

Summer



Long Stratton News

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION

Welcome to the Summer edition of Long Stratton Town Council's newsletter. Since the last newsletter the Council have been working hard preparing for the Queen's Jubilee celebration which took place on the 4th June 2022 at the playing fields on Manor Road.

We were sorry to see David Ridgway and Kevin Worsley step down from their role as Councillors. The Council would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them all the best for the future. The Council were pleased to co-opt Tony Wright to the Council.

The Council continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of every month, with the exception of August, at 7pm in the Pavilion.

The Annual Town Council meeting was held 23rd May at 6pm in the pavilion and was advertised on the noticeboards within the village and on the website. Unfortunately, we only had one member of the public come along. We are interested to know why? Was the time to early? Did it not interest you? Did you not feel the need to attend because you are happy with the services the Council provides? Please can you provide us your feedback by contacting Becky on the email address at the top of the newsletter.

Now the summer evenings are longer, we are seeing a rise in anti-social behaviour in the village. This has been reported to the police and they have confirmed that they will be making additional trips to the village.

In this edition, we will be discussing the latest developments on the 1800 home and bypass hybrid application. Long Stratton Town Council social media policy. Sharing details about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Updating you all on the playground refurbishment and other useful information.

Chairman, *Kelly Lunness*

MEET YOUR COUNCIL

Chairman

Councillor

Kelly Lunness

Vice-Chairman

Councillor

Mat Pochin

Councillor

Andrew Lansdell

Councillor

Christina Kenna

Councillor

Diane Woodham

Councillor

Judith Baker

Councillor

Louise Mundford

Councillor

Robert Mackenzie

Councillor

Susan Smith

Councillor

Tony Wright

3 Vacancies



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QUEEN'S JUBILEE EVENT, JUNE 4TH 2022



Queens Jubilee, Sat 4th July 2022

What a day! It was an early start for Councillors and Officers alike, taking delivery of the stage and starting to put up the gazebos. The weather was overcast in the morning and the sun came out to shine in the afternoon.

The Council had advertised through social media, posters and the Sexton's Wheel for stall holders and performers and we contacted all community groups, local schools and performers in the near area such as ARTS.

Sadly we had 4 stalls cancel, 3 of which were within 24 hours of the event and all bar 1 live band cancel, the last artist was with less than 4 days notice.

We were grateful for Tribal Fitness and Norwich Devils (American Football) who gave some amazing performances in the afternoon. And LSFC who provided a Youth tournament in the morning.

The council's objective for the event was to provide an event that is as cost friendly to the public purse. This was in recognition of the additional pressure households are facing with the cost-of-living crisis and especially the cost of oil in Long Stratton.

As such, the Council decided to put on a number of free games for

children and their family and friends could enjoy. We had giant jenga, table tennis, 2 lots of connect four, whack a rat and giant snakes and ladders. The space hoppers were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

In addition to the games that were available all day, the Council ran some community games - egg and spoon races, obstacle races, skipping races and space hopper races. We were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of the children who were so keen to participate. It was lovely to see so many happy faces. The games concluded with a tug of war and again it was great to see so many people willing to participate.

The evening concluded with Oli's band 'One Knight Only' who played for over 2 hours and rocked us out before the evening concluded at around 9.30. The big clear up was then underway and Councillors and officers left the site between 11—11.30pm.

For the Council's first big summer event, with the resource we had available to us we believe the day went very well and I would like to thank East Coast Truckers for providing the stage, Top 2 Bottom cleaning services who sponsored the event for £250, the East of England Co-op who offered 3 £10 vouchers for the Tombola and El Greco and Pizzaria who donated 2 £20 vouchers for the tombola.

The Council would also like to thank Jess, Tom and Emma - Council officers who worked tirelessly to put the event on. Tom built the props and prepared the field and play equipment, Emma designed and painted the amazing picture board, while Jess navigated the difficulties of booking stalls, sourcing bands that were prepared to play for free and managing the challenges of late minute cancellations as well as competing with the rest of the country in celebrating the Jubilee. The Council would also like to thank all Councillors and volunteers that worked hard throughout the day.

