Pettistree says NO to “land grab”

The response by Pettistree Parish Council to the Final Draft of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, Section SCLP 12.61, emphatically gave reasons for its objections to the proposals.

The Final Draft included the building of 150 dwellings on land south of Wickham Place in Wickham Market, even though the land is in Pettistree Parish. See page 3. This required the extension of the Wickham Market settlement area into Pettistree without any reference to Pettistree Parish Council which also received no response to a request for an explanation for this decision.

In addition to the formal reasons for objections sent to the Government Planning Inspector, Jeff Hallett our Parish Council Chairman wrote a letter to SCDC as follows-

Dear Sirs,

As Chairman I am writing on behalf of Pettistree Parish Council.

The Parish Council and several villagers have already sent in their responses to the Local Plan using the on-line facility. I thought it would be helpful to have the opinion of the village set out in this letter in addition to the on-line responses. This letter will be sent using the e-mail facility.

The concerns expressed mostly relate to SCLP 12.61 and can be summarised as in the list below.

1. Failure to understand how the settlement boundary of one village can be extended into a neighbouring village across parish boundaries.

2. Incredulity that such a proposal could be made without any consultation with the Parish Council or residents of Pettistree.

3. Anger that Pettistree is now to be listed as a “small village” instead of Countryside despite our limited resources.

4. Disbelief that any small development or expansion of Pettistree’s own Settlement Boundary is not allowed while a development of 150 homes is planned for an area of good agricultural land that forms an important landscape buffer between the two villages. The risk of coalescence of the villages is high.

5. Concern that many views of both ordinary countryside and special landscape area will be lost for ever as the closely packed houses and flats, built on rising land, obstruct the views. Even several of the famous views of the unique spire on Wickham Market Church will be lost.

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6. Concern that the existing infrastructure is inadequate for the proposed development including:
   a. Surface water drainage.
   b. Sewage drainage.
   c. Refuse collection and recycling.
   d. Medical centre, doctors and dentist.
   e. Library (in Wickham Market not Woodbridge).
   f. Schools, especially secondary.
   g. Early years provision.
   h. Loss of social coherence in the village as the new residents will have to look to Wickham Market to provide their facilities. Their peripheral position with regard to Pettistree will prevent good integration, especially as the Village Hall and Pub will be much too small to accommodate them.

Concern is expressed in the Local Plan about the above aspects but there is no clear suggestion how they will be mitigated or afforded.

7. Pettistree shares the concern of Woodbridge and Ufford about the increased traffic congestion and pressure on parking that will accompany a development such as SCLP 12.61. Cars will have to be the main form of getting into Wickham Market or away from the estate to get to work or a town centre. The choke points in Wickham Market are well recognised and will get much worse. Footways are too narrow in places to allow a pushchair with children to get to the school or shops. Ufford will be disturbed by the extra traffic getting to the A12 going South.

8. Because of increased congestion in Wickham Market “Rat Runs” will form through the unsuitable single-track lanes of Pettistree as they try to get on to the A12 to by-pass Wickham Market.

9. Pettistree recognises that the increased traffic for the construction of Sizewell C with cars, vans and heavy lorries will aggravate the above concerns over the 10 to 12 year period of construction and to a lesser extent afterwards. They will all clog up the A12 at the roundabouts in Woodbridge and at the single lane part beside the Sizewell C “Park and Ride”. The cars and vans will clog up the B1078 especially at the North end of Wickham Market High Street.

10. It should be noted that 30 people (16.6% of our population) attended an extraordinary Village Meeting called at short notice in our Village Hall on 12th February 2019. The meeting aired the above concerns and unanimously deplored the proposal for SC12.61.

11. We note the absence of a Sustainability Appraisal for SCLP 12.61 which is of course required to comply with the second (un-numbered) paragraph on P2 of “Guidance when making a representation” Jan 2019.

12. We note from the various surveys and appraisals that have been carried around Wickham Market that there are several other potential sites that could be made available. This is echoed in their Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

13. We consider that there have been serious failings in the methodology of dealing with the comments on the First Draft of the Local Plan. It proved very difficult to find the responses to the First Draft because many, mainly the negative ones, are tucked away in the Plan without direct references leading to them. Once found it was clear that a negative comment from Wickham Market had been turned into a positive one (Response 1038 and the table on P305 of the Consultation Statement. It is referred to as Site 1121). It appeared that due consideration had not been given in the Final Draft to other comments made in the First Draft.

