# Parish Council report for the Waldringfield Annual Parish Meeting April 2014



### Members of the Parish Council:

Ian Kay Chairman/Parish Liason Committee/WALGA/Village Safety

Group/Notice Board - Waldringfield Heath

Alyson Videlo Vice Chair/Website/Village Safety Group/SNT liaison

Frances Matheson Fairway Committee/Planning/Beach

Colin Archer Tennis Court/Playing Field rep./Notice Board - Cliff Rd

Serena Gold Footpaths/Fairway Committee/Church Field Trust/Planning/Village

Safety Group/Beach

Bridget Rayner Village Hall rep/Police area tasking liaison/Planning

Colin Reid Assistant Playing Field rep/Assistant Parish Plan coordinator

Janet Elliot Parish Plan coordinator/Church Field Trust

Neil Winship Emergency Planning Officer/Flood Warden liaison with PC

David Lines Clerk & RFO/SALC rep

# Parish Council Appointees:

Christine Fisher-Kay Tree Warden
John Smith Flood warden

Clive Underdown Deputy Flood Warden

# Non-Parish Council Responsibilities:

Alyson Videlo Neighbourhood Watch

# Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Dates for 2014 are:

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14<sup>th</sup> January
11<sup>th</sup> February
11<sup>th</sup> March
8<sup>th</sup> April (Annual Parish Meeting)
13<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)
10<sup>th</sup> June
8<sup>th</sup> July
12<sup>th</sup> August
9<sup>th</sup> September
14<sup>th</sup> October
11<sup>th</sup> November
9<sup>th</sup> December
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All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity at these meetings for residents to put information to the Council and ask questions.

#### Council Activities

The Council dealt with 14 planning applications (last year: 18 applications)

#### The Council provides funds for:

- The village hall (maintenance)
- Parochial Church (grounds maintenance)
- Church Field (grounds maintenance)
- Waldringfield Wildlife Group (verges project)

#### Parish Councillors have represented WPC at many meetings:

- SCDC Enabling Communities programme
- Quarry liaison
- Parish Plan
- Environment Agency flood resilience planning
- Quiet Lanes
- Orwell Bridge transport liaison (Kirton PC)
- Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan
- Fairway Committee
- Church Field Trust
- WALGA
- Etc....

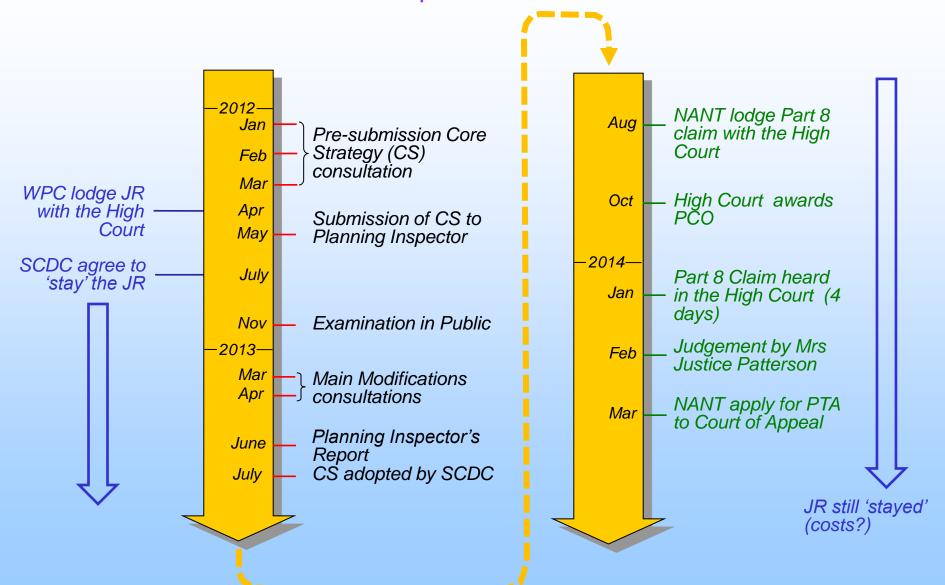
# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Web Site

Meeting dates and other information about the Council can be found by following the 'Parish Council' link at the Waldringfield web site at:

http://waldringfield.onesuffolk.net/



# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Local Development Framework