There are of course, lessons to be learnt, no one event can be perfect! For next year, it is our intention to have more stalls and more live music although cancellations are out of our control!

We have 3 vacancies on our events committee which can be made up from members of the public, therefore if you think you have expertise and time that you can dedicate to putting on events then please get in contact 01508 530524 or office@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk.



1800 Homes & Bypass



You will have heard recently that all planning applications where the water course feeds into the broads have come to a standstill due to an issue around the subject of nutrient neutrality.

There have been concerns regarding the impact of phosphorus and nitrogen on the water quality from new developments.

In addition to this, The Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 require local planning authorities to ensure that new development does not cause adverse impacts to the integrity of protected habitats.

New developments are required to provide evidence for how they intend to mitigate the impact of wastewater from new homebuilding.

The planning authorities are working hard to get a mitigation strategy in place as they are waiting on guidance from DEFRA.

What does that mean for the bypass and 1800 home application? The Highways department are still within the funding window provided by Department for Transport (DfT) for the next phase of the bypass and as such although there may be a small delay, we have been reassured that it will not prevent it being delivered.

MEET BECKY

Becky is the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer for Long Stratton Town Council. She has been the Clerk of Long Stratton for 5 years but has been on a Clerking role for nearly 10 years in total.

She attained the Certificate in Local Council Administration and when the time is right would



like to take a University Course in Community Governance. The main role of the Town Clerk (Proper Officer) is to ensure that the Council operates in a legal manner and to make operational decisions regarding the Council office and to make sure the Council carries out its duties and any strategic decisions that are made.

Becky is married, with 2 children and 3 Labradors! If you want to pop and say hello or discuss anything about the Council or village then you will find her in the office in the pavilion most Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.



The Council's policy on social media is to provide information to the community that is important. It is not to engage in conversation regarding particular topics. We are aware that some social media posts query what action or what position the Council has on a particular issue. Could we please ask that if you would like to ask or find out anything or even report something to be not as it should be, that you contact the office on **01508 530524**, email us at office@longstrattontowncouncil.gov.uk or attend one of the monthly meetings, 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm in the pavilion. We are here to help wherever we can but we can only do so if we are contacted through official channels. Thank you.

Did you know, you can walk dogs on lead around the footpath on the playing fields only and there are dog bins situated at the entrances to the playing field on the footpath.

Dogs are not allowed on the playing field or play areas.

PLAY GROUND UPDATES



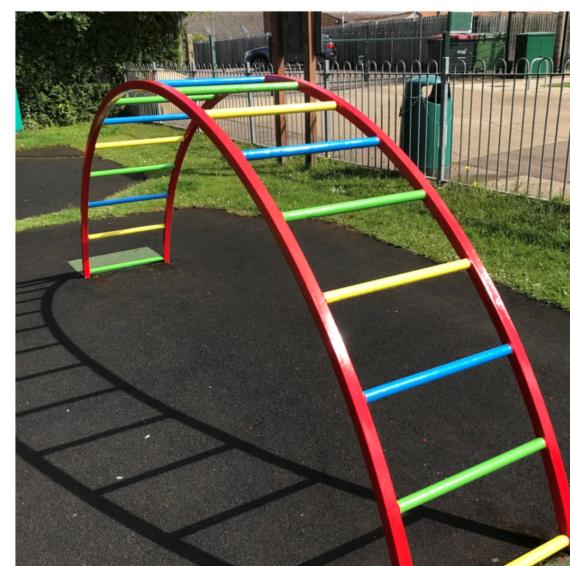
As reported in the last newsletter, the Council are looking for funding to replace the older pieces of play equipment and renovate the pieces of equipment that are going to stay.