I think it will be clear from the above comments that Pettistree Parish Council strongly objects to the inclusion of SCLP 12.61 in the Final Draft of the Local Plan. Having identified its failings and likely consequences we request that it should be removed from the Plan, and the other potential sites around Wickham Market fully utilised to give a better spread of expansion if expansion beyond that previously advised is what is required.

Yours faithfully,

J P Hallett   Chairman of Pettistree Parish Council
Land between High Street and Chapel Lane, Pettistree (adjoining Wickham Market)

The formulation of the responses was greatly helped by the input of Chris Cook.
Parish Council News

Writing at the beginning of March we are in unusual warmth for the very beginning of spring and seem not to have had a real winter, and certainly no significant snow. Our road salt bins remain unused. However we gardeners know that heavy frosts and even snow are still possible.

The start of the year has been a frantic time for some members of the Parish Council. We have had to learn about the plans of Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) for the development of the Suffolk Coastal area. A very large document (1½ inches thick) was produced and a lot of website information, some of it rather hard to find. It was the Final Draft of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Suffolk-Coastal-Local-Plan/Final-Draft-Local-Plan/Final-Draft-Local-Plan.pdf

We had six weeks to inform villagers and assess their view on the parts of the development proposals that may affect us. We called an Urgent Village Meeting on 12th February and this was well attended by 30 people with strong views objecting to the plan to build 150 new homes on land adjacent to the recent development of Wickham Place in Wickham Market between the B1048 and Chapel Lane. This was to be thought of as part of Wickham Market (by extension of their “settlement boundary”) while being built in Pettistree Parish on good agricultural land spoiling many fine views. Wickham Market Parish Council has also objected to the development plan.

My summary letter on pages 1 and 2 to SCDC was submitted before the deadline.

There is still a lengthy period of several months before the Government Planning Inspector will rule on the submission of the Local Plan by SCDC so there is still time to let the Parish Council know your views in case we are asked to give verbal evidence to the Planning Inspector.

A minor complication of arrangements for local government is the amalgamation in April of SCDC and Waveney DC. The new “super district” is known as East Suffolk Council and will then deal with everything that was done by SCDC.

Having spent many hours finding, studying, and attending meetings for the Local Plan we are now involved in a similar exercise to respond to the latest proposals from EDF about the Sizewell C, Stage Three Pre-Application Consultation. The Parish Council is compiling its response to the Consultation but as it was with the Local Plan it is recommended that villagers should send in their own views as well as informing the Parish Council. The numbers of submissions are counted. https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c/proposals/stage-3

Our main local concern is the risk of “rat-runs” developing through the village as car and van traffic from the B1078 tries to avoid congestion in the northern part of Wickham Market High Street by cutting through Pettistree to get onto the northbound A12 to get into the Park and Ride at Hacheston. Many other concerns are set out in our draft response that will be put on the website if the editor feels there is insufficient room to include it in this newsletter. The deadline for comments is 29th March.

Our District and County Councillors, Mark Amoss and Alexander Nicoll, continue to be very active and supportive about several of our concerns in the village. We have bought a sturdy Marquee with the help of funding from Mark Amoss’ local budget and the Village Hall. This is now available for village events.

In the last newsletter I mentioned worries about vehicles speeding in the village. With the help of Mark and Alexander we are now going to purchase a “SID” (Speed Indicating Device) that
will be moveable to different sites and will both record the speed of vehicles and indicate their speed to drivers. This will give evidence for any further measures that may be needed such as police action or changes to the roads. We shall need volunteers to set up and maintain the device, but we do not plan to report individual drivers at present. The roadside 30mph signs also need to be cleaned.

At its meeting on 5th February 2019 the Parish Council agreed that the amount of litter in our roads and hedgerows did not warrant a Village Litter Pick this year. We hope that those walking in our lanes will continue to pick up any litter that they see. Our two new green dog bins are also in use. I am used to dealing with the notices in the Parish Council noticeboard outside “The Greyhound” but I have been impressed to see that someone/people are keeping the public noticeboard by the Green tidy and are removing any out of date notices. Thank you!

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on 23rd April and we shall then have a Parish Council AGM on 7th May in the Church Room, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting, open to all villagers, at 8.00 pm. Please let me know if want any items put on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting besides the effect of the Local Plan and the construction of Sizewell C over a period of 10 to 12 years.

