	405	479.36		479.36
Audit	279	161.00		161.00
Laptop		0.00		0.00
Information Commissioner - Data Protection	40	35.00		35.00
Training	25	338.00		338.00
VAT Paid	419	1,422.02		1,422.02
	6,255	8,354.01	0.00	8,354.01
Maintenance				
Playing Field Maintenance	1,010	1,573.59		1,573.59
Playing Field Improvement		0.00		0.00
Notice Board Repairs		490.00		490.00
Playground Inspection	80	65.00		65.00
Bin Emptying	40	39.96		39.96
Pest Control		0.00		0.00
Cemetery Management	2,362	440.00		440.00
Vehicle Speed Indicator Sign		4,360.00		4,360.00
	3,492	6,968.55	0.00	6,968.55
Community Events				
Grants and Donations	1,500	500.00		500.00
Jubilee Tree costs		236.87		236.87
Earmarked Funds – Payments	519		975.27	975.27
	2,119	736.87	975.27	1,712.14
TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,866	16,059.43	975.27	17,034.70
Surplus/Deficit to date	-455	-5,380.38	385.38	-4,995.00
Brought Forward 1.4.2022	20,052	11,515.99	8,080.64	19,596.63
Transfer - Ellough Village Sign	0	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	-455	-5,380.38	385.38	-4,995.00
Carried Forward 31.3.2023	19,597	5,135.61	9,466.02	14,601.63
Represented by: Lloyds Bank Account	19,597			14,601.63

Notes to the accounts

Miscellaneous Income:

Grant 50% of Speed Signs	1,600.00
Sale of old marquee	250.00

Funds earmarked for specific purposes:

Receipts	
Shadingfield Luncheon Club on winding up	1,147.65
Sale or donation of picnic food	213.00
Payments	
Picnic	294.87
NDP expenses	43.50
From Luncheon Club (requested or agreed by former committee):	
Coffee machine for Village Hall	199.99
Towards Residents Christmas Social	150.00
Waveney Food Bank	286.91

In hand at 31.3.2013

Playing Field	5,000.00
Neighbourhood Development Plan	937.14
Neighbourhood Watch	250.00
Good Neighbour Scheme	600.00
Friendly Bench	750.00
Shadingfield Luncheon Club Funds	433.38
Ellough Village Sign	1,000.00
Picnic	495.50
	9,466.02

Staff Costs

An increase in hours plus arrears for 2021/22

Membership/Subscriptions:

Suffolk Association of Local Councils	266.36
SLCC 2022/23	112.00
SLCC 2023/24 in advance	101.00

Hall Hire:

Not paid in 2021/22 due to a carry over from 2019/20
re meetings cancelled due to Covid

Playing Field Costs:

Grass cutting	986.24
Fence repairs	262.35
Towards new road sign	325.00

Cemetery:

Tree removal	360.00
Refund of fees	80.00

Grants and Donations:

CAB	500.00
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S C Blackburn
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer
April 2023