I am pleased to confirm that the renovation of equipment that is staying has now been done. Tom, grinding down the arch, the elephant, 3 sets of swings and both ladders to the bare metal and these have now all been primed and painted in vibrant colours to make the play equipment look fresh.

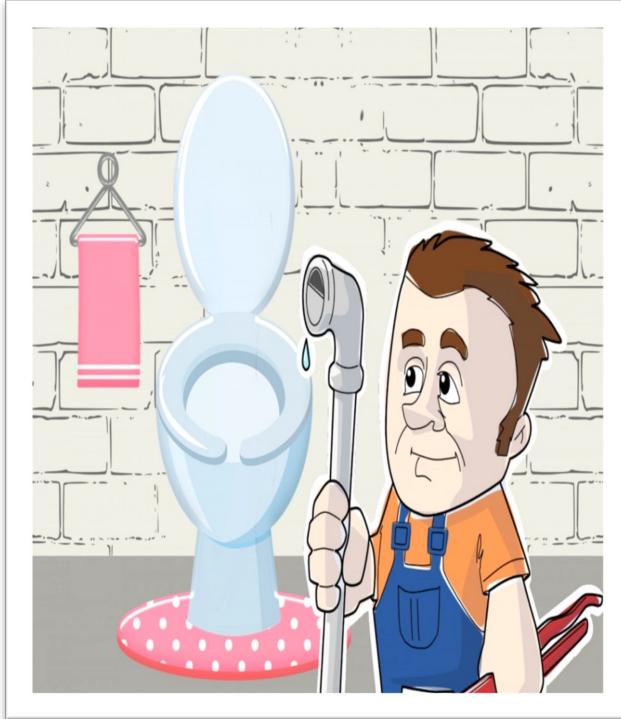
The quest for funding continues and at the time of writing we have applied for 2 grants for £10,000 and £15,000 and are in the process of applying for a further £5,000. Combined with the Council's ear marked reserves should see some but not all of the equipment being replaced. It is the Council's intention to replace all the equipment needed eventually and to put in a new trim trail near where the MUGA is.

The Council would like to thank the volunteers that helped to paint the equipment to get it ready for the Jubilee and all users of the play equipment for your patience whilst the maintenance work was carried out.

As soon as we are in a position to install new equipment as chosen by the children and consultation we will let you know! Watch this space!



Public Toilets fun facts



Do you know that the Council received a grant from South Norfolk District Council of £9,900 pa for the next 5 years

Do you know that since 1st April 2022 the toilets have cost the Council £XXXXXX
meaning the expected annual cost will be £xxxx

Do you know that since 1st April 2022 the toilets have been unblocked at least 12 times with Dyno-rod being called once.

Do you know there is vandalism and anti social behaviour that occurs weekly in the public toilets that needs to be put right.

Do you know that the Council relies on volunteers to help lock and unlock the toilets daily?

Public toilets are a great community asset but please help us to keep them a great community asset.



Could you be a Councillor?

We currently have 3 vacancies on the Council to fill and we have 3 spaces on the events committee for people that want to assist with events but do not necessarily want to commit to being a Councillor. Interested? Come to the next meeting, we meet at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of every month in the Pavilion with the exception of

August.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS
10AM-2PM
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Has this newsletter piqued your interest?

Is there something that you would like to know more about?

Is there something that you would like to see in the next newsletter or on the website

Please get in contact, this newsletter is designed to provide as much information about the important work Long Stratton Town Council are doing and the chances are, if you have a query, other residents will have the same query.

Please take the time to have a look at the website, address is on the first page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

KEY CONTACTS

Town Council office - 01508 530524

South Norfolk District Council - 01508 533633

- Bins
- Council tax
- Housing

Norfolk County Council - 0344 8008020

- Highways
- Social Services, adult and children
- Education

Managed by Parochial Church

Allotments - 07535 918141

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Long Stratton Medical Partnership - 01508 530781

Manor House Dental Surgery - 01508 530514

Netherton Dental Practice - 01508 532226