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of Pettistree Parish Council

Every Tuesday Suffolk Trading Standards publish their blog to keep you safe

Are you aware of the information available on Suffolk Trading Standards website?

I was not until they invited news editors to receive their weekly blog about product recalls and safety notices. They call on their followers to “Check It”, requesting them to not only check the appliances in their own home, and the food in their cupboards, but also of their friends, family and neighbours.

So far this year they have listed 53 of them. Mainly food items but also drinks, clothes, furnishings and electrical goods. You can even look at all of them for the past seven years! It’s well worth looking for otherwise you may be none the wiser that your purchase may not be safe.

The Electrical Safety Council (ESC) says one person is killed every seven days by an electrical accident and 350,000 are injured annually, partly because of a “shockingly low” response to product recalls.

You can receive the weekly blog by registering with them via the link on - www.Suffolk.gov.uk.

You can also register your electrical appliances free of charge so if there is a recall you will be informed. Visit www.registermyappliance.org.uk

Planning applications and decisions received

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The 2018 Christmas celebrations in the church were very much enjoyed by young and old from the Pettistree village and further afield. The church was beautifully decorated, and the tree which had been donated by the Suffolk Plant Centre was perfect. At the base of the tree stood the crib, which during the Christingle service the young children helped to ‘dress’. Presmeme nursery children, staff and parents were present and there were also several other pre-school children from the neighbourhood. Rev. Margaret Blackall, Jenny Catchpole and Rev Leslie Siu led the service, during which the candles on Christingles were lit and fairly swiftly blown out (Health & Safety concerns were assessed and met!). Following the service coffee was available for adults present while most of the children demolished the small sweets on the Christingles! The Carol service on December 23rd was enjoyed by over 120 people so the church was satisfyingly full, it was a fairly traditional service of readings and carols enhanced by the singing of the benefice choir and hand-bell ringers. Following the service coffee, mulled wine and mince pies were very much enjoyed. At these services and on Christmas Day it was good to see many old friends and their families who had returned to Pettistree for a Christmas break.

Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, which this year falls on March 31st. It used to be also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event of the 16th Century, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This pilgrimage was apparently known as "going a-mothering", and became something of a holiday event, with domestic servants traditionally given the day off to visit their own families as well as their mother church.

One of the tastiest traditions of Mothering Sunday was the baking of Simnel cake. Often regarded as a purely Easter-related confection, this rich fruit cake is also tied to Mothering Sunday, as a bit of indulgence to make up for the general austerity of Lent, and a nice home-baked present to take home to your mother. Consisting of layers of cake and marzipan to which sugar violets would also be added. A traditional Simnel cake also reflects the religious overtones of the event by being adorned with 11 balls of marzipan, representing all the disciples of Jesus, minus Judas who betrayed Jesus. I can't promise Simnel cake but there will be a warm welcome, and coffee after the service. It would be appreciated if you can let Geraldine Thompson or Maggie Hallett know if there are likely to be extra young children at the service so we can ensure there are sufficient flowers for them to give to their mothers.

Mother’s Day & Father’s Day
So if our event is properly called Mothering Sunday, what is "Mother's Day"? Technically speaking it’s a completely unrelated American event, invented by a woman called Anna Jarvis in 1908. Her initial inspiration was a desire to honour her own mother, who had been a militant peace activist during the US Civil War. Anna Jarvis’s growing ambition to create a formal "Mother's Day" for all American mothers was literally laughed out of the room at first, with officials jokingly saying that it might lead to a "Mother-in-
Law's Day". Anna Jarvis wasn't easily put off, though, and in 1914 US President Woodrow Wilson officially signed Mother's Day into existence. When I was young there was no mention of Father's Day which according to one tale, “Father's Day” first began because of an orphan named Grace Golden Clayton from Fairmount, West Virginia. She lobbied her local Methodist ministers for a church service to honour fathers in 1908. The story goes that she was inspired to do this after a mining disaster killed 362 local men. Their deaths orphaned more than 1,000 children and Grace wanted to pay tribute to the children’s dead fathers - as well as her own. In 1966, President Johnson designated that the third Sunday in June should be Father's Day.

While countries including the UK, Ireland, US, France, Cyprus, South Africa, Netherlands, Greece, Japan, Canada and Saudi Arabia celebrate Father’s Day every June, others have the day on a completely different date. In Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand they celebrate their Dads in September, and in Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Croatia it’s in March.