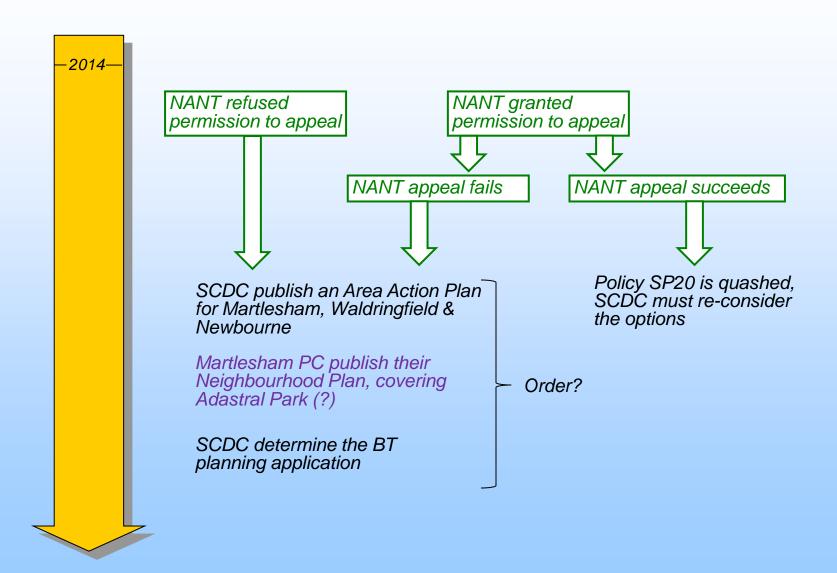


# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Local Development Framework – Legal Issues

In 2012 Waldringfield PC applied for permission of a Judicial Review (JR) of SCDC's LDF....

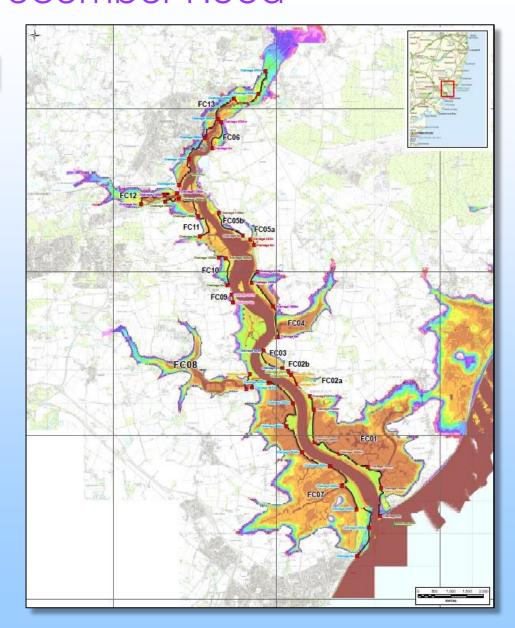
- Grounds for the JR are that SCDC failed to comply with European Law when they produced their environmental documents (SA and AA), which were used in key decisions in the Core Strategy
- This was 'stood down' so the issues could be resolved at the EiP, SCDC agreed to this
- Although the Inspector's report gave the green light to the Core Strategy, the arguments we used in the JR were shown to be mainly correct
- The JR is therefore now redundant, but the apportioning of costs still needs to be resolved
- All the costs have been met by NANT, not out of the Parish precept
- (NANT lost the Part 8 Claim, but has applied for leave to appeal)

# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Local Development Framework – Other Issues



