

Chairman

Welcome to the APM 2024.

As much as I would like to, I cannot really avoid mentioning the subject which has denominated our time and filled our inboxes, the subject of the Queen Pub. The parish council confirm that the issue regarding the use of the Queen as wholly residential remains firmly in the hands of East Suffolk Council and their legal team.

The parish council have now covered off the Risk Assessment, ensuring that the inter-woven relationship between the Parish Council and the Village Hall is safeguarded. We are confident that all parties are continuing to work towards meeting health & safety requirements, keeping abreast of the updates to the legislation.

The October 2023 floods have had negative impact on a number of residents, which is rather an understatement. This triggered the parish council to investigate and report their findings regarding the flooding, identifying issues with; grips, drains & ditches. PCllrs Locke & Ives have worked well together on this project and continue to liaise with various land, property owners and highways.

The parish council have managed expenditure prudently, allocating monies in reserves for specified items/jobs. The benefit being that we didn't need to increase the precept for 2024/2025. The PC have managed to contribute £950 towards the 'defibrillator' to be housed and maintained at the Village Hall.

PCllr Baker has worked hard as Vice-Chair and as RFO, for which I wish to thank him.