Parochial Church Council Meetings
The PCC met in January and among the items was a discussion as to whether Evensong should move to an earlier time during winter, i.e. October to March. One possibility would be 2.30/3.00pm, followed by a cup of tea. It was thought that, alternatively, the service could be held at 9.30am during the winter months so that lunch and afternoon activities were not disrupted. If you have an opinion about this please speak to the Vicar, church warden or any member of the PCC.

Terry Peake has been busy during the last few months constructing Bug Hotels which have been put on several sites around Wickham Market. The more observant may see that, after consultation with the PCC, one of these triangular boxes has been placed on the South facing Church Room wall. It is hoped that this will be colonised by a variety of ‘bugs’ during the next few months.

Maggie Hallett

Welcome to Pettistree
“A warm welcome to Tom and Alice Over at Home Farm. Alice’s parents are Philip and Carolyn Westrope of Park Farm Loudham, and they were married in Pettistree church last June. We hope they will be very happy here.”

The World’s toughest bicycle race
My son in law, James Harvey—ex Ipswich school and now Consultant breast surgeon in Manchester, is attempting an extraordinary feat to raise money for his charity Prevent Breast Cancer. He and a colleague, Tim Allen, are tackling the RAAM(www.raceacrossamerica.org) starting at Oceanside, California on 15 June and finishing in Annapoils, Maryland. It is an ultra endurance cycle race– 3081 miles in eight days!

The training has been gruelling over the last eighteen months. You can see it on Facebook under “prevent breast cancer Tom and James race across America”, or www.raceacrossamericachallenge.com. There you will find their volunteer team who have to drive the support vehicles in front and behind them day and night and provide food and sleep etc. They have considerable sponsorship from Endomag which has developed a minimally invasive surgical guidance system to detect breast cancer but they still need more to help the team. You can sponsor them at www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/preventbeastcancer/raam. Please help if you can.

Pat Deliss
How to record an orchestra in your back room

During the Pettistree Armistice celebrations my composition 'For the Fallen' was played to finish off the commemoration at the Chilver’s barn in the evening. Since then several people have asked me if I played all the instruments and the answer is both yes and no. This sounds nonsensical so I thought it might be interesting to explain how I recorded an orchestra in my home recording facility – Moonhare Studio.

**STEP ONE:** A company called Spitfire Audio took over Air Studios in London (where the music for Harry Potter, James Bond etc was recorded) and spent painstaking weeks recording some of the best orchestral musicians in the UK playing one note at a time from the lowest to the highest their string, brass and woodwind sections could play. All these instruments’ recorded notes were then collected together into a computer programme called Kontakt that allowed ‘virtual’ instruments to be created inside a PC or Mac.

**STEP TWO:** I linked my electric piano to my computer enabling me to choose from a range of orchestral sounds in Kontakt. By hitting keys on the piano I could now ‘play’ the sound of anything from a solo trumpet to a full orchestral string section. In fact this is exactly the way film composers like Hans Zimmer (famous for Gladiator, Pirates of the Caribbean and Dunkirk to name but a few) compose their scores before they are played by a live orchestra.

**STEP THREE:** I started by composing the piece on piano before moving on to creating the orchestral sounds. Unusually for me I recorded the lead instrument first; the solo trumpet. It was such a strong melody it felt like everything else needed to support it. Because the sampled instruments are recorded note by note and with the musicians playing harder or softer to get different textures of sound, by altering the way I played the keyboard I was able to recreate the character of the instrument as if it was being played by the original musician. This is what enabled me to create the illusion of a live trumpet player blowing harder or softer and create a more expressive performance than just playing a synthesiser that sounded like a trumpet.

**STEP FOUR:** After recording the trumpet I then went back to the beginning of the piece and recorded the next layer of instruments – a small horn section. Multitrack recording allows a single musician to record multiple instruments one by one and layer them into a complete arrangement. This is how Mike Oldfield recorded Tubular Bells back in 1971 and although we now record on computer rather than tape, the process is the same. Eventually I had layered woodwinds, brass and strings to form the final piece.

This is how many modern orchestral composers now work because they can hear how the various orchestral sections are working before spending large sums getting the actual orchestra together. These digital recordings can even be converted into printed music manuscripts but generally my theatre work doesn’t have the budget to record live musicians. I recreate the orchestra in my home studio as faithfully as possible then provide that as a finished recording.