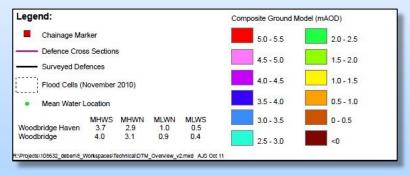
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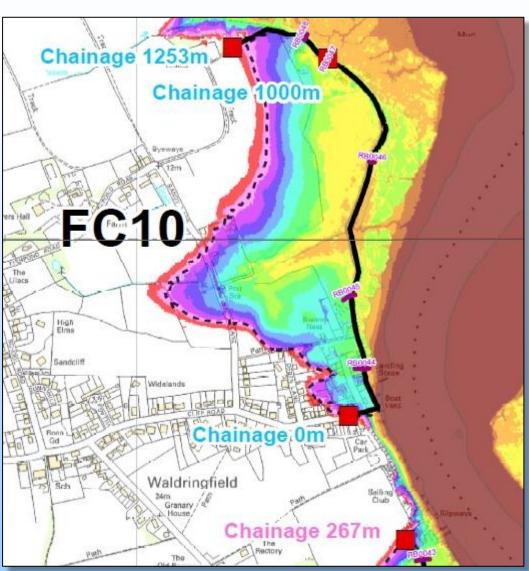
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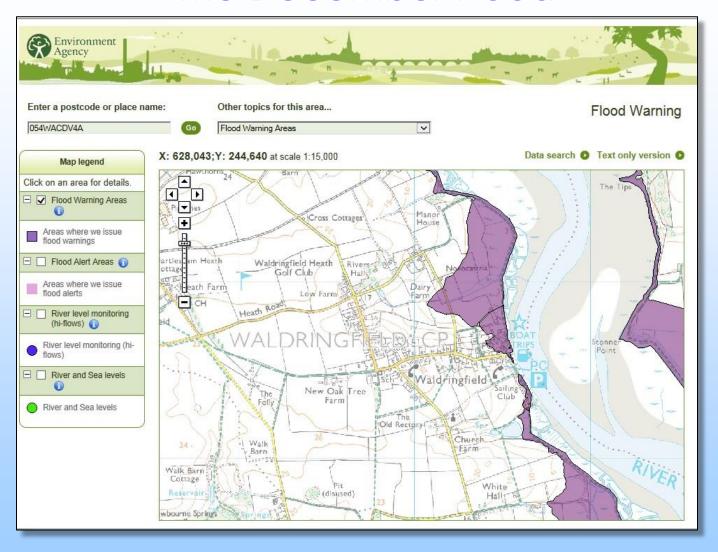
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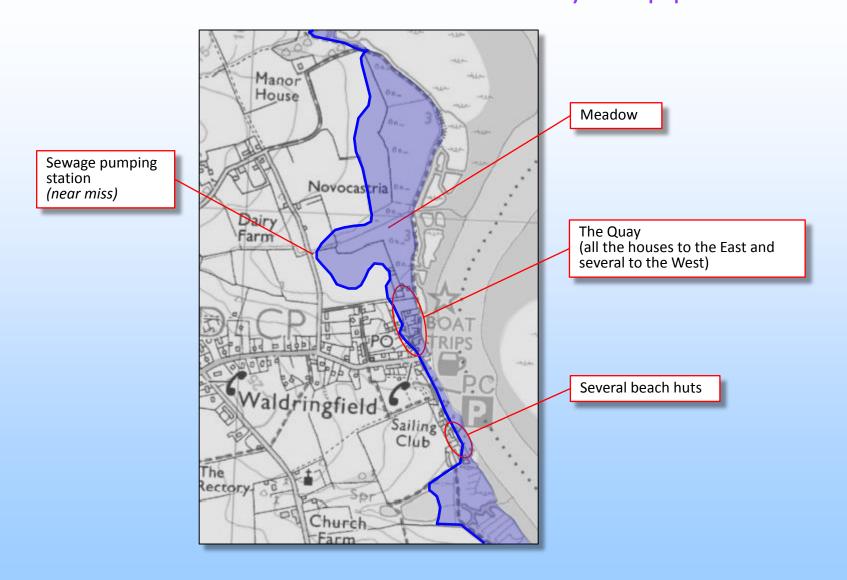


# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 The December Flood



Environment Agency Flood Warning Areas
Properties in these areas received flood warnings well in advance

# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 The December Flood – what actually happened...



# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 The December Flood – what actually happened...



River wall and meadow north of the village

# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 The December Flood – what actually happened...



High water mark



# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 The December Flood – aftermath

#### **Positives**

- EA flood warnings were accurate and sent out well in advance (from 6am on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.)
- BBC Radio Suffolk broadcast comprehensive coverage of the flood
- Many people helped (alerting at-risk property owners and preparing defences)
- The Village Hall and Maybush were made available
- Although overtopped, the river wall didn't breach
- The sluices (except one) drained the water away effectively
- We learned more about double-peak high tides
- The Government is making more money available for flood defences

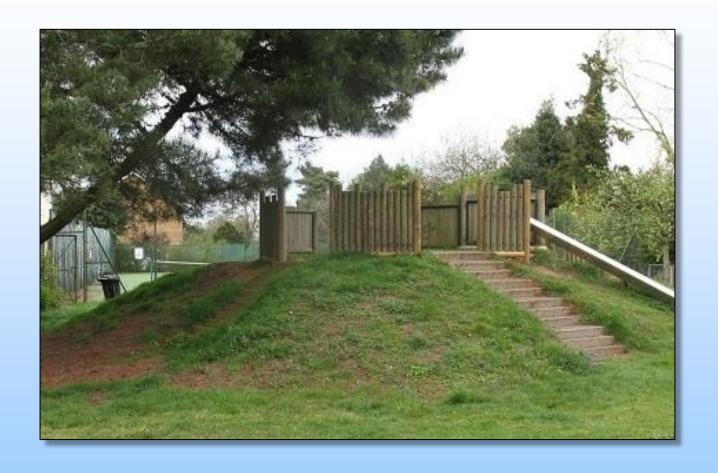
### Negatives

- The police gave evacuation advice to residents of properties that weren't in danger of flooding (they didn't have access to an up-to-date list)
- The flood plan was out-of-date and not widely available ⇒ new plan!
- One of the sluice gates failed to open

# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Repairs to the fort



# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Repairs to the fort



Village Verges



Organised by the Wildlife Group, funded by the Parish Council







### Quiet Lanes – National

Quiet Lanes is a national scheme promoted by the Dept. of Transport and the CPRE



### Quiet Lanes – Suffolk Coastal

A Pilot project of 15 lanes within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. Launched in March at Bromeswell.

Supported by SCC, the AONB and several Parish/Town Councils (Bromeswell, Butley, Chillesford, Eyke, Felixstowe, Martlesham, Newbourne and Waldringfield).

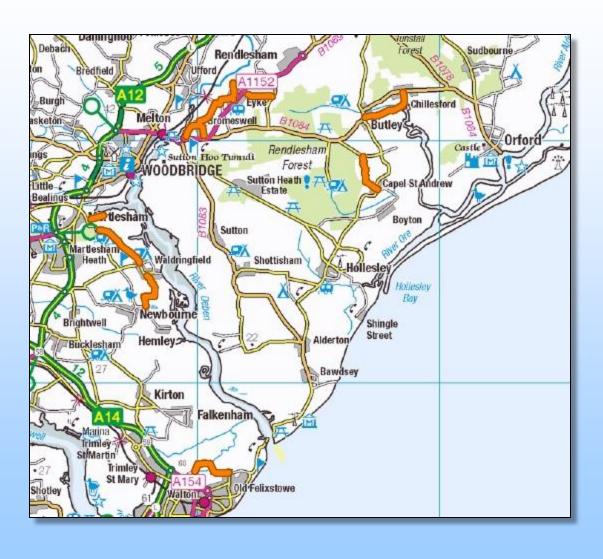
#### Funded by:

- Amenity & Accessibility Fund
- AONB Sustainable Development Fund
- Big Lottery Awards for All
- Donations from the county councillors local transport budgets
- Donations from parish councils
- Suffolk Coastal District Council grant

Quiet Lanes do not impose speed limits or reduce access by vehicles

"The Quiet Lanes Suffolk project aims to preserve the rural nature of Suffolk's lanes for all to enjoy"

# Waldringfield PC report, April 2014 Quiet Lanes – Suffolk Coastal

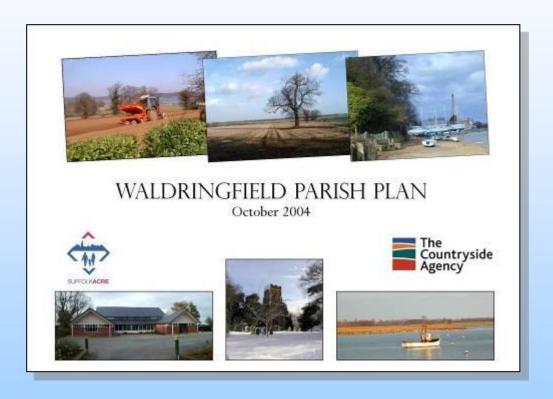


# Quiet Lanes – Local



### Parish Plan

A start made on Parish Plan with public meeting in January 2012. A questionnaire is being produced (and is nearly ready!)



For more information, please contact Cllr Janet Elliot tel 01473 736736 or email janet@buttermans.com

#### Parish Newsletter

4 Parish Newsletters are produced each year and over 240 copies are delivered to every house in the Parish by 13 volunteers. The Clerk, David Lines, organises its production, printing and distribution. Local businesses can advertise in the newsletter!



### Other Issues

- Triangle Area in front of the School (ongoing)
- Footpaths 9 and 10 Brightwell (re-installation as a Bridleway) (ongoing)

Questions?