So did I play all the instruments? Well yes and no. I
composed and played every note on piano but no I see the musical tradition of our family carrying on didn’t actually play the trumpets, bassoons, tubas, violins, cellos etc. Every note was played by a real musician who I will never meet but now plays on my music every time I sit down to score a play, or in this case a tribute to the fallen.

As a footnote, my great uncle, Tom “TJ” Powell (look him up on the internet) was the foremost brass composer of his generation during the first half of the 20th century. Known as the Welsh Sousa I wonder what he would have made of this way of composing? He died in 1965, before I was born, so I never got the chance to talk to him about his music, but he is still a staple of brass band repertoire to this day. I would like to think he’d embrace this new way of writing and that he would be pleased to

St George’s Day Event

Roger and Mary Chilvers are to hold an event celebrating our national Patron Saint on Easter Monday 22nd April in their barn.

Full details will be available soon.
Green light to develop more specialist education placements in Suffolk

On 29 January 2019, Suffolk County Council’s Cabinet agreed recommendations to move forward with creating more specialist education places in Suffolk.

Suffolk will need between 300 to 400 places for children with additional needs between now and 2020, and this figure is likely to increase, mainly due to the county’s population growth. Following the approval of the recommendations, the proposal to borrow up to £45.1 million will now go to the county council’s Capital Strategy Group to be reviewed.

Suffolk’s roads warming to £300,000 thermal patching technology

Suffolk Highways is celebrating road repair success following a £300,000 investment in Nu-Phalt Thermal Patching technology. The investment was funded from the extra £9.67 million received from central government last autumn has aided the county’s Highways teams to carry out more effective, longer lasting repairs. During January three thermal road repair machines have repaired 1,700 potholes. In addition the £9.67m of funding will enable improvements to pavements in Stowmarket, Felixstowe and Haverhill and clearing of drains and gullies, cut back hedges, cut grips and clean signs.

D O E recognises outstanding performance by Suffolk students

64% of students in Suffolk are now achieving the expected standard in GCSE English and maths, putting Suffolk in the top half of authorities achieving this standard. Also the D O E confirmed that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the number of A*-E grades remaining above the national average figures.

Local councils urge people to take part in Sizewell C consultation

EDF Energy’s Stage 3 Public Consultation will end on 29 March 2019. SCDC and Suffolk County Council have stressed the need for everyone to take an active part in the consultation. This stage of the construction process seeks views on the development needed to enable construction, and EDF Energy reveal proposals and various options for road and rail improvements in the area that would be affected by the construction of such development.

10,000 Suffolk homes say “no” to cold callers on their doorsteps

Suffolk Trading Standards recently gave out its 10,000th No Cold Calling sticker, just four years after launching the campaign. The stickers are placed on a homeowners front door and traders who approach a resident after seeing the sticker are committing an offence.

Places available for “life changing” Great East Swim programme

It is ideal for anyone wishing to be more active. There are 96 places available on the programme which culminates on 22 June at the Alton Water reservoir near Ipswich.

To apply for a place visit www.suffolk sport.com/greateastswim
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We Brits are renowned for talking about the weather – which many foreigners find odd. But, as the attached photos show, we have good reason to do so. All were taken within a period of 30 days in Spring 2018 and illustrate exactly why the weather remains such a topic for us.

In early March we had the heaviest snowfall for many years which, coupled with strong winds blowing across the fields, produced deep drifts many of which were impassable. Much of Stump Street was closed with waste-high drifting. My one attempt to “escape” resulted in my 4x4 being completely stuck and it took my kind neighbour and me over an hour the following day to dig it out!

Three weeks later continuous heavy rain caused Byng Brook to overflow and flood much of my garden yet only a few days after, the water had disappeared and it was a glorious Spring day with the daffodils in full bloom.

What has 2019 got in store for us?

I wonder what surprise Mother Nature has up her sleeve for this year

Chris Cook
DIARY DATES
29 March  Deadline for responses to EDF Energy’s Plans for Sizewell C
31 March  Mothering Sunday
21 April  Easter Sunday
22 April  Easter Monday and St George’s day event in Chilvers barn
23 April  St George’s day
23 April  Parish Council meeting in Parish Room
7 May  Parish Council AGM in Parish Room followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8.0pm
16 June  Fathers Day

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